

### ■ *NCL and University of Malaya Library Sign Rare Book Union Catalog MOU*

NCL Director General Tseng and University of Malaya Library Chief Librarian Dr. Nor Edzan Che Nasir signed a Chinese Rare Book Union Catalog Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the morning of April 10, 2014. The MOU is a concrete result of the NCL's ongoing promotion of international cultural exchanges with Taiwan.

In addition to the MOU signing, Director General Tseng presented a fine replica of the rare Diamond Sutra for the University Library's collection. The ceremony was observed by Senior Deputy Chief Librarian Mrs. Janaki Sinnasamy, Head of the East Asian Studies Library Ms. Pauziaah Mohamad, head of the Department of Chinese Studies Ms. Koh Ai Peng, and Dr. Ling Teck Soon of the Institute of China Studies.



*Chief Librarian Dr. Nor Edzan Che Nasir (left, front row) and Director General Tseng (right, front row) sign the cooperation MOU.*

### ■ *Taiwan Studies on the World Stage: Russia, Germany, and Britain*

The NCL Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) held its annual overseas "Chinese Studies Lecture Series" in the first half of 2014 in partnership with chapters of the NCL-established Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS).

The first lecture was held on May 14 at the prestigious Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Prof. Michael Shi-yung Liu of the Institute of Taiwan History at Academia Sinica presented a speech entitled "Digital Resources and Taiwan Studies" at the seminar.

Two days later on May 16, the second one was held in Leipzig University and Prof. Liu gave a lecture on the topic "The Study of the Taiwan History of Medicine and Digital Resources: A Case Study of the 1939 Film 'Malaria.'"



*Second lecture of the series is held at Leipzig University, Germany.*

On June 19, the final lecture of the series was held at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Prof. Lin Man-houng contributed two speeches, "The May 26, 1971 Note: A Basis for Taiwan's Sovereignty Claim over the Diaoyutai Islets" and "Taiwan, Manchukuo, and the Sino-Japanese War." Before the event came to an end, Director Yu Hsiao-ming from the NCL's Special Collection Division gave a talk on the topic "Introduction on the Resources for Chinese Studies in Taiwan."



Front row from left: Director Yu, Prof. Lin and Dr. Fell in the University of London.

### ■ *Director General Tseng Delivers a Speech at the TK Forum 2014*

The Thailand Knowledge Park (TK Park) 2014 Forum (TK Forum) was held in Bangkok on June 19, 2014. This year's theme was "Learning in the Digital Era." The focus of the forum was to explore the impact of changes in information technology on education and learning and the behavior of the new generation in meeting knowledge needs.



NCL Director General Tseng presents a speech at the TK forum.

About 300 people attended the forum. University professor Dr. Varakorn Samakoses, the former Deputy Education Minister of Thailand,

presented a speech on the topic of "Education Reform: a path to Social Reform." NCL Director General Tseng was invited to attend and presented a speech entitled "New Paradigm for Taiwan's Public Libraries and National Library in Digital Era."

The speech outlined initiatives by various types of public libraries in Taiwan and the NCL to foster public reading habits and promote interest in reading. The talk highlighted the libraries' use of information technology to provide e-resources and mobile reading services that enable ubiquitous learning and information access in the digital era.

## Events

### ■ *International Youth Leadership Camp Participants Visit the NCL and Attend Cultural Seminar*

Participants in the International Youth Leadership Camp held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on May 7 visited the NCL. The students were particularly interested in the library's digital information and impressed by the richness of the documents in the library's special collection.

The NCL invited Associate Professor Chen Kai-hsien of the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at National Taiwan University to present a lecture on the topic "The Cultural Creativity of Taiwan Tea: Integrating the Science and Art." During the lively and compelling lecture, Professor Chen introduced the characteristics and development of Taiwan tea from the perspectives of history, culture and science. He also arranged a tea appreciation session with five varieties of tea during the talk, enabling the students to fully immerse themselves in the art and beauty of Taiwan tea.