

Special Collections Division, spoke on the ancient books in their collection and NCL's rules for and examples of borrowing NCL's ancient books to print republications. He also invited the publishing industry to do more to increase the circulation of ancient texts and helped the public better understand what books are in NCL's collection.



Speakers at the library forum

4. Special Topic Exhibition: This exhibition displayed over 200 original and digitalized postcards from the early days of Taiwan. Specific themes included Silhouettes of Home, Street Talk, Man and the Land, Time Traveler, Hard-working Young Man, and Sounds of the City.

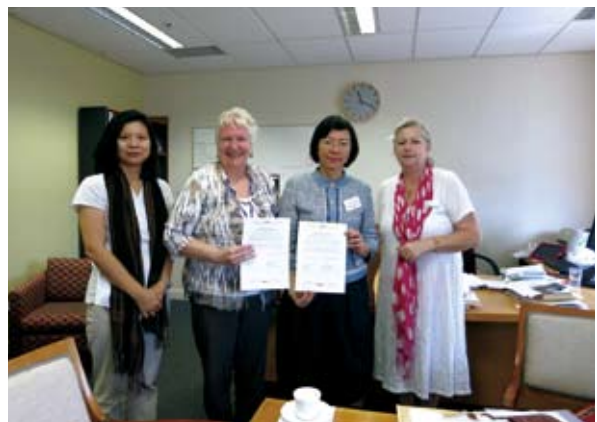
■ ***Zero Distance Cultural Cooperation: NCL and Australian National University Sign Chinese Rare Book Catalog Cooperative Memorandum***

On February 26, 2014, NCL's Director General Tseng visited the Australia National University (ANU) to sign a cooperative memorandum on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books (UCCRB) database, raising the total number of participating libraries to 46.

NCL's Director General Tseng visited ANU's library while in Australia to attend the 22nd Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO). ANU's Chinese

collection is full of very unique books, including *Poems of the Late Kang Nan-hai in Manuscript* and *Lord Lao's Eighty One Transformations, Illustrated*. In addition, they have collected many modern portraits and manuscripts. Starting in 1995, the ANU began an East Asian Digitization Project, which was the inception of the Asia-Pacific Digital Collections.

Director General Tseng visited Director of ANU Library Roxanne Missingham. Both libraries determined that since participation in the union catalog would make available priority consideration for visiting scholars, it would be in the best interest of both parties to bring about a cultural exchange between Taiwan and Australia.



Signing of the NCL-ANU memorandum of cooperation on the UCCRB.

The UCCRB as of February 2014 already has over 625,000 records. It shows to what extent Chinese books have been scattered all over the globe waiting to meet the needs of scholars. The UCCRB can be accessed at <http://rbook2.ncl.edu.tw>

■ ***Close like Neighbors, Cooperation without Borders: Director General Tseng attends 22nd Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania***

The 22nd Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO) was held on February 25-28, 2014 at the National Library

of Australia. In all 28 representatives attended from 20 different countries, including Australia, Brunei, Cook Islands, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, Vietnam. NCL Director General Tseng represented Taiwan at the meeting.



A group photo of conference attendees

On February 26, a pre-meeting forum was held for the CDNLAO members and all directors of state libraries throughout Australia, wherein they discussed and shared experience regarding cooperative efforts in material collection, copyrights, digital preservation, and digital acquisitions. That afternoon they toured the Australian Museum, the Shrine of Remembrance, and the Parliament House. Later in the evening Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia Quentin Alice Louise Bryce hosted a reception for them at the Government House.

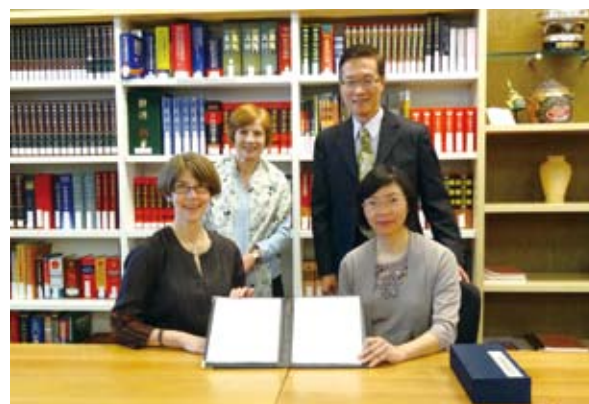
On February 27, the 2014 CDNLAO Annual Meeting officially started and covered the following topics: meeting agenda, minutes from last year's meeting, work reports, discussion on meeting locations in future years, as well as ideas

exchange on information society trends, the future of libraries, and the role of national libraries. It was also decided that future annual meetings will be held in the following countries: 2015 in Thailand, 2016 in New Zealand, 2017 in India, 2018 in Myanmar, and 2019 in Taiwan.

During the Country Report section of the meeting, the NCL showcased its efforts on several aspects that have been implemented in recent years: total quality management, spreading Chinese culture, promoting scholarly exchanges, innovating knowledge services, promoting reading habits, upgrading reader services, acquiring unique holdings, establishing electronic resources, digitizing holdings, working with local and international organizations, and demonstrating Taiwan's soft power.

■ ***New Developments in International Cooperation: NCL Signs Cooperative Memorandum with National Library of Australia***

On February 28, 2014 NCL's Director General Tseng and National Library of Australia's (NLA) Director General Anne-Marie Schwirtlich signed a UCCRB cooperation memorandum. This brings participants in the joint catalog project up to 47.



The NCL signs cooperative memorandum with the NLA.