



Director General Tseng (4th left) with the delegation led by Deputy Head Garbaatar (3rd left).

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Deputy Director Tingqi Wang of Shandong Provincial Department of Culture (SPDC), Director Shanchang Wen of Foreign Cultural Exchange Division of SPDC, Deputy Director Yanliang Wang of General Office of SPDC, Mr. Zhangzhu Wei from Shandong Provincial Taiwan Affairs Office, Shandong Library Director Qingdong Feng and Shandong Art Museum Director Yanchun Liu came to visit the NCL. The delegation, besides visiting the Rare Books Room and facilities on each floor of the library, had a seminar to exchange and discuss on the preservation of rare books, the current situation of cultural and creative products, the promotion of rare book and special collections as well as experiences on organizing Chinese studies and various seminars. Hopefully, in the future, both libraries will continue to cooperate in areas related to the rare book union catalog and other fields of interest providing people around the world and researchers a wealth of resources.



Director General Tseng (5th left) with the delegation led by Deputy Director Wang (4th left) of Shandong Provincial Department of Culture.

Chinese Studies Symposium

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The CCS, as part of its Global Chinese Studies Lecture Series, invited visiting foreign scholar Professor Ester Bianchi from the Department of Philosophy at University of Perugia in Italy to speak on the “Significance of Jielü/ Vinaya within the Buddhist Revivals in Modern China.” Vinaya is the regulations for monks in original Buddhism. It is the foundation of the Dharma. The work in circulation today, Vinaya-piṭaka, is believed to be the original vinaya created by Sakyamuni Buddha. In the late 19th century and early 20th century, a gradual increase in Buddhism in the West brought about the interaction between and reform of many Buddhist sects. This also altered the view of Chinese Buddhism towards vinaya. Professor Bianchi believes that the contemporary revival in Chinese Buddhism is the same as the first half of the 20th century- the leaders of the monasteries revived the vinaya with the aim of creating authority. In this way, the monasteries will be respected by the lay believers, who are the key role in Buddhism.



Presenter: Professor Bianchi (left).

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The CCS held 2016 First Term MOFA Taiwan Fellowship Scholars Research Presentation. Presentations in 2016 invited four visiting scholars from the Republic of Nicaragua, Japan, the United

States and Germany to share their research findings, thereby increasing discussions and exchanges, enhancing domestic and international academic standards.



Presenters: Prof. Aguirre (1st left), Prof. Nakachi (2nd left), Prof. Jenco (2nd right), Prof Klotzbuecher (1st right).

The first scholar to present was Professor Alberto Lorenzo Alemán Aguirre from American College University, Nicaragua on “Rapprochement: Taiwan’s China Policy under President Ma Ying-jeou.” Professor Aguirre used the theoretical framework of complex interdependence as defined by Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye for its research methodology to observe President Ma’s implementation and development of Republic of China, Taiwan policies correspondence and its relations with China during his two-terms presidency. He thinks that President Ma Ying-jeou’s policy towards China, the so-called “Rapprochement” should be considered and evaluated on how Cross-strait relations will develop in the future.

The second speaker was Professor Nakachi Kiyoshi from Osaka University. His talk was on “Taiwan and Okinawa: Similarities and Differences in History, Political Identity, and Foreign Relations” Professor Nakachi Kiyoshi pointed out that the people of Taiwan and Okinawa have a strong self-identity. Their people and government have always maintained a special relationship with strong nations (such as Japan and China), which is very important

for the maintenance of peace and sustainable development. Professor Nakachi Kiyoshi in his respective field of study introduced the roles of Taiwan and Okinawa in sustaining economic development and maintaining peace and stability in Asia.

The third speaker was Associate Professor Leigh Jenco for the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her topic was “Toward a Global Chinese Thought: Analyzing Uses of the Past in Modern China.” In this talk, Associate Professor Jenco particularly investigated how past multicultural thought can have a possible impact on existing knowledge and values and their connected properties. she pointed out that as a political theorist, her research focuses rather on the theoretical possibilities for relating to historical Chinese thought that are both opened and sometimes foreclosed by different modes of connecting the past to the present, advanced by both Chinese- and English-speaking thinkers in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

The last speaker was Dr. Sascha Klotzbuecher a Professor from the University of Vienna, Austria. Her talk was on “The Cultural Revolution (1966-76) as a Continuous Emotional Regime: Memories, Emotions and Their Intergenerational Transmissions in Chinese Families.” Professor Sascha Klotzbuecher was to investigate the influence of the Cultural Revolution on modern Chinese society. She also attempted to study Taiwan and Mainland China’s emotional and political comparison. Through her interviews with the former sent-down youth and their children in Wuhan, she analyzed how these memories and feelings of this identification are transferred and updated into contemporary Chinese families as a form of construction of daily family life and conversations.

The presentations attracted some 115 local and foreign visitors. The audience participation was enthusiastic asking various questions and

exchanging their views on Taiwan's international relations and policy creating varied reactions.



Group photo taken after the presentation.

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ National Chiao Tung University 120th Anniversary Artifact Exhibition

As part of National Chiao Tung University's (NCTU) 120th anniversary celebration this year, its library hosted an exhibition of rare manuscripts, documents, and pictures. The exhibition ended on April 27. In 1896, NCTU was called Nanyang College, founded by Xuan-huai Sheng. The items exhibited showcased the historical journey from Nanyang College to NCTU, and then to NCTU's reestablishment in Taiwan. It also displayed the memoirs of Mr. Sheng and other university presidents, as well as manuscripts, books, and information on the founding of the school, its construction, the laying of railroad tracks and other transportation facilities.

■ Tzu Chi University Library Has Used Book Drive

Tzu Chi University Library held a community book drive with the aim of recirculating second-hand books and magazines and of helping the environment. After receiving contributions, the library inspected the donated items. Those that were in good condition but which the library did not have a copy were added to the library holdings and made available for reading. Books that were too worn,

marked up, or otherwise unsuitable to be included in the library's holdings were made available free-of-charge to students who wanted them. The library makes available old magazines and books such as these to students each year. This year 4,084 volumes of used books were made available, of which 3,016 were claimed. That means that over 70% of the books found new owners. The students were happy to find books that they wanted.

■ New Taipei City Library Develops Reading App for Cell Phones

New Taipei City Library has introduced Smart Interactive--Library 2.0+ and has developed a mobile check out service. Library patrons just need to download the New Taipei Book app to borrow and return books, as well as use library facilities; there is no other ID needed. Furthermore, if users download the UDN Reading app, they can view the library's e-book wall, which has more than one thousand popular e-books. These can be borrowed with the simple scan of the QR code. For advice cell phone users this is a very convenient service.

■ New Taipei City Library Expands Reading Services for Immigrants

New Taipei City has the largest concentration of immigrants in Taiwan, with the population numbering 98,000. More than 35,000 children of immigrants are currently enrolled in elementary and junior high schools. In an effort to help develop their reading abilities and habits, New Taipei City Library has expanded its immigrant reading services this year by placing books and learning resources from their home countries at common gathering locations. This will aid them in learning more life information, which will be brought into their families and facilitate immigrant parents and children reading together.