



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.

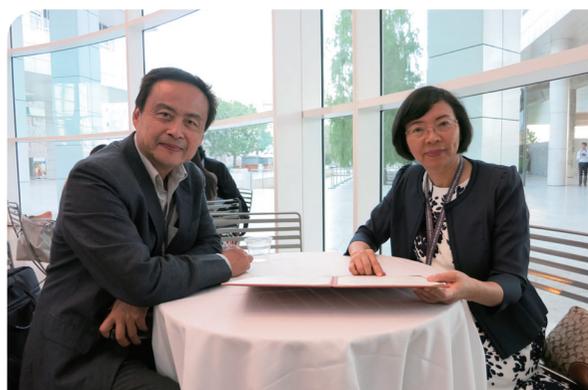
■ A Reemergence of Old Photos in Taiwan Memory: A Cooperative Endeavor between NCL and UC Berkeley

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.