

and Dean Górska also broadly discussed future cooperation between the two institutions.

### ■ Visits to European Universities to Discuss Cooperation Project

From October 13-17, 2016 NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng paid separate visits to universities in Hungary and Austria. Dr. Tseng first visited Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, where she met with Institute of Far Eastern Studies director Prof. Dr. Imre Hamar to exchange views on increasing the reach of Chinese Studies research.

Eötvös Loránd University's Institute of Far Eastern Studies mainly researches inner Asia, China, Japan, and Korea. It holds a collection of 38,000 volumes, providing an important resource for researching East Asian history and culture in Hungary.



*Prof. Dr. Imre Hamar (left) accepts a gift of NCL publications from Director-General Tseng.*



*Dr. Astrid Lipinsky (right) from Department of East Asian Studies, the University of Vienna, with Director-General Tseng.*

Director-General Tseng then visited Dr. Astrid Lipinsky of the Department of East Asian Studies, the University of Vienna, to discuss TRCCS-related matters.

### ■ NCL Delegation Visits Austrian National Library and Vienna Main Library

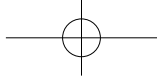
On October 16, a delegation led by NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng visited the Austrian National Library. They were received by Doris Pommerening, Director of Development and International Relations.

Director-General Tseng specially selected a work from the NCL's rare book collection, a facsimile reprint of *Tai Gu Yi Yin* (Remnant Texts on Music from the Remote Past), as a gift. *Tai Gu Yi Yin* was China's first treatise on zither making and playing techniques, and a systematic introduction to zither playing theory. As such it was a fitting gift for Austria's national library, being located in such a historic musical city.

Director-General Tseng and her delegation next paid a visit to the Vienna Main Library,



*Director Doris Pommerening (left) accepts NCL's publications from Director-General Tseng.*



where they were received by the library's Director-General Christian Jahl. Mr. Jahl then personally gave them a guided tour of the library. Ms. Tseng also presented the Vienna Main Library with a copy of the facsimile reprint of *Tai Gu Yi Yin*.



*Director-General Jahl (left) introduces the library's audio-visual collections.*

### ■ NCL's Comprehensive Cooperation with Korean NAL

The signing ceremony of a comprehensive agreement and the MOU on the Database of the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books between the NCL and the National Assembly Library of Korea (NAL) was held on Dec. 6, 2016 at the NCL. The cooperation will enable the two libraries to exchange specialist personnel, publications, experience, and skills, and to share their information on their Chinese rare collections, while enhancing their future



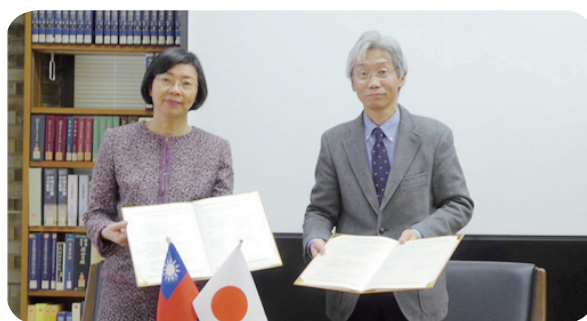
*Chief Librarian Lee (left) and Director-General Tseng at the signing ceremony.*

ability to provide specialist library information services across a variety of fields.

At the signing ceremony, Director-General Tseng expressed her admiration for the NAL's special collections, excellent services and facilities, and work in preserving cultural artifacts. NAL Chief Librarian Eun Chul Lee thanked the NCL for its warm welcome and was pleased about the sharing of bibliographic resources between Taiwan and South Korea. Generations of people in the two countries have shared experiences that will be fertile ground for many worthwhile academic collaborations and exchanges in the future.

### ■ The Establishment of TRCCS at the Kyoto University

On Dec. 20, 2016, NCL's collaboration with Kyoto University in Japan to establish a TRCCS on their campus attracted much attention from Japanese and foreign persons who attended the opening ceremony. Those in attendance included Chung-shi Kuo (郭仲熙), Deputy Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Japan, professors and library staff from the Kyoto University.



*The TRCCS signing ceremony at the Kyoto University.*

Director-General Tseng stated in her remarks that she was very pleased to have a deeper collaboration with Kyoto University and