

Schools plan for junior high and elementary school students, bought 600 award-winning English books, and custom-made exclusive bookshelves to donate to six junior high and elementary schools in Hsinchu County and Hsinchu City.



*Children participate in “Reading is Cool Carnival” stall activities.*

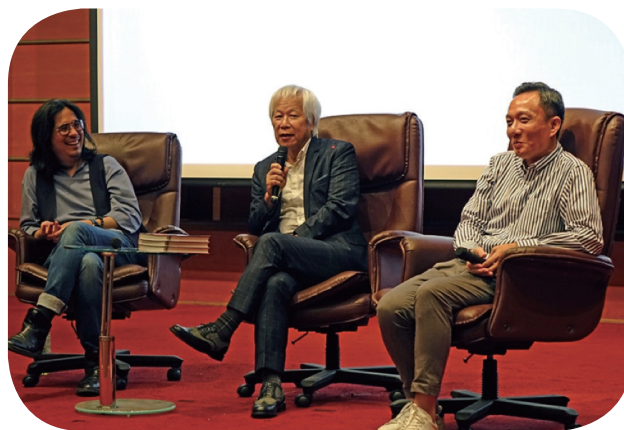
Director-General Tseng said the 2020 “Reading is Cool Carnival” took STEAM as its theme, extending the reach of reading through science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. For promotion of the Books to Schools series of projects special thanks are due to Lam Research for its support. The “Reading is Cool Carnival” shows STEAM blending with rich and diverse reading activities, enabling parents and teachers all to interact through activities of today, and enabling children and students to encounter all the more reading and learning resources in the course of daily life.

### ■ **The Learning Thinking of the Slash Generation: the key Principle of Self-learning—2020 Wang Yunwu International Self-learning Forum**

On 24 October 2020 in International Conference Hall, the National Central Library and the Wang Yunwu Foundation held the Learning Thinking of the Slash Generation: the key Principle of Self-learning—2020 Wang Yunwu International Self-learning Forum, attracting a full house with the speakers Mr. Feipeng Ho and Professor Ping-Cheng Yeh.

Addressing the forum, Foundation Chairman Henry C Wang said that Mr. Wang Yunwu had advocated the spirit of self-initiated research throughout his life. He said, “The purpose of education is to cultivate students’ ability and interest to conduct research on their own initiative, which is far more important than instilling knowledge in students.” It is a model of successful self-learning and has inspired many young students. In order to continue the self-learning spirit of Mr. Wang Yunwu, this year, Mr. Ho, the CEO of Cité Media Holding Group, and Mr. Ye, professor of the Department of Electrical Engineering of National Taiwan University, were invited to share the successful self-learning principles with everyone through a forum.

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng said that, when talking of self-learning one would inevitably think of Mr. Wang Yunwu; he was a classic contemporary figure of assiduous and successful self-learning, who studied at a private school for five years during his childhood before serving a daytime apprenticeship in a hardware store and studying English in the evenings. Apart from studying English for about two years at the Tongwenguan, he never entered a formal school, but, after turning 18, taught such classes as English, history and geography at various schools in Shanghai, a fact attributable to his unremitting spirit of self-learning.



*Professor Chien-shou Chen (right) of Academia Sinica hosts the discussion between Mr. Feipeng Ho (center) and Professor Ping-Cheng Yeh.*

Mr. Ho is a well-known publisher in Chinese society. His innovative and diverse publishing

theories have often opened up different imaginations and new horizons for the domestic publishing industry. The publishing team he leads is also constantly abreast of the trends of the times and the pulse of society, continuously challenges itself, and has created a variety of magazines and books of different types and themes. He said, "When I was born, I knew nothing, had nothing and had achieved nothing. If, when I die, I have some knowledge, some possessions, and some achievements, that will be because of study. Study changed me and created my life." He shared with the audience the principles of successful self-learning that he has followed throughout this journey.

Professor Ye, currently seconded to the post of CEO of PaGamO/BoniO Inc., said that he had observed his father, Professor Ye Shengnian's care for students since childhood, and had also been blessed with a naturally diligent and pedagogic character, and so gradually adopted the path of passionate teacher. He also said that, as a teacher, being both passionate and resistant to teaching that fails to evolve, he often advises students on Facebook to pursue knowledge and solve the puzzles of life, and then writes articles for the benefit of the similarly bewildered, passing on his learning to a wide audience.

Finally, under the auspices of Professor Chien-shou Chen of the Institute of Modern History at Academia Sinica, Mr. Ho and Professor Ye engaged in a comprehensive discussion and answered questions from the guests.

## ■ Opening up a new Vision of Life: Seminar on Reading Health Management

Jointly hosted by the National Central Library and the Gaya Foundation and organized by the Library of Luminary Buddhist Institute, the Seminar on Reading Health Management took place on 23 October 2020 in the National Central Library's International Conference Hall. Scholars and experts from the medical, academic, and library fields

were invited to attend the event to give lectures and practical exchanges, and nearly 200 people concerned about the topic participated.

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng said that technology products and e-books have changed reading today. How to improve the body, mind, and soul through reading, especially as the novel coronavirus epidemic spreads around the world and all walks of life are disrupted, and how to enable yourself, society, the economy and other aspects to develop healthily, and the library to become an important field of public life, are matters of concern to everyone.



*Commemorative photograph featuring Director-General Tseng (fourth from left) and seminar speakers.*

Venerable Uyin, chairman of the Gaya Foundation and dean of the Luminary Buddhist Institute said that, from the standpoint of the library, in setting out to hold this seminar, how to combine reading with health management was a very important topic. To interpret the day's theme from the perspective of the term zengshang he said, Buddhism has not left the world. The importance of the existence of Buddhism in the world, he said, lay in how to expand the body and mind, extend the life of the body's organs, and improve the quality of the mind. It was hoped, he said, that this seminar would provide a correct reading of the concept of health care management and develop breadth and depth of life horizons.

The seminar included two themed lectures and two discussions. For the lectures, Director Julia Hsu and Deputy Director Dr. Xian-an Zheng of Hualien