

National Central Library

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Spotlights

■ Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies Established in Australia and Belgium

National Central Library (NCL) Director General Shu-hsien Tseng and Vice-Chancellor Ian Young AO of Australian National University (ANU) and Dean Marc Boone of the Faculty of Arts & Philosophy of Ghent University (UGent), signed a memorandum of cooperation on the "Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies" (TRCCS) on November 30 and December 11, 2015, respectively, followed by the inauguration opening ceremonies.

The ANU Library has over 2.5 million items, among which are over 40,000 volumes of ancient Chinese books and many precious rare ones. In 1995 ANU began a project to digitize materials on Southeast Asia, creating the Asia-Pacific Digital Collections. This provides access to a portion of rare images and texts, making them convenient for researchers to search and use.

UGent has a Department of Oriental Languages and Cultures, with research fields including Sinology, India, Japan, and Korea. It also has library for Sinology, Japanese, Indian and Korean collections. The UGent has an especially long history in Buddhist studies, with many publications published in the early 20th century. In 2007 it established the first academic Centre for Buddhist Studies in Belgium.

Setting up the TRCCS indicates further exchanges and cooperation between the NCL and ANU and UGent. It will also promote academic discussions and cooperation on Chinese and Taiwan studies.



NCL Director General Shu-hsien Tseng (2nd left) and Vice-Chancellor Ian Young AO (2nd right) of ANU sign the MOU.



NCL Director General Tseng (1st left) and Dean Marc Boone (center) of UGent sign the MOU.



The inauguration and opening ceremony of the TRCCS at the ANU.

■ NCL Donates Books to the National Library of Australia

In 2014, NCL Director General Tseng and National Library of Australia (NLA) Director Anne-Marie Schwirtlich signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Book database, enriching Sinology research resources and promoting resource sharing. On December 1st, 2015, Director General Tseng made another trip to the NLA to offer a gift from the national treasure: an ancient engraved book which has eight hundred years of history, the replica of *The Annotated Poetry of Su Dong Po*. This treasure certainly enriched their collections and proved to be a historic moment in the cooperation relation of both libraries, opening opportunities for future exchanges.

Alex Philip, NLA Director of Overseas Collections Management was responsible for the reception and guided tour. In his address, he specially thanked the NCL for signing the MOU on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Book database that promote resource sharing. He is most grateful for the precious gift of *The Annotated Poetry of Su Dong Po*, which provides Australian Chinese Studies researcher with valuable

research resources.



*Director Alex Philip (left) on behalf of the NLA receives the replica of *The Annotated Poetry of Su Dong Po*.*

■ NCL and Catholic University of Leuven Library Sign a MOU

NCL Director General Tseng met with Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven) Library Director Hilde Van Kiel to sign a MOU on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books in December, 2015. This marks the 68th participating institution in the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books Database created by the NCL.

KU Leuven's Sinology Department is Belgium's most important institution for teaching and research on Chinese studies. Its East-Asian Library currently has more than 40,000 volumes, of which Chinese publications number 26,000. The library contains the most important Chinese collection in Belgium.

In addition to signing the MOU, the NCL also donated a replica of a national treasure in Taiwan, a replica of the *Diamond Sutra* that is six hundred years old. Director Hilde Van Kiel also presented the NCL with publications of their own.



Director General Tseng (3rd right) and Director Hilde Van Kiel (2nd right) of KU Leuven Library sign the MOU.