2014.03.19 Head of Mongolian National News Agency Baatarkhuyag Avia and Chinese editor Mainbat Dolgorsuren were accompanied by personnel from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in touring the NCL and viewing secret Mongolian histories held at the Library. They also discussed possible areas of exchange and cooperation between the two institutions.



Director Baatarkhuyag Avia (left) and Deputy Director General Wu exchange publications.

2014.03.25 University of Wisconson-Milwalkee Library Director Ewa E. Barczyk and five graduate students from the Graduate Institute of Library and Information Science of National Taiwan Normal University visited NCL's Flowing Clouds: An Exhibition of Manuscripts, Calligraphy, and Paintings by Contemporary Notables at the NCL, as well as service facilities.



Director Barczyk (left) receives publications from Director General Tseng.

Chinese Studies Symposium 2014.01.03

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) and Fu Jen Catholic University's (FJU) Monumenta Serica: Journal of Oriental Studies jointly held the "First Symposium of Missionary Sinology: the Contribution of Missionary to the Knowledge of China and Taiwan."

In a speech presented at the opening ceremony, NCL Director General Tseng observed that the cooperation between the Chinese studies centers of the NCL and FJU has continued since the launch of the first FJU International Sinological Symposium in September 2003. The two sides are both committed to promoting domestic and foreign academic activities and exchanges. They also cooperate closely in a shared mission to promote Sinological research in Taiwan and abroad.



The conference venue

Director General Tseng also noted the crucial role played by Western missionaries in fusing modern Chinese and the Western cultures, as well as the enduring influence of the missionaries in academics, education, medical treatment, cultural transmission and other areas. These contributions deserve our gratitude and study. Director General Tseng further stated that the papers presented at the symposium exhaustively and succinctly present the great love of the Western missionaries for the world.

2014.03.26

The CCS held a symposium for foreign scholars on the Taiwan Fellowship. Presentations were given in English, with four scholars presenting. Three more symposia will be held this year.

The first presenter was Wolfgang Pape, from the Centre for European Policy Studies in Belgium, who spoke on "Europe and East Asia: Comitology Versus Guanxi," in which he compared the diplomacy policies of East Asian and European countries. Next, Kamer Kasim, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Turkey's Abant Izzet Baysal Üniversitesi, spoke on "The Relationship between Taiwan and Turkey." He pointed out possible areas of cooperation between Turkey and Taiwan and highlighted strategies that helped get Turkey admitted into the European Union.

The third presenter was Chen Weiyi, a doctoral candidate from Tunku Abdul Rahman University in Malaysia. She presented on "Mainland China's Energy Safety Policies in Southeast Asia," exploring competition and cooperation between China and southeast Asian countries with regards to energy problems in southeast Asia.

The final presenter was Michal Thim,

a doctoral candidate from the University of Nottingham in England, who spoke on "Taiwan's Unbalanced Response to China's Military Threat." He analyzed Taiwan's policies that address China's military threat and made some adjustments to the traditional military theory that applies the quantitative research. The symposium was attended by 32 scholars from 17 countries and corresponding diplomats, as well as officials from the Ministry of Education, scholars, reporters, and the general public. In all, approximately 110 people were in attendance.



The CCS holds first round of research presentations

CCS News and Activities

CCS Holds Year-end Gala Banquet for Visiting Scholars

The CCS held a year-end gala banquet for visiting scholars on the afternoon of January 24. Visiting scholar recipients of the MOFA's Taiwan Fellowship grants were invited to the Lunar New Year's Eve event. The gala was joined by 34 visiting scholars and family members from the United States, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Ireland, Belgium, Poland, Spain, Czech, Korea, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand and Nigeria.