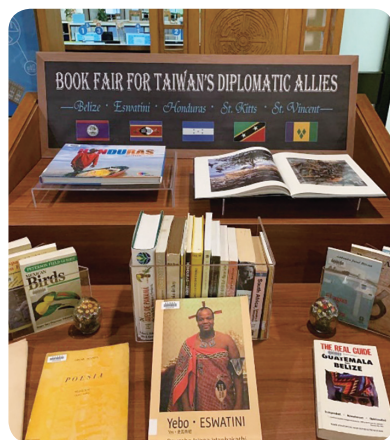


books, donated books, and maps. The dissertation and thesis section primarily displayed researches done by students from those countries who studied in Taiwan. Topics include farming, forestry, fishing, animal husbandry, business management, medicine, public health, sustainable development, economic development, and international studies. In the general books section were books published in these countries. In the donated books section were books given to the president of Taiwan by these countries. The map section showcased maps from these countries. It is worth noting that master's thesis of Prince Buhlebenkhosi Dlamini, who once visited NCL in 2016, as well as a book he co-authored with Shih Chien University professor Ying-feng Chen entitled *Yes Eswatini*, the first book on Eswatini in Chinese, were also on display.



Books published in the four allied countries, including a Chinese version of Yebo Eswatini published in Taiwan, originally written by Prince Buhlebenkhosi Dlamini.

The ambassadors were deeply impressed with NCL's rich scholarly resources and special collections. It is also hoped that the forum will lead to smoother future collaborations between all parties, as well as provide even more opportunities for exchanges. Thereby, the good collaborative relations would bring about expected fruitful results.



Group photo in the rare books room after touring at the conservation room that preserves the national treasures.

■ Dissertation Donation Ceremony Honoring Her Excellency Ambassador of Belize Candice Augusta Pitts

On June 17th, National Central Library held the "Dissertation Donation Ceremony Honoring Her Excellency Ambassador of Belize Candice Augusta Pitts." Five ambassadors from allied countries and one embassy director were in attendance, including Her E. Ambassador Candice Augusta Pitts from Belize, Her E. Ambassador Jasmine Elise Huggins from Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Her E. Ambassador Andrea Clare Bowman from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, His E. Ambassador Robert K. Lewis from Saint Lucia, His E. Ambassador Roudy Stanley Penn from the Republic of Haiti, and Director Achilles Yeh, Embassy of the Kingdom of Eswatini, as well as Director-General Dr. Nicole Lee of the Department of International and Cross-strait Education, Ministry of Education, Deputy Director-General Ms. Shu-Jung Chen of the Department of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Executive Director Mr. Chia-Wen Yeh of the Central America Trade Office and other honored guests from within Taiwan as well as friends of the ambassadors.

In her opening speech, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng made a special introduction of Her E. Ambassador Candice Augusta Pitts's experience: Dr. Pitts is the current ambassador and has previously worked as a university professor as well as a city councilwoman. She arrived in Taiwan to take up the role of ambassador on April 20th 2021. Director-General Tseng also introduced that Dr. Pitts has written a book about the transformation of the print media in Belize, published two articles about nation building, and once regularly published articles in newspapers and periodicals, showing her concern for the nation and its society. In the just over a year since the ambassador has arrived in Taiwan, she has concerned herself with the studies and development of students from Belize as well as diverse cooperation between the two countries. During the pandemic, she organized the virtual event "The 1st Annual Belize Taiwan Academic Conference: Dialogues of Innovation and Ingenuity." In addition, she paid a visit to indigenous communities in Pingtung County where she interacted with young indigenous students. Director-General Tseng expressed deep admiration

and gratitude for the ambassador's kindness and her efforts at promoting cultural and academic exchange.



NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng gives her remarks.

After the dissertation donation, Her E. Ambassador Candice Augusta Pitts from Belize explained her reasons for donating her Ph.D dissertation to NCL. She stated that in the previous visit of NCL, she learned about the work NCL has done collecting and promoting student dissertations, and expressed her strong approval, therefore deciding to donate her own dissertation as a concrete action supporting NCL's ideals. Dr. Pitts also gave a brief introduction to the contents of her dissertation. The dissertation is entitled "From Nationalism to Landscapism: Spaces-Between, Marronage, and the Literary I-mage-Nation of Zee Edgell (Belize), Jamaica Kincaid (Antigua and Barbuda), and Margaret Cezair-Thompson (Jamaica)." It expounds a reflection and critical discourse on so-called "states," which are male-centered and subjugate women into various forms of disadvantage.



H. E. Ambassador Dr. Candice Augusta Pitts from Belize donates her Ph.D Dissertation to NCL.

H. E. Ambassador Candice Augusta Pitts stated that it might be worthwhile to conduct comparative

research on Taiwan's indigenous women in literature and Belize women in literature as well as the historical development of the two. After the dissertation donation ceremony, the ambassadors and guests engaged in enthusiastic discussion. At the end of the event, NCL Director-General Tseng and colleagues led the ambassadors and other honored guests to visit NCL's current exhibition "Exploring and Reading France @NCL- Books and Special Collections Exhibition." The ambassadors and honored guests showed great interest in the exhibition and the day's events came to an end amidst an atmosphere of elated friendly exchange.



Director-General Tseng takes a photo with the ambassadors and honored guests.



Group photo of Director-General Tseng with the ambassadors and honored guests in front of the electronic poster wall that greeted event guests.

■ Books Donation Ceremony: Embassy of Saint Christopher (Saint Kitts) and Nevis to National Central Library

In an effort to promote cultural exchange between the two countries, as well as help Taiwan promote English learning and reading, the ambassador from Saint Kitts and Nevis, H. E. Ambassador Jasmine E. Huggins donated books to NCL on June 30. An oral reading performance was also arranged and done by Ambassador