



Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng and Director General Gourangalal Das share a commemorative photograph with participating photographers and esteemed guests.

2022 Reading Is Cool Carnival and Book Donations to Schools

National Central Library and Lam Research Corporation teamed up for the 2022 Reading Is Cool Carnival and Book Donations to Schools event. It was held on October 1st at the outdoor plaza of Miaoli County's Culture and Tourism Bureau. NCL's Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng and the CEO of Lam Research Corporation William Kuo both gave remarks to share their views on the need to promote reading in the society. After that, Miaoli County Magistrate Yao-chang Hsu also delivered his remarks, introducing about the progress that the county has made in recent years in facilitating reading competency. Lastly, the principals from the six schools—Shuang-lian Elementary, Dong-Si ng Elementary, Shin-kai Elementary, Wumei Junior High, Tsao Chiao Junior High, and Gongguan Junior High—involved in this year's book donation, were asked to participate in the donation ceremony and the opening ceremony for the carnival.

The Reading Is Cool Carnival immediately followed the opening ceremony and book donation. The event used STEAM as its core design concept and showcased five different engaging reading activities on the following subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, the Art, and Mathematics, and incorporated activities such as DIY, group reading of illustrated technology books in English, top game, guided reading of illustrated books and lab, implementation experiments of illustrated programming books for children from Finland, matching game using classic English fairytales, board games that help develop mathematical logic, Lego robots construction, and other experiencing activities involved in STEAM curriculum.

NCL and Lam Research Corporation teamed up again this year to host an English reading promotion event targeted at junior high and elementary school students, where books were donated to their schools. In an effort to increase the effectiveness of the donations, the scope of schools receiving donations was expanded from Hsinchu to Miaoli County, allowing more remote schools the opportunity to receive reading resources. The Book Donations to Schools project purchased 600 award winning English books and customized bookshelves for them, and donated these to six elementary and junior high schools in Miaoli County. An English Reading Center was created in each school to stimulate students' motivation to learn English and to increase interest and success in learning. At the end of the activity, special thanks were delivered to the Miaoli County government, its Education Department, and Culture and Tourism Bureau for their assistance in organizing this event. Also, to Gongguan Junior High, National United University Library, and 17 other institutions and companies for their amazing booths and activities.



The opening ceremony of the 2022 Reading Is Cool Carnival.

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With the support of the Ministry of Education, the National Central Library officially established

the “Center for Chinese Studies (CCS)” within its organization (originally named the “Chinese Studies Resource and Service Center”, then was changed to its present name in November 1987), which bears the mission to collect Chinese studies resources, promote use of the resources, and to facilitate researches. The CCS celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2021. To more effectively share the research achievement of Taiwanese scholars with the world, and to accelerate scholarly communication, the NCL, on the foundation of the existing international exchange programs and the CCS scholarly activities, initiated the TRCCS program in 2012. Upon the formal signing of a cooperation agreement, the NCL will do the follows: sharing with TRCCS partners printed and electronic resources, and co-hosting conferences and “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies,” etc. to realize and enhance practical knowledge sharing and exchanges of sinology and Taiwan research outcomes. Up to October in 2022, the NCL has established 44 TRCCS in 28 countries across 4 continents in the world.

The publishing of this inaugural issue of TRCCS Biennial Bulletin is timed to coincide with the Center’s 10th anniversary. This issue includes the following contents: List of TRCCS partners (as of August 2022), introductions to 15 of these institutions, provided by TRCCS partners; and introductions to the 7 international conferences and the more than 60 “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” held jointly with TRCCS partners. This inaugural issue initiates a platform for mutual understanding and communication among all TRCCS partners; in addition to the institutions’ introductions contributed by our TRCCS partners, the well-compiled primary electronic resources and contents of previous conferences and lectures can serve as useful references for TRCCS partners.

Chinese Studies Symposium

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

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) promotes and carries out academic exchange activities to increase interaction between Taiwan and overseas Chinese Studies communities. To this end, the CCS established

the project “Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies,” which stipends 20 overseas scholars to come to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of between 1 to 6 months every year. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the fruits of their researches, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the world to visit and deliver lectures. Between July and September, 2022, four scholars were invited to give presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follows:

On July 28th, 2022, Professor Aratake Tatsuro from the Department of Human Sciences, Tokushima University, Japan, gave a lecture on “The Dadian Zhuang Family of Ju County and Local Society: The Construction and Development of A Lineage in the North.” At the same day, Associate Professor Tsuchiya Taisuke from the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Niigata University, Japan, gave a lecture on “The Historical Origin of Fayan School.”

On August 31th, 2022, Associate Professor Moonsil L. Kim from the Department of History, Rhode Island College, USA, gave a lecture on “Feasts of Early China through Texts, Laws and Objects.” At the same day, Mr. Coleman Mahler, Ph.D candidate of the Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, USA, gave a lecture on “An Island of Professionalism: Science, Democracy and the Patronage in the Agriculture of Taiwan, 1950-1970.”

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ National Taiwan Library’s “Love Reading Call Number” Podcast Launched on August 9

Conveniently turning on podcasts and listening to programs has become a popular daily habit. The National Taiwan Library celebrated its 108th anniversary on August 9th, and on the same day launched the country’s first podcast with the theme of library knowledge: “Love Reading Call Number.” From this launching day, the National Taiwan Library podcast will chat with you on the air about libraries.

“Love Reading Call Number” plans to include four units, “National Taiwan Library Informs You,” “Librarian’s Tasks in A Day,” “Library Knowledge,” and