

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman. An inauguration ceremony followed this signing, too.



*The TRCCS opening ceremony at the Leipzig University Library.*

Director General Tseng, during the Europe tour, pointed out the NCL has been steadily providing the TRCCS branches with a wealth of publications on Chinese studies, and that the TRCCS branches serve the following specific functions:

- (1) Presenting Taiwan's achievements and academic resources in the field of Chinese studies: The TRCCS partner organizations annually receive books, audio-visual materials and e-resources published in Taiwan. The NCL has also established an IP channel for partner organizations to search the digital resources of the library and CCS within copyright limits. In addition, the library provides a collection of links to other Sinological resources in Taiwan to further serve scholars and experts and expand research ability with win-win results.
- (2) Promoting international exchanges in Chinese studies: The TRCCS branches are established at prominent centers for Chinese studies and key universities with development potential. These partners are chosen to facilitate joint promotion of academic and professional exchanges supported by the research resources and influence of the collaborating organization. In addition, the NCL plans to jointly organize academic or cultural activities related to Chinese studies with partner organizations. The NCL will also add links on its website to

overseas TRCCS branches and report related activities to further develop the role of the centers as an interactive platform in the Chinese studies community.



*The TRCCS signing ceremony at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities.*

- (3) Enhancing global cultural substance and inclusiveness: By the end of 2013, the TRCCS had established branches in the United States, Russia, United Kingdom, Germany, Latvia, Vietnam and Malaysia. In building up the Taiwan and Chinese studies resources at these centers, the NCL aims to jointly enrich local cultural substance with partner organizations. This collaborative process has also highlighted a strong interest in Chinese studies among non-Chinese communities. Even more encouraging has been the mutual appreciation and learning witnessed between different cultures and the significant progress it has enabled in replacing cultural conflict and opposition with reconciliation and peace.

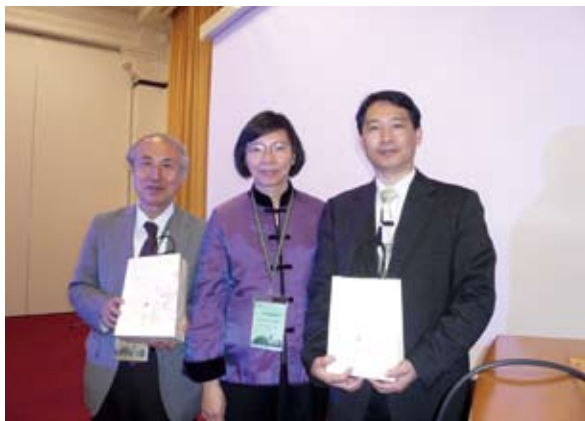
### ■ ***2013 PNC Annual Conference Turns Spotlight on Digital Libraries***

The 2013 Pacific Neighborhood Consortium Annual Conference and Joint Meetings were held on December 10 to 12 in Kyoto, Japan, under the theme "New Paradigms on Humanities Computing—Linking Knowledge of Human Activities." NCL Director General Prof. Tseng presented a report on rare book preservation, sharing, cooperation and value-added services at

the NCL. The report aimed to achieve the goals of cultural asset preservation and sharing, as well as promote related academic research and the development of civilization.

The speakers from Taiwan also included National Taiwan University (NTU) Library Deputy Director Professor Chen Kuang-hua. Prof. Chen reported on the digital collection development strategies and achievements at the NTU Library, with particular emphasis on the digitization of the unique collection resources at the library. The NTU is currently Taiwan's largest institutional repository.

The PNC Annual Conference is one of the most important professional international conferences in the Pacific Rim area. The NCL has been repeatedly invited to plan and organize sessions on digital libraries, providing opportunities to heighten Taiwan's international exposure and develop more opportunities for cooperation with participants from other countries.



*Director General Tseng attending the PNC annual conference in 2013.*

■ ***NCL Director General Tseng Delivers a Keynote Report at the OCLC Asia Pacific Regional Council Membership Conference***

The OCLC Asia Pacific Regional Council Fifth Membership Conference was held on October 7 to 8 in Bangkok, Thailand. Director General Tseng was invited to attend and delivered a keynote report on the theme of "Preservation, Sharing, and Cooperation of Cultural Heritage at the National Central Library."

The conference attracted more than 300 participants and focused on the topics of cooperative cataloging, resource sharing, e-learning, e-collections, information services and authority control. The participants exchanged views on these issues and ways to jointly establish better mechanisms for resource sharing between libraries around the world.



*Director General Tseng delivering a keynote report at the conference.*

In a special report, OCLC President and CEO Skip Prichard thanked the libraries with the top five upload contributions to the original OCLC catalog, including (in descending order) the University of Hong Kong, National Central Library (Taiwan), Peabody Essex Museum (USA), National Library Board (Singapore), and University of Illinois (USA).

■ ***NCL Director General Tseng Attends the 2013 Forum for Asia Library Directors***

Director General Tseng attended the 2013 Forum for Asia Library Directors held on November 19 in Kunming, Yunnan, China. The forum was attended by more than 80 library representatives from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, the National Library of China, the National Library Board Singapore, Hong Kong Public Libraries, the Japanese National Diet Library, the National Library of Korea, the Library of Congress, and Malaysia, the Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Mongolia, and New Zealand.