

As Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng of the National Central Library delivered remarks, she expressed her gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Department of Policy Planning for its long-term cooperation and support, and a sincere welcome to—and enthusiasm to serve—the scholars. All colleagues of the National Central Library, she said, are very happy to assist scholars in their research. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ own remarks, she said, indicate the great importance that it attaches to this scholarship program. She also thanked all colleagues of the Center for Chinese Studies for their support for the program.



Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng enjoys a group photo with the lucky Taiwan Scholarship recipients.

bears a mission to preserve all the deposited books for contemporary and future generations. According to the Library Act in Taiwan, all formally published materials and publications are supposed to be deposited with the NCL. At the same time, the Library Act also entrusts the NCL with the mission of preserving and promoting resources, guiding the development of all other categories of libraries, and promoting information standardization, professional services, and sustainable development.

NCL tries to cast light on perspectives of value, vision, strategies and goals of the Library in a clearer way with a Strategic Plan 2021-2030, specifically pointing out NCL vision and goals, including collecting and doing value-added applications of resources, digital engagement of all people, providing user-oriented good programs and services, establishment of smart service platforms, promoting and facilitating sinology researches worldwide, providing friendly and professional services, providing librarianship guidelines for various types of libraries in Taiwan, and consistently pursuing for excellence.

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NCL Publications

■ National Central Library



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As the National Central Library (NCL) is the only legal depository library in Taiwan, the Library

■ 2022 Annual Report on Reading Atmosphere and Reading Engagement in Taiwan



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This report is the 2022 report on the survey on Taiwan’s reading ethos organized by the Ministry of Education and undertaken by the National Central Library. Through this report, the 2022 national

public library reader borrowing data was collected and organized for statistical analysis to facilitate an understanding of the annual reading habits and interests of the nation, and actively assist libraries and publishing houses across the country to grasp readers' reading needs.

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 January and March, 2023, 4 scholars gave their presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follows:

On February 14th, 2023, Dr. Craig A. Smith, Senior Lecturer of Asia Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia, gave the lecture on “Chinese Asianism (1924-1937) before World War II and Japan’s Role within it.” At the same day, Kevin Kind, PhD candidate, Johns Hopkins University, USA, gave the lecture on “Protecting the Muslim Children: Smallpox Epidemics, Chinese Medicine, and Vaccination Colonialism in Late Qing Turpan, 1880-1911.”

On March 29th, 2023, Prof. Alan Baumler, Professor of History, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA, gave the lecture on “Aviation to Save the Nation: Importing Technology and Cultivating Talent in Republican China.” At the same day, Prof. An Chansoon, Associate Professor of Department of Chinese Language & Literature, Kyungpook National University, Korea, gave the lecture on “Korea Confucian Toegye Lee-Hwang’s

View on Literature: Mainly In Comparison with Zhu Xi.”

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ **Taipei Public Library “Exhibition of Results of Collecting Old Photos” Carves out Taipei’s Eras**

Throughout the more than one hundred years since Taipei was founded, it has weathered the Ch’ing Dynasty, the Japanese occupation period, and the Republic of China Period, adding the distinctive humanistic scenery and customs of various eras to Taipei City. Taipei Public Library selected 100 images and held the “Exhibition of Results of Collecting Old Photos” from February 9th to February 23rd, 2023, at the Taipei City Archives: Shuxin Hall. Most of the photos on display were of the daily life of Taipei citizens living in the city limits, and a small number of photos collected by foreign tourists visiting Taipei City for a short stay or sightseeing, truly presenting the human customs or natural landscape of Taipei at the time. The exhibits covered transportation infrastructure, such as various stations and railway streetscapes, so that the public could recall the pre-“undergrounding” evolution of Taiwan Railway stations and railway streetscapes, such as the interesting and appealing Shilin Railway Station and the Renaissance-style Taipei Main Station of yesteryear. Once the most prosperous goods distribution center in Taipei, Dadaocheng Dihua Street, and—before its demolition, Jiancheng Circle Night Market—famous for their endless streams of people and their snacks, as well as commemorative photos of the early exteriors of military dependents’ villages, landmark buildings, weddings and funerals, etc. , conveyed particularly effectively the vicissitudes of life in Taipei City.

The exhibition also provided books related to the development of Taipei City for the public to read on the spot. Their content included historical and cultural assets related to the past development of Taipei City. Old photos and images on books can be used to recall the traces of history engraved on Taipei City, enabling the recollection of the former Taipei City through each photo.