

Head of Library Service, Ms. Jillian Southwell.

In her visit to the library, Director General Tseng saw how space was utilized, how the shelves were arranged, the children's room, the music room, and the book reservation service. The library has high ceilings and bright reading rooms in addition to the special rooms for music aficionados. The music room even has pianos that patrons can use with the aid of headphones. These facilities can accommodate different needs of patrons. Library services are focused on the facileness of patron reading and usage. Not only are shelves laid out based on topics and information patrons are most interested in, making this easier for patrons to find related books, the library also .provides book reservation services.



Director General Tseng with Head of Library Service, Ms. Jillian Southwell, at the Oxford Central Library

■ **NCL and National Széchényi Library Sign a Cooperation Agreement**

Director General Tseng and Director General László Tüske from the National Széchényi Library (Hungarian: Országos Széchényi Könyvtár, OSZK) signed a Cooperation Agreement on April 10, 2015.



Director General Tseng and Dr. Tüske exchange gifts.

The OSZK also set up a special librarian workshop to promote digital archives and services. As part of the workshop, Director General Tseng was invited to speak and share on NCL's vast experience in similar endeavors. 30-40 staff members, as well as librarians from other Hungarian libraries attended and were impressed with the achievements and modernized methods of Taiwan's digitization efforts. Many questions regarding digitization were raised, and a rich exchange of ideas ensued.



Digitalization Workshop and the Presentation of Director General Tseng on "NCL's Efforts to Archive, Manage, and Provide Service for Digital Resources in Taiwan."

■ **Director General Tseng Visits the Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library and the Hungarian National Assembly**

Prior to the cooperation agreement signing ceremony with the National Széchényi Library, Director General Tseng visited the Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Central Library, which is located in Budapest and which has a hundred and eleven years history. There she met with Dr. Péter Dippold, director of the library, and exchanged experience in the development of librarianship. After the meeting, she toured the Hungarian National Assembly that is located on the east shore of the Danube.



Director General Tseng with Dr. Péter Dippold

The Hungarian National Assembly (Hungarian: Országgyűlés) is a magnificent example of Neo-Gothic architecture although displaying Renaissance and Baroque character. It lies in Kossuth Lajos Square, on the bank of the Danube. The parliament of Hungary is Europe's second largest assembly hall and has been lauded as the most beautiful parliament building in Europe. Not only is it the center of politics, it also has an abundance of famous sculptures and paintings on the scale of a museum.



Hungarian National Assembly's Grand Stairway

■ **NCL and British Library Sign a MOU on the Database of the Union Catalogue of Chinese Rare Books**

Director General Tseng and Dr. Catherine Eagleton, Head of Asian and African Studies, British Library (BL), signed a Cooperation

Agreement at the NCL on May 21, 2015. Lead Curator, Ms. Sara Chiesura, from the BL was in attendance to witness this historic moment.

The NCL and the BL have established great relationship for the past years. In November 2013, the two libraries joined and signed the Agreement to make images and data of NCL's Dunhuang Collection available on the International Dunhuang Project web database in London.

Dr. Catherine Eagleton and Ms. Sara Chiesura also visited Rare Books Room, Matteo Ricci & Pacific Studies Reading Room, as well as other service facilities. Moreover, They gave two lectures under the themes "Living Knowledge: The British Library 2015-2023" and "British Library in general and the British Library plans for the future" respectively, at the International Conference Hall, NCL.



Director General Tseng with Dr. Catherine Eagleton and Lead Curator, Ms. Sara Chiesura

Events

■ **NCL Receives a Donation of an Automatic ScanRobot from the Trend Education Foundation**

The NCL has consistently exerted efforts in promoting international Chinese Studies. Having a long cooperation record with the Trend Educational Foundation, the latter donated a ScanRobot to the NCL. The most important intention of this offer is to expand the influence of the traditional Chinese characters on the internet and gain the upper hand in the interpretation right of Chinese Studies. Moreover, the ScanRobot