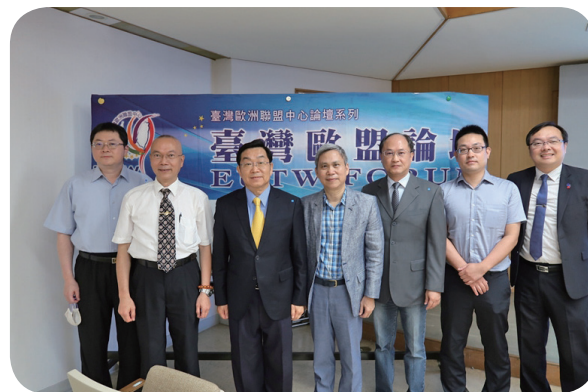


Professor Tai-Lin Chang from National Chengchi University served as moderator for the forum. Tzu-Li Lin (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Tunghai University), Chih-ming Chung (Associate Professor, Institute of European Studies, Nanhua University), Kuo-chun Yeh (Professor, Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University), Ho-chun Chi (Assistant Professor, Department of Public Affairs, Ming Chuan University), and San-yi Yang (Professor, Graduate Institute of International Politics, NCHU) presented their research. Ling-Long Shen (Vice President, The Appacus Foundation) and Der-Chin Horng (Research Fellow, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica) were asked to be the discussants.

Professor Tai-Lin Chang mentioned that the first EUTW Forum was being held in June due to the coronavirus pandemic earlier this year. He expressed his gratitude for scholars concerned with the EU from across disciplines attending. Over the past six months, the world has been deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Politics, economies, and social order have become chaotic. Currently, it does not seem that the end to the pandemic is in sight. The World Health Organization has reminded us that Europe has some places experiencing a second wave of the pandemic. The situation in Europe and the challenges faced there are stark. Three conditions they facing are: 1) Amidst many varied difficulties, the EU produced a new leadership team; as soon as they started their tenure at the beginning of the year, the pandemic struck. 2) Brexit went into effect on February 1; however, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's contracting COVID-19 puts Brexit in an uncertain condition, causing some trepidation for Merkel and Macron. 3) The pandemic has led to criticisms of the core leadership. Lastly, in terms of international perspective, the antagonism between the US and China has put Europe in a predicament of loyalty on both sides.

In holding the EUTW Forum, top experts and scholars have been invited to share their observations and analysis, expanding both the depth and breadth of understanding, and allowing attendees to know more about these outstanding scholars and their research. It also provides a platform for those scholars and experts from industry, government, and academics to pool wisdom and to deliberate together.

The forum, put on by NCL and the EUTW, has recorded previous occasions and made them available on NCL's Digital Audio Visual Archive (<http://mdava.ncl.edu.tw/parts2.php?tid=53>).



Group photo of EUTW Forum moderator, EUTW Director, presenters, and esteemed guests (from left: Kuo-chun Yeh, Der-Chin Horng, Tai-lian Chang, Ling-long Shen, Chih-ming Chung, Ho-chun Chi, Chia-ching Cheng).

CCS News and Activities

■ Visiting Foreign Scholars Attend Course on Utilizing Library Resources and Participate in Taiwan Research Experience Sharing Meeting

To assist recipients of National Central Library's Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan Fellowship to have a full understanding of the distribution and use of scholarly resources while they conduct research in Taiwan, on May 27 NCL held the first "Using Library Resources course" of 2020. An

indoor activity was also held in accordance to COVID-19 prevention measures.



Visiting foreign scholars listen to the “Using library resources course”.

This library resource course saw around 30 attendees, with Dr. Han-yun Chang from the Center for Chinese Studies’ Liaison Division presenting in fluent English on NCL’s databases. In addition, Dr. Ching-ju Cheng from NCL’s Knowledge Service Division introduced useful databases on Taiwan Studies. Many questions were asked during the course, reflecting the usefulness of the content.

That afternoon, the first “Visiting Foreign Scholars Research Experience in Taiwan Sharing Meeting for 2020” was held. The topic was “Chinese Literature in Taiwan.” Professor Hsien-hao Liao from National Taiwan University’s Department of Foreign Languages and Literature hosted the event. Also invited was Center for Chinese Studies alumna Professor Ann Heylen, who is currently teaching in the Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature at National Taiwan Normal University, to share her research experience in Taiwan. Scholars who presented include Dr. Thilo Diefenbach from Germany, who presented on “A Close Look at the History of Taiwan Literature in German,” Dr. Charles Laughlin from the US, who presented on “Images of Senility in Chinese Movies,” Dr. Martin Blahota presented on “Jueqing’s Modernist Literature,” Dr. Faye Yuan Kleman from the US, who presented on “Colonial

Ecology in Taiwan Literature and Post-Colonial Literature Developments,” and Dr. Yu-ting Huang from Australia, who presented on “Narrating Taiwan from China: Literature and Media Images from the 2000s.” The chair Hsien-hao Liao provided feedback for each of the presenters. There was a lot of interaction and exchange during the session.



Professor Hsien-Hao Liao hosts the “Visiting Foreign Scholars Research Experience in Taiwan Sharing Meeting”.



Professor Kuan-hsiung Wang explains his experience in using various types of scholarly resources.

On the afternoon of June 24, 2020, a second Visiting Foreign Scholars Library Resource Utilization course was held. Invited to lead it was Professor Kuan-Hsiung Wang from National Taiwan Normal University’s East Asian Studies Department, who used Taiwan’s ocean resources to explain Taiwan’s modern international status. Through talking about his research, he showcased his experience in using various scholarly

resources. This library resource utilization course saw about 20 scholars in attendance. The foreign scholars in the class were very active in their participation.

■ Scholars from Sixteen Countries Rowed Dragon Boats to Celebrate Dragon Boat Festival: Reflecting the New Life of Pandemic Prevention in Taiwan

To help foreign scholars in Taiwan experiences the cultural celebration of the Dragon Boat Festival, and in the wake of a lessening pandemic in Taiwan but still in line with government prevention measures, on June 24, 2020 National Central Library held a Foreign Scholar Dragon Boat celebration at Bitan. Those who attended were recipients of NCL's Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies and the MOFA Taiwan Fellowship. In all, they came from 16 countries, including Russia, Malaysia, France, the US, Canada, Miramar, South Korea, Spain, Czech, India, Guatemala, Mexico, Italy, Indonesia, South Africa, and Serbia. About 30 family members also attended. The event was led by Deputy General-Director Ying-mei Wu, who also gave a short welcome speech.

The dragon boat races internationally were limited by the pandemic this year and were only held in a few locations, including Taiwan. International persons participating were very few. National Central Library has promoted international exchange for some time. It tends to provide more optimal research environment, so the night before the holiday arrangements were made for the scholars to experience a dragon boat competition. This experience was even more rare due to the pandemic. This group of scholars has been in Taiwan for six months or more, and spent the most difficult part of the pandemic in Taiwan. They were divided into different boats, with bilingual coaches leading the groups. This way,

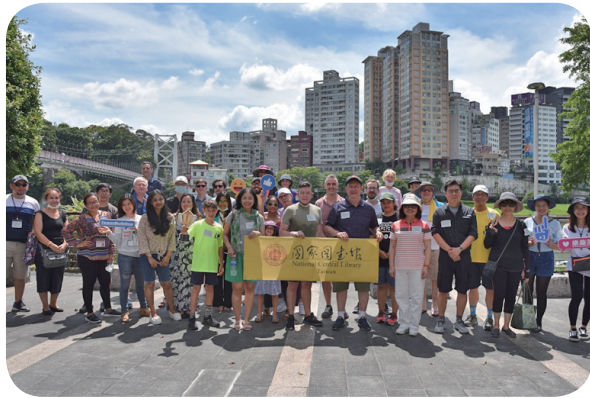
the scholars could enjoy the beautiful scenery of Bitan while they experienced a rare chance to race dragon boats. During the event, pandemic-prevention protocols were followed, the same ones that were followed during the recent official dragon boat race in Taipei. While groups were practicing on the shore, they all wore facemasks; their temperatures were also taken and their hands cleansed with rubbing alcohol. After the practice session was over the groups raced against each other and also played dragon boat tug-of-war. All were rowing with their might, following the cheers coming from the shore. With such a festival atmosphere, they were very impressed with this traditional activity and can now take Taiwan's new forms of exercise during the pandemic back to tell people in their home countries.



Deputy Director-General Ying-mei Wu welcomes everyone to the event.



Foreign scholars experience rowing dragon boats on the Dragon Boat Festival.



A group picture of foreign scholars at the 2020 Dragon Boat Festival event.

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ New Taipei City Holds International Reading Festival Online for the First Time

In response to the continued coronavirus pandemic, the New Taipei Bureau of Education held a press conference on April 23 for the Online International Reading Festival. Mayor Yu-ih Hou signed a memorandum of understanding with businesses and tried out digital reading games. Mayor Hou stated that because of the pandemic, many places for studying like public libraries are temporarily closed. As such, he encourages kids to use the Elementary Education Resource Platform online to learn new things. He also thanks FunPark and PaGamO for donating over 20 million dollars in resources so that children could have unlimited learning opportunities.

The New Taipei City's Bureau of Education stated, the platform selected nearly one hundred local and international well-known websites for online reading resources. It also integrated e-resources from the Bureau of Education, the Cultural Bureau, and the public at large. Through the card system for New Taipei City and the platform for parents, teachers, and students, it provides access to over 400,000 e-books. This vast array of books is available to elementary students and residents of New Taipei City.

■ A Great Weapon in Pandemic Prevention and Reading: Hualien City Library 3D Prints Face Shields

In 2019, Hualien City Library established a Makerspace equipped with a 3D printer, a badge machine, a mug heat press machine, and more. It has steadily been adding many Maker classes, which have been very popular. Because 2020 saw the onslaught of the coronavirus, many materials needed to make protective items are in shortage. So, one of the library staff, Ko-wen Hoh, found information online on how to make one's own face shield. He also discovered a large amount of information on 3D printing of face shields on the group Open Source COVID-19 Medical Supplies, including open access files on masks and information exchange. Hoh worked with information specialists Yi-ling Tsai to print a face mask from transparent plastic using an FDM 3D printer. They selected a suitable style that would be easy to mass produce. In so doing, the library's abilities in pandemic prevention just got an upgrade. In addition, Hualien City Library also produced a UVC sanitizer box with just a little capital, but providing a greater prevention.

■ The Main Library in Pingtung Gets a Facelift after 30 Years

The location of the main branch of Pingtung County Library used to be the Pingtung County Cultural Bureau office. This building was renovated two years ago. Pingtung County Magistrate Men-an Pan announced that library under renovation will be finished this summer. Giving new life to an old building, the new library will have a vaulted main hall with 500 seats for reading instead of the previous 150. The five floors will have newly designed children, youth, and senior citizens intergenerational reading areas. Many multicultural and Pingtung literature areas are planned as well. It will also have a 200-seat auditorium.