

library held activities in cooperation with the Hsin-Yi Foundation, public libraries, and elementary and junior high schools. It invited public library directors, the director of the Hungarian Trade Office, Taipei, well-known writers and poets, Italian and US scholars and others to read the poetry and prose of their respective countries. The day's events also included performances in chanting poetry, music and drama.

In addition, the NCL encouraged elementary and junior high schools across Taiwan to integrate poetry reading in teaching with the hope that students will introduce poetry at home and encourage more people to read.



Group photo



Poetry Chanting and Singing

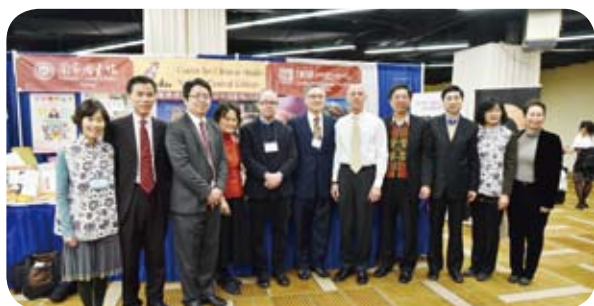
■ *NCL Attends AAS Book Exhibition*

The NCL, together with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, attended the Association for Asian Studies (AAS)' 67th Annual Meeting held in Chicago on March 26-29. They displayed books and CDs (474 titles, 524 volumes) on Chinese and Taiwanese studies published in the last three years to help scholars throughout Asia better understand the achievements and current publications of scholars in Taiwan. The Exhibition also aims to increase international scholarly cooperation and improve cultural exchange and recognition. Academia Sinica's Institute of History and Philology, as well as its Digital Center, and the Tang Prize Foundation also participated in the Book Exhibition.

Books displayed by the NCL this time were available for the more than 1000 scholars in attendance to peruse and order. After the exhibition, they were donated to the East Asian Library of the University of Chicago to enrich their Chinese studies resources. Books displayed by Academia Sinica's Institute of History and Philology and the Tang Prize Foundation were also included in the donation. Executive Director Chu Yun-han represented the NCL in donating the books to Donald Harper, director of the East Asian Research Center, University of Chicago.

It is worth mentioning that beginning in 2014, the AAS has added an AAS-in-Asia annual meeting held during the summer. This year it will be held on June 22-24 in Taiwan.

The conference will be hosted by Academia Sinica. This will encourage many American scholars to come to Taiwan, thus increasing scholarly exchange on Asian studies between East and West. Publications by the NCL and the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) will also be on display.



At the 2015 AAS Book Exhibition

NCL Publications

■ *A Record of Wanderings Sent to Time: Selections of Images and Portraits on Chinese Postcards, 1920s-1940s*



Published in January 2015

ISBN:9789868556515

In an effort to breathe new life into some of the NCL's collections, to promote cultural creations and to encourage the development of artistic industries in Taiwan, the NCL obtained funding from the Ministry of Culture to produce a book documenting postcards from Taiwan and Mainland China.

Of the more than ten thousand postcards in the NCL's collection, 365 have been selected for inclusion. The book is being produced with the help from top-notch visual design companies in Taiwan. Once published, the public will be able to glimpse again images of scenic spots, famous products, portraits of people, buildings, natural disasters, remembrances of historical events, plants and animals, artworks, and customs of various groups all from the Japanese-occupation period.

■ *The Joy of Reading—Handbook for the 2014 Reading Habits Survey Results Press Conference and Model Book Borrower Commendation Ceremony*



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Since 2011, the NCL annually announces the results of the analysis and statistics on book borrowing at public libraries in Taiwan. The results for 2014 were announced at a press conference on February 12, 2015. A ceremony was held to commend 69 model book borrowers at public libraries nationwide.