

NCL Publications

■ 2021 Annual Report on Reading and Reading Ability in Taiwan



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This pamphlet is the Report on the 2021 Taiwan Reading Survey. The announcement activity was supervised by the Ministry of Education, and the statistical analysis was conducted by the National Central Library. The “Taiwan Reading Report” provides statistical analysis of compiled public library reader borrowing records from 2021 for a better understanding of reader habits and interests in Taiwan during the year, thereby efficiently helping all libraries and publishers in the country to understand people’s reading needs.

■ Report on 2021 Taiwan Book Publishing: Current State and Trends



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This report is based on the data of ISBN and CIP applications from those of different types of organizations in Taiwan (including publishers, government organizations, other groups, and individuals) to the NCL ISBN Center from January to December, 2021. It provides a statistical analysis

of the number, type, genres, and common subject categories of newly published books in Taiwan (including e-books), as well as the original language and source country/region of new translated books. This data is presented to give new insight into the book publishing state and trends in Taiwan.

■ 2022 Analysis Report on the Influence of Taiwan Academic Resources



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This Analysis Report on the Influence of Taiwan Academic Resources utilizes the “National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan,” “Taiwan Citation Index—Humanities and Social Sciences,” and the “NCL Taiwan Periodical Literature” databases to generate necessary data for the statistical analysis to depict the states of the utilization of Taiwan’s academic resources, in addition, to outline topics frequently undertaken in researches in recent years in Taiwan.

NCL International Exchange Events

■ Joy Comes from Afar: Recent Important Foreign Visitors

The National Central Library (NCL) has always valued and emphasized the importance of participation in international exchanges. The NCL maintains good relations with Taiwan’s representative offices of different countries around the world. Between January and March, 2022, two delegations visited the NCL.

Mr. Gourangalal Das, Director General of the India Taipei Association, accompanied by Mr. Sohag Sen, Deputy Director General of the Association, paid a visit to the NCL to meet with Director-General

Shu-hsien Tseng on January 4, 2022 and discussed possible directions for strengthening cooperation in the future.

Director-General Tseng introduced the examples of diversified education and cultural exchanges activities cohosted by the NCL and foreign governmental institutions in Taiwan, including reading promotion, lectures, exhibitions activities, etc. Director General Dai expressed his interests for such international cultural and educational exchanges and said that he would consider to facilitate the relevant cooperation with the NCL in the near future.

On the afternoon of March 15, 2022, Achilles Yeh, Director of the Trade and Investment Promotion Section, Embassy of the Kingdom of Eswatini, paid an official visit to meet the NCL Director-General Tseng. He was accompanied by Chief Xiao-ying Lin from Department of International and Cross-strait Education Section of Taiwan's Ministry of Education, and Secretary Yi-da Chen from Ministry of Education. The purpose of Director Yeh's visit was to learn about the possibilities of future collaborations with NCL in cultural and educational projects as well as methods and channels for the promotion of children's literature.

NCL Director-General Tseng gave Director Yeh a detailed introduction about NCL and the achievements of NCL's academic, artistic, cultural, and other diverse collaborations and exchanges with foreign organizations in Taiwan. These include inviting foreign authors to lecture in Taiwan, promoting reading and literacy, organizing cultural lectures, and planning a diverse array of exhibits and programs. Director Yeh expressed great interest in international culture and education exchanges and reading promotion activities. He also mentioned about his intention to facilitate international collaborations in culture and education among five of Taiwan's diplomatic allies (the Kingdom of Eswatini, Belize, Honduras, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), as well as his hopes of engaging in exchanges and collaboration with other public libraries in Taiwan.

After the meeting, Director Shu-Fen Hong and Editor Shiou-Iuan Hsu of the NCL International Cooperation Division gave a brief tour for Director Yeh and the accompanied guests, showed them around in the library.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ The Center for Chinese Studies Holds Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies Lectures

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) promotes academic exchanges in order to increase interaction between the local and overseas Chinese Studies communities. To this end, the CCS allocated the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, which every year enables 20 overseas scholars coming to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of between 1 to 6 months. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the fruits of the research, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the world to visit and deliver lectures. Between January and March, 2022, 2 scholars gave their presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follows:

On March 31st, 2022, Dr. Ying-kit Chan, Research Fellow of IAS, the Netherlands, gave the lecture on "Hunting and Gospel: Harry R. Caldwell, Blue Tiger and American Museum of Natural History." At the same day, Ms. Pauline Claire Harlay, Ph.D Candidate of Department of Anthropology, SOAS, UK, gave the lecture on "Social Learning: Sharing the Language of Taste."

CCS News and Activities

■ NCL 2022 On-line Lunar New Year Reception for Visiting Scholars

On February 14th, 2022, Eve of Lantern Festival, National Central Library held on-line Lunar New Year reception for visiting scholars. More than 30 scholars interacted and paid one another a courtesy call during Lunar New Year period by using videoconferencing to experience Lunar New Year reunion!

National Central Library Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, gave the opening remarks at this reception to warmly welcome scholars come to Taiwan, wish them a Happy Lunar New Year and to prosper with fury like a tiger so that everyone will be successful in life, work and research in the year of Tiger!