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*Director-General Tseng presents the UW with a book, *The Face of Taiwan Culture*.*

### ■ NCL and Royal Library of Belgium Sign a MOU on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books

On the morning of May 10, NCL Director-General Tseng and the Royal Library of Belgium (KBR) signed a MOU on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books, opening a new page of cooperation on Chinese Rare Books between the NCL and the KBR. The KBR is the national library of Belgium. Its history dates back to the 15th century era of the Dukes of Burgundy. In 1559, the main collection consisted of many artifacts from King Philip II Coudenberg Palace, hence the library is called the Royal Library.



*Director Robert Nouwen (left) with Director-General Tseng.*

The signing ceremony of the MOU between the NCL and the KBR was held at the KBR. The KBR director of special collections, Dr. Robert Nouwen, signed on behalf of KBR Director-General, Prof. Patrick Lefèvre. Besides the signing of a MOU, both sides donated books to each other. The NCL offered *The Diamond Sutra*, an ancient treasure engraved book with six hundred years of history for the KBR collection. The KBR in turn offered a 1,535 rebate publication *Het Hennessy-getijdenboek*.



*Commemorative gift exchange.*

### ■ Director-General Andris Vilks of the NLL Gives a Presentation on “The Castle of Light: Green Technologies of the New NLL Building”

The NCL invited Mr. Andris Vilks, Director-General of the National Library of Latvia (NLL) to give a talk on June 8. The topic was: “The Castle of Light: Green Technologies of the New National Library of Latvia Building”. He introduced the new characteristics of the NLL building, its energy-saving design features. This attracted many library information and construction industry related professionals.