

National Central Library

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Spotlights

■ *Mr. Bruno Racine, President of the National Library of France Visited the National Central Library*

The President of the National Library of France (Bibliothèque nationale de France, BnF), Mr. Bruno Racine visited the NCL in the morning of August 23rd, 2013. He received a warm welcome from NCL Director General Tseng Shu-hsien and the NCL staff. The French Institute in Taipei attached great importance to the distinguished guest coming from the prestigious Library of France which traces its origin to the royal library founded at the Louvre Palace by Charles V in 1368.



Bruno Racine, President of Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) visited NCL.

Mr. Racine was accompanied by Valentine Gigaudaut, Officer designated by the French Institute for French Cooperation and Matters on Publications. NCL Director General Tseng pointed out the good cooperation and exchange relations over the years between the BnF and NCL, and expressed her gratitude for this continuing relationship

highlighting the 2010 joint organization with Taipei Ricci Institute, Taipei French Institute on “From Text, Understanding France: The French writer Manuscript and Images Exhibition and French Film Week” activities as well as the ancient Chinese Rare Book Catalog which began in 2012.

Furthermore, BnF Deputy Director, Mr. Arnaud Beaufort came to Taiwan in April to participate in the International Symposium to celebrate NCL 80th anniversary. Director General Tseng emphasized that all these events are significant indicating the vitality of NCL and BnF cooperation and exchange.

President Racine thanked NCL for all the cooperation and exchange activities, and expressed his hope that the two Libraries can continue to establish long-term partnership to promote more varied cooperation. A visit to the rare books room was arranged to present NCL’s rare books collections and its digitization initiatives. Having served as Secretary for Culture in the City of Paris and President of Centre George- Pompidou, National Center of Art and Culture in Paris, Mr. Racine showed heightened interest in the essence of Chinese Culture shown in the rare books collections.



Mr. Racine (3rd from left), NCL Director General Tseng (3rd from right), French Institute Officer, Valentine Gigaudent (2nd from left) and NCL Staff.

■ *NCL “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” Makes It Way into Famous American Universities*

In September this year, the NCL jointly organized the “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” in collaboration with Columbia University and the University of California at Berkeley. It aims to introduce the newly established Sinology special document database developed by Taiwan these recent years to provide a tool for overseas Chinese Studies researchers and scholars. At the same time, there was a presentation of “CCS Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies” and “Taiwan Fellowship” to encourage more talented foreign scholars to come to make research in Taiwan.



Prof. Katz is giving a talk on “Taiwan’s Digital Resources and the Study of Chinese Religious Cultures.”

On the 9th of September, the “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” was held in Butler Library at Columbia University in New York City. Professor Paul R. Katz from Academia Sinica Institute of Modern History was invited to speak on “Taiwan’s Digital Resources and the Study of Chinese Religious Cultures.”

On the 11th of September, the same event was