



Finding a good view

■ **A distinguished guest from afar-The eldest Princess of Swaziland King visits the NCL**

In the sunny summer breeze, royal guests from our allies—Swaziland Kingdom, H.R.H. Princess Sikhanyiso Dlamini and H.R.H. Princess Phumelele Dlamini, a party six persons accompanied by H.E. Njabuliso B. Gwebu, Ambassador to Taiwan of the Kingdom of Swaziland visited the National Central Library.

NCL Director-general Tseng Shu hsien personally welcomed them at the front door and offered a bouquet of flowers. It is the first visit of Princess Sikhanyiso Dlamini at the invitation of the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan). She hopes that through her visit, she can have an actual and personal understanding of the arts and communication industry in Taiwan to strengthen bilateral cultural exchanges.



Princess Sikhanyiso Dlamini (6th from left), the Princess Phumelele Dlamini (6th from right) and Director-general Tseng Shu hsien (5th from left) at the National Central Library Rare Books Room.

Her Royal Highness is ardently involved in the social projects of her country. She sponsored the Swaziland National Library Association showing considerable importance to the educational role of the library. She was deeply impressed by the development and progress of the National Central Library services and facilities.

This will also help in promoting the development of the librarianship in her country. Director-general Tseng Shu hsien and Princess Sikhanyiso Dlamini both expressed the hope that the two countries foster opportunities for further cooperation and promote understanding and appreciation of each other's culture.

■ **The NCL held the "2012 School Library Technology Services Education and Training Course"**

On May 2, the NCL held the "2012 School Library Technology Services Education and Training Course (Session 2)." Sixty-six librarians participated from libraries in 12 counties and cities and Kinmen (Quemoy) County, including 35 elementary school librarians, 16 junior high school librarians, 14 senior high school and vocational school librarians, and one librarian from the New Taipei City Library.

In a pre-course speech, NCL Director-general Tseng Shu hsien stated that school libraries not only provide students with access to their collections, but also, in conjunction with teaching and off-campus activities, play an important role in nurturing students' interest in reading. School

library collections should be established based on student needs and begin with interviews.



NCL Director-general Tseng Shu hsien speaks at the "2012 School Library Technology Services Education and Training Course."

Libraries can also refer to the two "Forever Young" book selection bibliographies published jointly by the National Central Library and Taiwan Reading Association, as well as the ISBNnet, Taiwan Publishing News Services (TPS), and other resources, while the National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet) can provide assistance with classification and cataloging work, helping libraries to build their collections and improve student literacy.

NCL International Exchange Events

2012.05.15 A five-person government delegation from Macao visited the NCL, led by Professor Zheng Yunjie, deputy director of the Centre of Continuing Education and Special Projects at the Macao Polytechnic Institute, which organized the visit. The delegation learned about document management, local record collections, services and digital resources at the NCL. The two sides also exchanged views on the compilation of annals.



Professor Zheng Yunjie (right) presents publications to Director Liao.

2012.05.21 President of the National University of Mongolia Professor Tumur-Ochir Sanjbegez, (former speaker of the Parliament of Mongolia and Minister of Education, Culture and Science) visited the NCL while in Taiwan to attend the ROC presidential inauguration. He exchanged views with NCL Director-general Tseng Shu hsien on ways to strengthen cultural and academic exchanges between Taiwan and Mongolia. During the visit, Prof. Tumur-Ochir also recorded the bibliographies of Yuan period works in the NCL collection and expressed a strong interest in the original collection works.



Professor Tumur-Ochir Sanjbegez (left), Director-general Tseng.

2012.05.30 Michael Meng, Asian Studies Curator of Fondren Library in Rice University, visited the NCL. He also discussed with Director-general