

celebrations at the Lin Family Mansion and Garden, the most typical traditional garden in Taiwan. The scholars came from Canada, the United States, Peru, Nicaragua, Brazil, France, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, the United Kingdom, Serbia, Latvia, Russia, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Singapore, Vietnam, and South Africa.



The overseas scholars and guests enjoy a commemorative photograph.



The overseas scholars experience traditional rubbing techniques.

Arrangement was made not only for the overseas scholars to roam in the classical garden and experience the interlacing of past and present, but also to carry out traditional handcraft activities, such as imperial decree rubbing, while listening to performances of such musical instruments as the guqin, erhu and flute in the antique buildings. In the evening, the guests enjoyed the Sleepless Under the Flower Moon light sculpture show arranged by the Cultural Affairs Bureau of New Taipei City, which thrilled the overseas scholars with its combination of tradition and innovation.

This activity enabled the scholars to experience a combination of Taiwan's traditional

and technological culture, and also shone an international spotlight on an image of Taiwan.



The overseas scholars experience the beauty of traditional calligraphy.

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ Keelung's First Digital Love Book Bank Unveiled Students Enjoy the World of Audio-visual and Digital Reading

In order to promote the teaching of digital reading, Keelung City Government has cooperated with the Taiwan Reading Culture Foundation for the first time to establish two Digital Love Book Banks. In early September, they held a joint inauguration ceremony at Mingdezhong and Renai Elementary Schools.

The stride that Taiwan Reading Culture Foundation's has taken from the establishment and promotion of the physical book Love Book Bank to that of the Digital Love Book Bank is undoubtedly a big one for reading. On this occasion, 30 tablet computers and charging devices were provided to each of the two schools, and they will be used with Hiteach interactive teaching software, such as TEAM Model smart classroom or the IRS real-time feedback system to bring students into the textually, acoustically and visually diversified world of digital reading. This is different from page-turning reading on paper, enabling students to do unlimited reading in a limited space.

By providing integration of equipment, digital book banks expand the use of teaching teams in inter-disciplinary subject inquiry courses, guiding students towards the correct use of technology to obtain information skills, and effectively motivating them to think critically and creatively.

■ **New Taipei City Map Introduces Smart Book Selection System to Enable Children's Smart Reading**

On August 24, New Taipei City Library signed a cooperation agreement with the Smart Reading team of National Taiwan Normal University about library collection query systems and preschool to teenage books, and clearly indicating suitable readers' ages and levels. Parents can even use the system to choose suitable book lists for their children, to match the children's level and cultivate their interest in reading.

In order to help children choose suitable reading materials and improve their reading ability, New Taipei City Library has this year cooperated for the first time with National Taiwan Normal University's SmartReading system, using text readability models to analyze the difficulty of books in the library. In future, while checking the collection of books on the Internet, readers will also be able directly to see notes on the books' difficulty grade, and suitable book lists will be recommended according to the age and reading level of the children. This will not only increase the efficiency with which parents can choose books, but also provide more suitable books to improve children's reading interests and study outcomes, helping them to "read appropriately."



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