

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 established the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, which every year assists 20 overseas scholars in 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 October and December, 2022, 2 scholars gave their presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follows:

On December 1, 2022, Prof. Peter K. Bol, Charles H. Carswell Professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, USA, gave the lecture on “The Digital Humanities: Libraries, Research Centers, and Cyberinfrastructure.”

On December 13, 2022, Prof. Hirata Koji, Lecturer of History, Monash University, Australia, gave the lecture on “The Take Over of Anshan Iron and Steel Works and the Industrial Basement in Northeast China by Republican Government after World War II.”

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ Kinmen’s First “Recycled Paper Library” Is Launched

Kinmen’s first recycled paper library was born on November 11, 2022. The library was built with 1,000 kilograms of recycled paper, which can reduce carbon emissions by 5,800 kilograms. In the future, when library equipment becomes obsolete and is replaced, paper resources will be returned to Cheng Loong Corporation (CLC) production lines for recycling and converted into various green and environmentally friendly products, in implementation

of a cyclical economy. CLC’s CEO said that CLC, which started with paper making, has long been concerned about children’s reading resources and the environment, and actively builds “paper libraries” in remote elementary schools across Taiwan, using 100 percent recycled paper materials to create sustainable and aesthetic “paper” reading space. Kinmen County Commissioner Yang Cheng-wu said that, in an era emphasizing environmental protection and energy conservation, CLC would certainly practice sustainable education creatively and that the move also reinforced the county government’s concept of actively building Kinmen into a low-carbon island.

The paper library was established and launched at Jin Ding Citizen Primary School. The improved display rack made of 100 percent recycled paper makes the themed books more eye-catching and greatly increases students’ desire to read. The large paper tree installations with a childlike design are light, safe, heavy-duty and strong paper tables and chairs, giving a completely new look to the traditional cold reading room.

■ New Main Library of Taoyuan Public Library Begins Pilot Operations on 17th December

The new landmark New Main Library of Taoyuan Public Library, located in Taoyuan Zhongzheng Arts and Cultural Business District, officially opened for pilot operations on December 17, 2022. The design team from Taiwan and Japan jointly created this new main library with the design concept of “tree of life.” It covers an area of more than 50,000 ping. In addition to the eight-story library building, a five-story “movie building” and a two-story underground parking lot were also built. As well as having a collection of nearly one million books, it has also invited Japanese bookstores and coffee shops to establish a presence and has become a new landmark in Taoyuan.