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Spotlights

■ NCL Transmits Traditional Classics to Eastern Europe: An Amazing Journey to Budapest

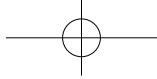
The National Central Library (NCL) and the National Szecheny Library (NSL) of Hungary co-hosted an exhibition on Chinese ancient books at the NSL entitled “The Imprint of Civilization: The Amazing Journey of Books.” The opening ceremony was held on October 15, 2016 and the exhibition ran from October 18 to December 15, during which ancient oracle bone inscriptions and rubbings of bronze and stone were on display.

In addition, there were other displays introducing seals, woodblocks, ancient manuscripts, the evolution of printing techniques, the formation of books, ancient facsimiles, rare books from the NCL’s special collection, and the evolution of bookbinding. Many rare and valuable items were showcased.

Representative Wen-lung Tao (陶文隆) from the Taipei Representative Office in Hungary and László Vizi, Head of Department of Cultural Diplomacy in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, were both in attendance and spoke at the opening ceremony. NSL Director-General László Tüske, and NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng (曾淑賢) also made remarks and



Director-General László Tüske (2nd from left) and Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng (2nd from right) cut the ribbon for the opening ceremony of the joint exhibition on “The Imprint of Civilization: The Amazing Journey of Books.”



expressed gratitude for the widespread support for both the exhibition and the lecture. They hoped that cultural exchange between the two countries can continue, and that future collaboration can become more frequent and achieve a greater depth.



The Exhibition is filled to capacity.

■ NCL Signs Cooperative Memorandum with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng met with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Library Deputy Director Dora Gaálné-Kalydy on October 13, 2016 to sign a cooperative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books. This marks the 74th partner to join this collaborative effort since the NCL created the database.

The Oriental Studies Center's Oriental Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences was established in 1951. Its Oriental Collection has an abundant array of manuscripts in Manchurian and Mongolian, as well as historical materials on Sir Marc Stein. The Mongol-Manchu Collection has 320 volumes in Mongolian manuscripts and 30 in Manchurian.

The signing of this cooperative memorandum with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Library marks the significant step of cooperation between the two libraries, which will aid in strengthening dialog in Chinese studies between



Deputy Director-General Dora Gaálné-Kalydy (right) and Director-General Tseng exchange the cooperative memorandum.

Taiwan and Hungary, as well as international exchange.

■ Cooperation MOU Signed with Jagiellonian University of Kraków of Poland

In May 2016, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng visited Kraków, Poland, to sign a cooperation MOU on the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) with the Jagiellonian University. On October 11, 2016 a delegation of four from the University, led by Prof. Elżbieta Górska, the Dean of the Faculty of Philology, paid a return visit to the NCL. The visit resulted in the MOU on the database of the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books signed by the two sides. Director-General Tseng



Prof. Górska (left) with Director-General Tseng in the signing ceremony of the MOU on the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books at the NCL.