

give Korean patrons a good impression of Taiwan and show forth the soft power found in Taiwan's publications.



Director-General Tseng and Ms. Seon, as well as members of the Taipei Book Fair Foundation 2023 Korean Delegation posing for a photo at the Taiwan Corner.

### ■ Cross-strait Cultural Exchange Brand: The 10<sup>th</sup> Xuan Lan Forum Comes to an End

On August 22, 2023, NCL and the Nanjing Library, the Shanghai Library, and the Suzhou Library put on the 10<sup>th</sup> Xuan Lan Forum at the Nanjing Library Academic Report Hall. The topic of this year's forum was "New Knowledge from Ancient Learning: Wisdom Begets Abilities." The opening ceremony was conducted by Nanjing Library's Party Secretary Hongyu Dai. He welcomed everyone to the event and then had Jiangsusheng Department of Culture 2<sup>nd</sup> Inspector Xunhua Xu, Jiangsu Provincial Government's Taiwan Affairs Office Deputy Director Zhicheng Feng, the National Central Library of China's Research Institute Director Xiaojuan Shen, and NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng collectively start the opening ceremony. During the opening ceremony, NCL and Nanjing Library presented each other with books. NCL gave copies of *The History of the National Central Library*, *Dunhuang Manuscripts*, *Lotus Sutra*, *Pearls of the Sea*, and *A Flourishing Four Decades of Chinese Studies in Taiwan: A Review and Outlook* to Nanjing University to enrich their holdings. In attendance were more than 70

representatives from libraries in China and Taiwan, as well as others from various industries.



The National Central Library and the Nanjing Library exchange gifts for each other's collection.

The event consisted of forum sessions on a number of topics and cultural tours. Forum sessions were held on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the 24 participating scholars presenting research and lectures on five topics: modern interpretations of traditional Chinese culture, the heritage and preservation of the classics, studies on smart services in libraries, children and youth reading and the improvement of librarians' literacy, artificial intelligence and library development. Nanjing Library Director-General Junji Chen and NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng spoke on two topics that correlated with the theme of the forum: "Genre Theory and the Dream of the Red Chamber" and "Open Lab: A Library Lab for All Kinds of Innovation." The discussion was insightful and engaging. The two talks were also a perfect end to the five sessions of the forum.



The delegation from Taiwan poses for a group picture.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, the delegation from Taiwan traveled to Shanghai and Suzhou on a cultural tour and to learn from people there. They toured the Shanghai Library East Hall, the Shanghai Children's Library, the Suzhou Library, and the Suzhou Museum. They interacted with library staff at these locations, sharing ideas and learning from each other.

On the 25<sup>th</sup>, the delegation attended “Rosy Clouds Reflect the World, A Long-Standing Flow: An Exhibition of Ancient Books and Paintings from the Guoyunlou Collection” put on by the Nanjing Library (the Jiangsu Provincial Center for the Preservation of Ancient Books), the Gu Clan in Suzhou that curates the Guoyunlou Collection, and the Phoenix Publishing and Media Group. On display were the best of the three institutions' collections. The delegation also visited Nanjing Library's Ancient Book Preservation Department.



*The Taiwan delegation poses in front of the Suzhou Museum.*

## ■ **WLIC in Rotterdam Gives Voice to Taiwan: National Central Library Attracts Attention after IFLA Poster and Paper Presentation**

A delegation of 18 librarians from Taiwan went to Rotterdam, Holland to attend the annual conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC). This is one of the biggest library events of the year. The theme of the 88<sup>th</sup> IFLA WLIC was “Let's work together, let's library.” It was held from August 21-25, 2023 in the Rotterdam Ahoy Conference Center.



*The 18 members of the Taiwan delegation at Rotterdam, Holland for the 2023 IFLA WLIC.*

A delegation from Taiwan attended the annual conference in Holland this year. A total of nine posters and two papers were presented at the conference. What is more, the achievements of libraries in Taiwan were able to use the appellation “Taiwan (R.O.C.)” online. National Central Library Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated, “The world is taking note of the developments in libraries in Taiwan. On April 20 of this year, NCL's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration saw invitations accepted from the directors-general from eight national libraries, including England and Germany. The response to the National Central Library's achievements and services was praise and thanks. Attending this conference will allow more libraries in the world to gain a deeper impression of Taiwan's efforts.”

NCL had two posters be selected and one paper to be shared, which is a great showing when competing with libraries worldwide. One poster selected was “Open Lab: Space as a Service in Multimedia Center of National Central Library in Taiwan” by Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, Center for Chinese Studies Director Ling-Fang Wei, Knowledge Services Division Director Hsiao-ling Hou, and Ting-yu Chen. The other was “Big Data in Support of Sustainable Development of Public Libraries in Taiwan” by Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, Library Development Division Director Bao-kui Lu, and Wei-hsiang Hung, with its accompanying paper “Big Data and Data Mining for Analyzing Library Readers' Reading Interest in Taiwan.” IFLA's poster display was August 25-26. The content of the