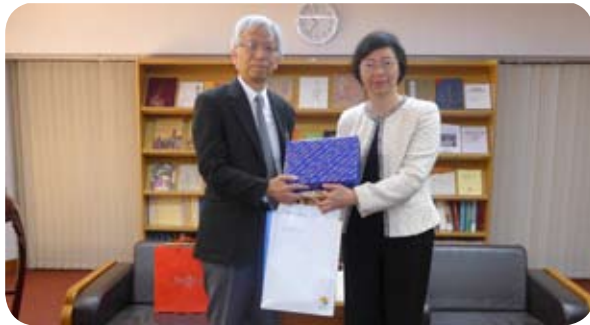


Studies” and joining “Union Catalog of Rare Books Database” with Director General Tseng. They also watched videos of the NCL’s brief introduction, followed by visiting Rare Books Room, Matteo Ricci & Pacific Studies Reading Room, as well as other service facilities.



*Prof. Ishii Yojiro (left) with Director General Tseng (right).*

## Chinese Studies Symposium

**2015.03.12**

The CCS held the Global Chinese Studies Series. Ph.D. candidate, Araki Tatsuo from the University of Tokyo, Department of Chinese Language and Literature was invited to speak on “A Look at Edition Issues of Outlaws of the Marsh from the Perspective of the Southern China’s Publishing Industry during the Late Ming and Early Qing Period.” He has done extensive textual analysis on the historical background of this issue, comparing the content of editions from the National Library of China in Beijing with other editions. His primary concern is to determine whether or not the Beijing version is a Qing imitation of earlier Ming versions.



*Mr. Araki with the participants*

**2015.03.20**

The CCS invited Ms. Linh D. Vu, a Ph.D. candidate in UC Berkeley’s Department of History, to share her research on the burial of Republic of China soldiers’ remains during World War II in Burma, India, and Papua New Guinea and the corresponding political maneuvering involved.



*Remarks by Director General Tseng*

## CCS News and Activities

### ■ 2015 Year-end Gala Dinner for Foreign Visiting Scholars

The CCS held a year-end dinner party on February 10 for foreign visiting scholars. The Chinese New Year’s Eve celebration was joined by recipients of the CCS Research Grants for Foreign Scholars in Chinese studies and Ministry of Foreign Affairs(MOFA), Taiwan Fellowship visiting scholars. A total of 27 scholars and their dependants from 14 countries attended the dinner and experienced the cultural significance of the most important

traditional festival in Taiwan.

NCL Director General Tseng and Wen-chieh Jieh, Director-general of the Department of Policy planning of MOFA, warmly welcomed the scholars. They also noted and expressed the contribution of scholarly exchanges to the vitality of academia in Taiwan and the formation of strong friendship bonds between Taiwan and other countries.

At the opening of the dinner, the NCL department heads gave a joint rendition of the hit dance song “Little Apple,” lifting the mood to a high. At the CCS’ invitation, the NCL colleague Mr. Chen Te-han gave a calligraphy demonstration and taught the scholars how to write spring couplets. The activity was a lot of fun for the scholars, many of whom had never written calligraphy before.



*Scholars write spring couplets*

The CCS also prepared many Taiwanese cultural and creative products as lottery prizes. CCS Deputy Director Ms. Hsiao-ming Yu taught the participants how to sing the classic Chinese New Year song “Congratulations,” followed by a resounding version of the song by everyone present. MOFA ambassadors Li-

yin Chou and Chung-ping Liang then gave an impromptu presentation: a cappella version of the Chinese New Year greeting song which filled the hall with joy and laughter. All these allowed the scholars to experience the unique atmosphere of the Chinese New Year.



*Group photo*

### ■ *Library Resources Courses for Foreign Grant Recipients*

In an effort to provide better information services to foreign grant recipients during their research study and assist them in making the most use of resources inside and outside of the library, the CCS held eight sessions of classes on utilizing library resources this year that scholars can sign up. The classes include a tour of the library, important services at the NCL, holdings and internet resources, and three classes specially designed around the research topics of scholars, including government information, special collections, and Taiwan studies.

The first session was attended by 13 scholars from 11 countries, including the U.S., Chile, Germany, Poland, Japan, India, Italy, Mongolia, Portugal, Sweden, and Russia. Scholars profited by gaining a deeper

understanding of the richness of research materials in Taiwan and were happy to have an opportunity to interact with scholars from other countries.



*Explaining holdings and services at the NCL*



*Scholars visiting the rare books room and the manuscript exhibition of celebrities from late Qing and early Republic.*



*A look at important information systems at the NCL*

## News from Taiwan Libraries

### ■ *The National Taiwan Library received the 2014 MOE Government Service Quality Award*

The National Taiwan Library set up a Taiwan Book Hospital to promote book preservation awareness and related repair techniques. In addition, it was also the first to create an orientation and guide system for the visually impaired. Moreover, it improved the “Integrating electronic visual impairment resources and information sharing,” developed an audio-book app for the visually impaired, providing visually impaired patrons a friendly, convenient, and obstacle-free environment. Because of these efforts, it was awarded the MOE’s Government Service Quality Award.

### ■ *New Taipei Municipal Shuang-xi Elementary School Renovated*

New Taipei Municipal Shuang-xi Elementary School has a 117-year history. On March 26, the school library held the re-opening ceremony after the completion of the renovations, which include a “Fairy Tale Forest Library”. The school’s principle, the Section Chief from the Education Department of the New Taipei City Government, and other representatives dressed up as puppets to celebrate the re-opening ceremony.

### ■ *Shih Hsin University Library Adds Google “720 View Services”*

Shih Hsin University Library joined “Google Street View”, making it the first university in Taiwan to provide “720 View services”. To experience the enchanting atmosphere at SHU Library, simply go to its