

# National Central Library

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## Spotlights

### ■ NCL Celebrates Teachers' Day and 55th Anniversary in Taiwan

NCL celebrated Teachers' Day and the 55th anniversary of its operations in Taiwan with an appreciation banquet on September 28. The banquet was held to thank individuals and institutions that have donated books to the NCL collection, as well as publishers and foreign country representative offices that have supported the library over the years. The banquet was joined by representatives from the cultural and educational offices of 14 countries, including Japan, France, the United Kingdom, Germany, United States, Vietnam, Russia, Mongolia, and Burkina Faso, as well as scholars, publishers and experts. Vice Minister of Education Wu Tsaihung presented a congratulatory speech at the reception. Legislator Kuo Suchun was also invited to attend the banquet.

In 1954, the NCL moved into its new location on Nanhai Road in Taipei, and in 1986 it relocated again to its current address. Both relocations were completed on Teachers' Day, September 28, in commemoration of Confucius' educational spirit.



NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (center) presents appreciation medals. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

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*Guests at the appreciation banquet. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*

During the banquet, the NCL also presented 12 appreciation medals to various parties, including the European Economic and Trade Office (received by Nicolas Baudouin), the library and information science community (received by Luo Techeng), volunteer representatives, and representatives of the publishing industry.

#### ■ *NCL Holds Workshop on Sinological Resources and Services*

The National Central Library (NCL) held a workshop, “Workshop for Professional Librarians from Abroad: Sinological Resources and Services”, on October 11 to 19. A total of 23 librarians participated from the United States, Canada, the U.K., France, Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore. The workshop was jointly held by the NCL and Center for Chinese Studies with assistance from the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

During the workshop, the NCL introduced its Chinese studies resources and services. Local and foreign scholars and experts were also invited to present lectures during the program, including speakers from Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and

Mongolia, as well as local scholars and experts from Academia Sinica, the National Palace Museum, National Taichung Library, National Central Library, Taiwan Branch, National Taiwan University library, Academia Historica, and Chinese Taipei Film Archive. The program also gave participants the opportunity to learn about domestic and foreign library database utilization and services through hands-on practice.

Representatives of database-related companies also participated in the workshop to demonstrate Chinese Studies resources. The activity helped local



*Librarians participate in the workshop. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*