

to each participating institution to conduct an onsite evaluation. The last step was to hold a decision meeting where the committee members discussed the results and decided on the winners. A total of six institutions were selected for awards. The reasons for their selection were clearly outlined. The five main areas of assessment are: 1. The determination and sustained efforts of the person in charge (20%); 2. Transparency in information and administration (25%); 3. Risk prevention measures and accountability (25%); 4. Displayable effects of honesty in government (15%); and 5. Innovation and expansion in integrity practices (15%).



The NCL team is together with the reviewers and other distinguished guests.

Five highlights from NCL's evaluation are: 1. proactively implements integrity and ability in every aspect; 2. guarantees information transparency, with honest and open administrative behavior; 3. protects national assets and insists on honest policies with good execution; 4. many reports of the library's openness, transparency, and initiative; 5. cross-discipline collaboration to create new and innovative services.

During NCL's participation in the evaluation process, the library staff focused on the Director-General's statement "Operational integrity is everybody's responsibility." The staff worked together to complete the tasks for participating in the evaluation. Apart from displaying NCL teamwork and execution ability, the evaluation process caused everyone to become clearer on what risks are involved in their position and how to mitigate those risks. In addition, they gained a better understanding of the relationship between information and administrative transparency on one side and library operations on the other. In the future, more principles of benefit-inducing integrity can be integrated into

the library's operations, thus improving service quality and a competitive edge internationally. After NCL was given the award, other organizations expressed their desire to learn about what NCL did during the award application process. NCL happily shared their experience in the hopes that such a contribution will create a positive cycle. NCL will continue to pursue excellence and innovation, leading the library science field in Taiwan, expand service abilities, and exert an influence across the globe.

■ 2021 Taiwan Scholarly Resource Influence News Conference

National Central Library has long been striving to preserve important scholarly resources in Taiwan. As such, it has created three main databases: the National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan, the Taiwan Citation Index – Humanities and Social Sciences, and the NCL Taiwan Periodical Literature. Each year the use of these databases is analyzed, showing how theses and dissertations, as well as other scholarly resources in Taiwan are used. Popular research topics in recent years are also highlighted in the analysis. Awards are offered to journal publishers and universities according to the use of these resources at the Taiwan Scholarly Resource Influence News Conference. The aim of this activity is to thank publishers of various fields for their contributions to scholarship in publishing excellent scholarly resources in Taiwan.

According to the statistical analysis of NCL's database use up to the end of 2020 and its use records, meticulous statistical investigation was conducted to arrange the results in order of users' use. Awards for scholarly resource influence were given based on total use of the resources analyzed. Through recognizing and awarding those institutions for their outstanding contributions to scholarly resources and research, it is hoped that others will be encouraged and motivated to follow their example. That way Taiwan's research energy can be upgraded on a countrywide level. Awards presented include Journal Resource Contribution Award, Instant Dissemination of a Journal Award, Long-term Dissemination of a Journal Award, Theses and Dissertation Dissemination Award, Theses and Dissertation Open Access Award, and Theses and

Dissertation Resource Contribution Award.

On April 26, the 2021 Taiwan Scholarly Resource Influence News Conference was held in NCL's International Conference Hall. Over 200 guests were in attendance from various universities and journal publishers. NCL invited Yueh-li Huang, Director of the Lifelong Learning Department in the Ministry of Education, to present the awards. Director Huang extended a special thanks and admiration in her remarks to those scholars, researchers, teachers, and publishers who have been cultivating and enriching the scholarly knowledge cultural assets in Taiwan over the years. At the same time, she also highly appreciated NCL's efforts in acquiring, depositing, archiving, and seeking access permission for theses and dissertations. All attendees were encouraged to adopt the motto "One thousand persons each going one step forward is better than one person going a thousand steps forward." The promotion of scholarship and knowledge requires everyone's input. That way, Taiwan research and cultural soft power can continue to improve.



Yueh-li Huang, Director of the Department of Lifelong Education, during her remarks.

There were 198 institutions and organizations receiving awards this year. To thank them for their contributions to scholarly resources, representatives from the universities receiving awards were invited to give remarks during the ceremony. For digital theses and dissertations, Nanhua University President Tsong-ming Lin and National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology President Ching-Yu Yang represented their respective institutions in receiving 1st place for Thesis and Dissertation Resource Contribution for Private Universities and Thesis and Dissertation Resource Contribution for National

Technology Schools, respectively. Journal awards were received by the Journal of Management and Business Research's editor-in-chief Chia-Chi Huang and National Taiwan University Law Journal's chief editor Wan-ruu Tseng. The former was awarded 1st in the Long-term Dissemination of a Journal Award (for management studies). The latter was awarded 1st in the Instant Dissemination of a Journal Award and the Long-term Dissemination of a Journal Award (for legal studies). The four representatives particularly thanked NCL in their remarks for providing these awards. Scholarly research and publishing need passion and commitment, and receiving such a recognition is a strong encouragement for both universities and journal publishers to keep pushing forward.

To help researchers in finding sources, NCL holds to a spirit of information freedom and open access. It encourages institutions to grant open access of the full text of their publications, as well as continue to work with the Ministry of Education to promote the open access of theses and dissertations. It also collaborates with the Ministry of Science and Technology to help scholarly resources be made open to the public. This will inspire more people to make available their research outcomes, thus increase Taiwan's research capacity and international visibility. While the pandemic is affecting our life tremendously, the need for open access to scholarly resources is even more important. Through the 2021 Taiwan Scholarly Resource Influence News Conference, the contribution of universities and journal publishers to scholarly work was highlighted, and the open access of scholarly works was encouraged. This allows those who do not have easy access to the library become possible to enjoy the abundant scholarly resources. It also provides a way for more people to see the research achievement of individuals, reduce knowledge monopoly, and prevent plagiarism.



NCL Director-General Tseng presents the Instant Dissemination of a Journal Award.



A view of the guests in attendance.

Events

■ Goethe-Institut Global Exhibition Tour “Rethinking: Learning from Nature” Arrived in Taiwan and Displayed at NCL in 2021

National Central Library and the Goethe-Institut Taipei collaboratively held thematic exhibition again to present the “Rethinking: Learning from Nature” which was sponsored by the Goethe-Institut for global tour exhibitions. Since April 2015 the exhibition has been slowly making its way to large cities around the world. This year (2021) it finally arrived in Taipei. It was put on display on the first floor of NCL’s Arts and Culture Center and the grand opening ceremony was held at 2 pm on April 30th.

Invited to the opening ceremony were notables in the field of education and library and information science, as well as foreign government representatives in Taiwan. NCL’s Director-General Tseng and the Goethe-Institut Taipei Director Theresa Huemmer both gave remarks at the ceremony. Thirty teachers and students from Taichung Municipal Hui-Wen High School and a two-person band were invited to the opening ceremony to provide musical

performances.

NCL Director-General Tseng stated in her remarks that she firmly believes “Rethinking: Learning from Nature” can help people rethink the importance of global environmental issues through the novel audio-visual interactive content by the Goethe-Institut. Furthermore, the exhibition can increase Taiwanese’s environmental consciousness and expand their international views. At the same time, elementary and secondary school principals and teachers were encouraged to let their students and parents know about this rare opportunity to experience a global exhibition, that way adults and children could come and enjoy the exhibition together.

The exhibition can help those studying German to deepen their proficiency and those who are interested in Germany to experience German culture. It can also open a new horizon for multidisciplinary STEAM reading in Taiwan. The exhibition had four thematic areas: water, fire, earth, and air. Through on-site interactive displays, the aim was to let the younger generation realize the importance of environmental issues. Along with the exhibition, on May 2 a workshop called “Flower Garden in a Bottle” was held. The teacher of this workshop explained and showed how to create a closed ecological space in a bottle which allows plants to grow well. Participants all had hands-on experience and had their own ecological bottle garden to bring home.



A group photo at the opening ceremony of “Rethinking: Learning from Nature”.