



Prof. Martin Lavička (right) with Prof. Julie Yu-Wen Chen.

NCL's re-joining at EACS not only enables the continued dialog between Taiwan and the international community, but also makes it easier to share information with scholars who are interested in coming to Taiwan. Services for scholars from the Center for Chinese Studies at NCL are well explained for scholars and researchers at the conference. NCL hopes that through book exhibition at EACS and the in-person introduction and explanation, it can make known Taiwan is a rightful place, offering good resources for conducting researches in addition to making known the achievements in and publications on Chinese studies and Taiwan studies even under the threatening pandemic.

■ Academician Jen-kuei Li Donates Research Materials on Formosan Languages in Taiwan

Academia Sinica Academician Jen-kuei Li has been doing researches on Formosan languages in Taiwan for more than half a century. He decided to donate his collection of books and materials to National Central Library for long-term preservation and for providing for use. His collection includes books and materials on Austronesian languages, linguistics, ethnic minority languages, and series of publications on Formosan languages, Chinese phonetics, Taiwan history, etc. in addition to the notes, recordings, slides, and all other materials from his field studies. He even included all the awards certificates and artifacts in the donated package. On August 31, NCL held a research material donation ceremony for this donation, and Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, on behalf of the NCL, received the donation from Academician Li with gratitude.



Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng with Academicians Jen-kuei Li, Dah-an Ho, and Prof. Kuan-chung Huang.

Formosan languages have been surveyed and researched for over 100 years. They are perceived as one of the most important cultural heritage with scholarly value in Taiwan. In fact, Formosan languages are also recognized as valuable cultural asset by international scholarly communities. Academician Li expressed his gratitude that NCL would take after the whole lot of materials he has acquired over 54 years of his life-long survey and researches. He feels content that these materials can continue to serve the successor scholars and benefit researches of the related domains.

In considering long-term preservation of research writings by contemporary scholars in Taiwan, as well as their publications and manuscripts, NCL has planned to establish adequate repository at its Southern Branch of the National Central Library & National Repository Library in the Xinying District of Tainan. This facility will be constructed meeting international standards of archival environment, ideal to preserve cultural assets. This anticipated facility will be able to ensure long-term preservation as well as continuous provision for use for the invaluable donated scholarly resources. At present, the donation by Academician Li is the largest donation to NCL ever, as it includes his personal research materials and artifacts on a great array of disciplines. Such a comprehensive donation is an important example in NCL's endeavors in acquiring personal collection donations from scholars. This surely will greatly benefit future scholars' research. Therefore, NCL will continue to acquire such donations. In this way, we can expect to have more first-hand resources for interdisciplinary researches.



All the important guests in attendance.

■ National Central Library Collaborates with San José Public Library to Set up Taiwan Corner with Taiwan Publications

In order to strengthen cooperation with libraries in different countries and to broaden scopes of international exchanges, on September 23, 2022, Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng of the National Central Library went to the San Jose Public Library in the US to set up Taiwan Corner with Taiwan publications. On behalf of Ms. Jill Bourne, Director of the San Jose Public Library, Ms. Dziem Nguyen expressed her gratitude for the donation of books to increase the richness of their library's collection, and both parties looked forward to more cooperation and exchanges between the two libraries in the future.

Director-General Tseng donated exquisite children's books and books on the art, architecture, geography and customs, all published in Taiwan. The books are displayed on a thick cardboard bookshelf with notable signage "Taiwan Corner," which can be used as an exhibition for readers. It can also be circulated and exhibited in different branch libraries. The representative of San Jose Public Library expressed their thanks to the National Central Library and mentioned that the city is comprised of multi-ethnic peoples, with the multicultural characteristics of their users, they warmly welcomed the National Central Library's Chinese books to enrich their collection and to provide their readers with the latest Taiwan publications.

On the occasion of this book donation and visit to the San José Public Library, Director Huiyi Zhou and team leader Meihui Xiao of the Education Division from Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in San Francisco, accompanied and to assist when necessary during the library tour. Continuous exchange of librarianship experiences and sharing of

resources and expertise are hoped by both libraries. This is indeed a rewarding event for both parties.



Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng of the National Central Library donates books to San José Public Library and Ms. Sharon Fung, Senior Librarian of the Technical Services and Collection Development receives the gift books.



From left: Huiyi Zhou, Director of Education Division from Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in San Francisco, Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, Ms. Sharon Fung, and Meihui Xiao, team leader of Education Division from TECO.

Events

■ NCL Librarian Participates in the 2022 IFLA Poster Exhibition to Interact with Other National Libraries and Library Professionals

The World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) is held by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) each year. This is an important event for libraries worldwide. After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the 87th Annual Meeting was resumed and held on-site on July 26-29, 2022 at the Convention Centre Dublin.

The theme of this year's meeting was "Inspire, Enable, Engage, Connect." NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, Knowledge Services Division Director Yi-jung Li, and Ching-ju Cheng submitted a proposal for the poster exhibition entitled "Using