

The Nationalist Government and International Media Relations Networks as Seen from the 1944 Chongqing International Reporter Incident.”

At the second session that afternoon, Dr. Fabienne Jagou, a recipient of the CCS “Research Grant for Visiting Foreign Scholars” in 2010 and researcher at the École française d'Extrême-Orient, spoke on the topic of “Tibetan Flesh Body Bodhisattvas in Contemporary Taiwan and India.”



*Professor Fabienne Jagou (left)*

## **2013.09.12**

The CCS held a three-session “Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide Seminar” on September 12, 2013. Dr. James Lin, a “Taiwan Fellowship” grant winner and professor of the Department of History at the University of California, Berkeley, spoke on “Hunger Fighters: International Agricultural Development in the US, China, and Taiwan, 1925 to 1975.”

Ms. Lee Siew Peng, a recipient of the CCS “Research Grant for Visiting Foreign Scholars” and doctoral candidate of the Department of Chinese Studies at the National University of Singapore, spoke on the topic of “Folk Religion and Local Society: A Study of Faith in the Lords of the Three

Mountains” and Ms. Barbara Witt, a doctoral candidate of the Institute of Chinese Studies at the University of Munich, spoke on “The Role of the Third Prince Nezha in Popular Literature and Changes in the ‘Legend of Nezha’ since the Ming Period.”



*Ms. Barbara Witt (left) · Ms. Lee Siew Peng (right).*

## **CCS News and Activities**

### **■ “Center for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide Seminar”**

The CCS began offering “Research Grants for Visiting Foreign Scholars” in July 1989. Since then, in more than 20 years, nearly 400 scholars from 40 nations have received the grant. The Center for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide was established to consolidate friendship with past grant winners and provide a channel for contact among scholars.

In 2012, the CCS began holding a two-session “Center for Chinese Studies Scholars Worldwide Seminar” joined by Chinese studies scholars visiting Taiwan. Dr. Q. Edward Wang, a professor at the History Department of Rowan University, was the featured speaker at the first 2013 session,

held on July 16. Dr. Fabienne Jagou, a researcher at the École française d'Extrême-Orient was invited to speak at the second session, held on August 6.

### ■ *“A Dialogue between Tea and Music”*

On the 18th of September at 2 pm, the Center for Chinese Studies hosted a mid-autumn festival tea party for foreign visiting scholars with the theme: “A Dialogue between Tea and Music.” Invited to this event were “Center for Chinese Studies Sponsored Scholars” and “Taiwan Scholars” sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A total of more than 30 foreign scholars with their families from 15 countries participated in the event.

The scholars while listening to the musical performance, appreciated the tea utensils, enjoyed the smell and taste of tea flavor, satisfying their senses of smell, taste and sight as they introduced each other, sharing their interests in an atmosphere of détente.



*A group photo of the participants*

## News from Taiwan Libraries

### ■ *Cloud Library Now Available at Kaohsiung Public Library*

In response to the digital internet age, the Kaohsiung Public Library has created the Taiwan Cloud Library, the most convenient, user-friendly e-book library in Taiwan. The guiding policy behind the library is “You borrow e-books; the city government pays,” allowing royalties to be paid out to authors and publishers in an attempt to encourage long-term growth in the literature and publication fields. Currently there are 1,700 books available, with plans to add 10,000 new e-books per year.

The opportunity to earn royalties each time a book is borrowed is a strong incentive to authors and publishers to make their works available. Patrons can use personal computers, laptops, tablets, and smart phones that use any of the following operating systems to read e-books on the cloud library: Windows, MacOS, Linux, iOS, and Android. The URL to the library is: <http://ebook.ksml.edu.tw>.

### ■ *Eden Starts Library in Yilan with 600 Books*

The Eden Foundation rented a building in Yilan and transformed it into a library for children and the elderly. On July 25, it had received a total of 600 donated books, both illustrated books and enlarged print books for the convenience of senior citizens. The Eden Foundation stated that parents reading illustrated books with children greatly increase the effectiveness of early education.