

■ Director-General Tseng is Awarded the ETD Leadership Award

Director-General Tseng led the NCL staff in pushing forward with digital theses and dissertations, the result of which has gained the attention of the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD). Consequently, Director-General Tseng was awarded the Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) Leadership Award on June 11 at the 19th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations in France. Her acceptance speech was delivered by a pre-recorded video address.



A pre-recorded video address is given by Director-General Tseng.

The NCL is the primary repository for theses and dissertations in Taiwan. Beginning in 2010, it began advocating for the open-access, sharing, and utilization of digital theses and dissertations. At the same time, it augmented its local and international promotional services.

Over the years, the NCL has proactively created new systems and promoted ETD through a variety of events. For example, starting in 2009, the NCL brought together the top universities in Taiwan to hold an Intercollegiate Outstanding Dissertations and Theses Authorization and Presentation Meeting.

In 2015, the NCL hosted the Exhibition of Unique Theses and Dissertations and invited

142 universities throughout the island to join in forming the National Consortium of Cloud Databases for Taiwan Dissertations and Theses; in 2016 it held a news conference on the most influential academic resources in Taiwan, with a strong push toward normalizing the concept of open access; lastly the NCL joined NDLTD in 2010 and in so doing successfully internationalized its database of theses and dissertations.

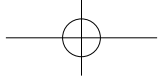
■ NCL Signs Memorandum of Understanding with UCLA on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books Database

On Aug. 17, 2016, Director-General Tseng of the NCL, signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Virginia Steel, UCLA University Librarian, for the collaboration on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books Database. The UCLA is the 71st participating organization in the union catalog project created by the NCL.

The UCLA Library has over 8 million books, of which 26,000 are Chinese books on archeology, Buddhism, local customs, and ancient and modern history housed in its East Asian Library.



Director-General Tseng (left) poses with Virginia Steel, University Librarian of the UCLA.



In this cooperative project, UCLA's East Asian Library will provide approximately 2,100 entries of ancient Chinese books printed before 1912 to be included in the union catalog. Of these, 300 are rare books and 1,800 are more common ancient works. Their medical books, records of academies, albums of metal and stone rubbings, anthologies, and Buddhist sutras are especially unique and many of which are the only copies extant. The memorandum signing ceremony was held in UCLA's main library, during which the NCL presented a replica of The Diamond Sutra, a national treasure with 600 years of history.



Director-General Tseng (right) tours Richard C. Rudolph East Asian Library, UCLA.

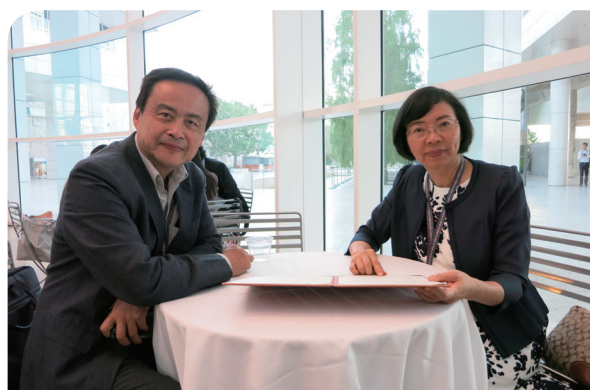
■ A Reemergence of Old Photos in Taiwan Memory: A Cooperative Endeavor between NCL and UC Berkeley

In an effort to expand Taiwan studies material, the NCL is currently working with UC Berkeley to digitize pictures of Taiwan in their collection taken by Tom Davenport in the 1960s.

The near 7,000 photographs are portraits of life in Taiwan at the time, including customs, industrial development, agriculture activities, scenery, artists and writers, street views,

landmarks, etc. Davenport also has pictures of Father Ferdinando Pecoraro's (the compiler of the first Truku—French dictionary) ministry in Hua-lien and his interaction with the aboriginals.

In addition to his photos, the library also has Davenport's notes and diary from his time in Taiwan. These materials are replete with artistic, social, historical research value. The NCL plans to send personnel to UC Berkeley's East Asian Library to work on the digitization project. It is estimated that the project will be completed by next year, at which point the files will be uploaded to the Taiwan Memory database and made available to the public.



Director-General Tseng (right) with Peter X. Zhou, Director of C.V. Starr East Asian Library at UC Berkeley.

■ A Brand of Cross-strait Cultural Exchange: The 3rd Xuanlan Forum Gets Underway

The 3rd Xuanlan Forum was co-hosted by the National Central Library and the Nanjing Library. It was held on August 26 at the Nanjing Library's conference hall. The theme of this year's forum was "Bring to Life Words Written in Ancient Classics." Over 180 representatives from organizations in China and Taiwan attended the meeting.