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Spotlights

■ NCL and Jagiellonian University Cooperate to Set up the First TRCCS in Poland

National Central Library (NCL) Director-General, Shu-hsien Tseng and Jagiellonian University Rector, Prof. Dr. hab. Wojciech Nowak, signed a memorandum of cooperation on Taiwan Resource Centre for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) followed by the inauguration opening ceremony on May 5. This is the NCL's first TRCCS in Poland and 19th TRCCS set up overseas.

To facilitate academic exchanges in Chinese studies, for the first time, the NCL, Institute of Oriental Studies at Jagiellonian University, the Monumenta Serica Sinological Research Center at Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan, and the Monumenta Serica Institute in Sankt Augustin, Germany co-hosted a two-day conference, "Sinological Studies in Central Europe: Language and Culture – Literature and History – Religion and Philosophy". Scholars from Taiwan, Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Hungary have been invited to discuss the research and contributions of Central European sinologists and missionaries to Chinese culture, as well as current developments in



Honored guests pose for a group photo during the TRCCS opening ceremony at Jagiellonian University.

the field.

From 1999 to the present, a total of 33 Polish scholars have received research grants from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) to conduct research on Chinese or Taiwan studies in Taiwan. Of these scholars, three are professors from Jagiellonian University's Institute of Middle and Far Eastern Studies. Because of this, Jagiellonian University's interaction with Taiwan has become even closer. It is therefore the NCL chose the Jagiellonian University to establish the TRCCS this year.



Director-General Tseng delivers an opening remark at the TRCCS signing ceremony.



Director-General Tseng and Jagiellonian University Rector Nowak sign a memorandum of cooperation.

The NCL has not only donated 633 titles, 741 volumes of Chinese books published in Taiwan, but also provided access to digital resources, including Taiwan digital archives

and electronic databases, for the faculty and students at Jagiellonian University.

At the opening ceremony, Director-General Tseng particularly donated replicas of *The Annotated Poetry of Su Dongpo*, a national treasure of Taiwan (R.O.C) that is more than 800 years old, and *The Diamond Sutra*, an only existing copy of the earliest wood block print book with dual color. These gifts will certainly enrich the collections of Jagiellonian University. It is also a witness to a historic moment of bilateral cooperation, opening up opportunities for future cooperation.



The first TRCCS in Poland is unveiled at Jagiellonian University.

■ NCL and National Library of Poland Sign a Cooperation Agreement

To facilitate international cooperation with national libraries from various countries, NCL Director-General Tseng and Deputy Director-General Katarzyna Ślaska of the National Library of Poland (NLP) signed a Cooperation Agreement on May 6.

During the signing ceremony, Director-General Tseng donated replicas of *The Annotated Poetry of Su Dongpo*, a national treasure of Taiwan. She also donated a copy of *Taiwan Wenhua Rongyan* (The Face of Taiwan Culture), which explores Taiwan art, plays, music, and festivals and celebrations, as well