

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

held at the University of California at Berkeley. Professor Liao Binghui, moderator of Taiwan Research Center in the University of California, San Diego, was invited to speak on “Taiwan Studies Digital Archives.”

Events

■ *The 7th Council Meeting of Conference on Cooperation Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources*

The 7th Council Meeting of Conference on Cooperation Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources was held on the 23rd of September 2013 at Wuhan Branch Library, National Science Library. There were 11 participants from Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao.

The meeting began with the discussion of the 10th Conference on Cooperation Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources and the 8th Council Meeting responsible party: Hong Kong Public Libraries prepared the program which includes date, venue, main theme, lectures, keynote speakers and the status of the project plan and other planning.



NCL Deputy Director General Wu (5th from left) with participants.

The second part of the meeting was a report of the Secretariat to the Council members on the progress and achievements. It was resolved that attention be given to the 14 cooperation projects. Except those scheduled to be closed in 2014, proceed to progress fully in coordination with the achievements. Encourage to bring up new projects based on the foundation of the achievements.

■ *2013 Information Organizations Professional Technology Education Training*

The National Central Library, in view of enhancing the professional knowledge of the personnel on cataloging service, developing automated cataloguing and its new trends, and strengthening the quality and quantity of librarians to improve the effectiveness of information service, the Collection Development and Bibliography Management Division, and the Bibliographic Information Center jointly conducted two sessions of “Information Organizations Professional Technology Education Training Program.” There were 4 courses offered: Introduction to MARC 21; MARC 21; Phonetic Conversion Applications; Introduction to CMARC 3 to CMARC 21 Conversion System; Introduction to National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet); Introduction to Synergy of Metadata Resources in Taiwan.

■ *“Ever Elegant & Refined through the Centuries: Tang and Song Eight Great Masters” Classic Series*

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