

### ■ *Changes and Challenges of Academic Libraries Conference*

Organizer: Chinese Information Literacy Association,  
Taiwan E-Books Supply Co., Ltd.

Co-organizer: Feng Chia University Library

Date: Dec. 19, 2014

Venue: Feng Chia University Library

### ■ *Chinese Association of Library and Information Science Education 1st General Assembly*

Organizer: Chinese Association of Library and  
Information Science Education

Date: Dec. 19, 2014

Venue: National Central Library

### ■ *2014 Conference on the application and service innovation of Big Data*

Organizer: Shih Hsin University Library

Date: Dec. 26, 2014

Venue: Shih Hsin University Library

## NCL International Exchange Events

**2014.10.16** The Publishers Association of China sent a delegation headed by Ming-chang Song to tour the NCL, while in Taiwan attending the 10th Cross-strait Book Fair. Ideas were exchanged regarding services of publishers, current conditions in publication, and unique collections at the NCL.



*Director-general Tseng (right) presents publications to Mr. Song*

**2014.10.17** The Taipei Public Library arranged for a five-person delegation from the Shanghai Library Management Council, headed by Chairman Ru-qiang Ye, to visit Director-general Tseng and see the services and facilities at the NCL. Ideas were exchanged regarding library management and operations.



*Director-general Tseng (right) presents books to Chairman Ye (left)*

**2014.10.20** University Librarian Missingham and Director-general Ahmad came to Taiwan a day before the PNC annual meeting to meet Director-general Tseng at the NCL. They were given a tour of important digital resources at the NCL, including special collections, manuscripts of famous persons, and material on Chinese studies. While touring the rare books room, both directors were overwhelmed at what they saw and gave especially complementary remarks regarding the NCL's methods and environment for preserving these rare books.



*University Librarian Missingham and Director-general Ahmad exchange gifts and pose for a picture with Director-general Tseng.*

**2014.10.22** Anne-Laure Vincent, newly-appointed French Consultant at La France à Taiwan, toured the NCL to better understand the NCL's collection, facilities, and the possibility of joint projects.

**2014.10.24** With the PNC 2014 Annual Conference and Joint Meetings held in Taiwan, the NCL invited University Librarian of Stanford University, Dr. Michael A. Keller, to pay a visit. He discussed the management of libraries with Director General Tseng, and was deeply impressed by the rare books collection and digitalization outputs of the NCL.



*Michael A. Keller (left) with Director General Tseng (right)*

**2014.10.28** Shanghai Municipal Archives' Deputy Director Xiu-ming Cheng led a delegation of seven managers to visit the NCL and better understand the creation and operation of its Taiwan Memory. Shanghai Municipal Archives has plans to create a City Digital Memory Project.



*Deputy Director-general Wu (right) presents publications to Deputy Director Cheng.*

**2014.11.08** A delegation of 10 visits NCL  
While President Carolyn Anthony of Public Library Association (PLA) was in Taiwan to attend National

Taiwan Library's Future Libraries International Conference, NTL's Director Hsueh-Yu Cheng took them to visit the NCL. They watched videos of the NCL's brief introduction and digital archive, followed by visiting rare books room as well as other service facilities.



*President Anthony, together with other 9 companions in the rare books room*

**2014.11.26** Japanese teachers group visits NCL

Director of Academic Affairs Chiharu Mizogaki, an elementary school in Hamamatsu, Japan, together with four others came to visit the NCL. Their purpose was to understand current holdings, library facilities, and reader services.

**2014.11.27** Dr. Eivind Rossaak of National Library of Norway visited NCL to understand the NCL's digital collection and exchange opinions with staff of the NCL.



*A group picture in the reading room*



**2014.12.02** Ms. Kylie Moloney, Executive Officer of Pacific Manuscripts Bureau (PAMBU) of Australian University, together with other 3 companions, came to visit the NCL. They watched video of the NCL's digital archive, and she gave a brief presentation about PAMBU, followed by exchanging opinions with staff of the NCL. They also visited Matteo Ricci & Pacific Studies Reading Room, as well as Rare Books Room.



*Group photo*

**2014.12.16** Representative Levente Szekely of the Hungarian Trade Office in Taipei accompanied Mr. Geza Szocs, the former Minister of State for Culture Affairs and current First Adviser to Prime Minister Orbán, and other to discuss cultural exchanges with Director-general Tseng, such as joint exhibitions, librarian staff exchanges, and lectures.



*Mr. Szocs (3<sup>rd</sup> on left), Director-general Tseng (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), and Representative Szekely (2<sup>nd</sup> on right)*

## Chinese Studies Symposium

**Oct. 3, 2014**

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) held the "Presentations of MOFA Taiwan Fellowship Scholars" for the third quarter of 2014. Four scholars were invited to present their research findings to an audience of over 100 scholars from Taiwan and 20 other countries. Intense discussions and exchanges of ideas marked the presentations on Taiwan's foreign policy. In the end, there was an overall optimism regarding Taiwan's future.

The first presenter was Prashant Kumar Sing, an associate research fellow in India's Institute of Defense Studies & Analyses, who spoke on "India-Taiwan Relations: Enhancing People-to-People Relations." He believes that public diplomacy can side-step sensitive issues of autonomy in a wonderfully efficient way without adversely affecting the "One China" foreign policy of India. This, he holds, is the best means for establishing good relations with Taiwan.

The second presenter was Marcin Gornikiewicz, a post-doctorate researcher at the National Defense Research Center in Poland's Stanislaw Staszic College of Public Administration. He cited Taiwan's Sunflower Student Movement and Hong Kong's Occupy Central with Love and Peace Movement as examples in discussing "The PRC's Soft Power Methodology: Why It Didn't Work in Democratic Societies."

The third presenter was Lin Goethals, an assistant research fellow at Belgium's European Institute for Asia Studies. She spoke on "The Role of Higher Education and Exchange Programmes in EU-Taiwan Relations." Goethals argued that Taiwan diplomacy successfully improved EU-Taiwan relations via scholarly exchanges in higher education. However, in comparison to traditional economic trade diplomacy, the education model is more limited in its effectiveness.

The final presenter was Richard Turcsanyi, a Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of Asia Studies in Slovakia. He spoke on "What Power Politics? The Nature of Power Relations in the East Asia and the Position of the Republic of China (Taiwan)." He described