

National Central Library

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Spotlights

■ International Cooperation between the National Library of Germany and the NCL

To further its commitment to strengthening cooperation with national libraries around the world and increasing opportunities for international exchanges, on May 15, 2017, the National Central Library (NCL) signed an agreement with German National Library, the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (DNB) Frankfurt am Main. NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng (曾淑賢) signed the agreement, which had already been signed by DNB Director-General Dr. Elisabeth Niggemann. Dr. Niggemann was unable to attend the signing ceremony due to other commitments; attending the ceremony on her behalf was Hans-Peter Krieger, the DNB's legal advisor.

In recent years, the NCL has endeavored to expand cooperation and exchanges with overseas institutions. Having previously signed cooperation agreements with the national libraries of Russia, Latvia, Malaysia, Hungary, and Poland, this year the NCL was finally in a position to sign an agreement with the DNB. This significant moment marked the beginning of exchanges of staff, knowledge, experience, and digitization expertise between the two libraries. At the ceremony, Director-General Tseng presented the DNB with a facsimile of an 800-year-old woodblock edition of the Diamond Sutra to



The DNB's legal advisor Hans-Peter Krieger (left) and NCL Director-General Tseng hold the cooperation agreement signed by the two libraries.

add to its valuable collection.

After the ceremony had concluded, Director-General Tseng took the opportunity to visit the library. She took a keen interest in DNB's policies towards digitization and the preservation and storage of its special collection. In particular, Director-General Tseng was deeply impressed by The German Exile Archive and the preservation of immigrant records held in the library's special collection. The DNB also arranged for Ms. Tseng to meet with Sabine Schrimpf, an expert from its Information Science Department. They shared their valuable knowledge and experience of working with IBM on digital preservation projects and remote backup mechanisms.



Dr. Jörn Hasenclever (right) of the German Exile Archive shows NCL Director-General Tseng a handwritten letter from Albert Einstein to his nephew.

■ The NCL and the Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Partner to Establish Hungary's First TRCCS

On May 17, Director-General Tseng of the NCL and Director-General István Monok of the Library and Information Center of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, signed an agreement to establish a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS). A ceremony was held to unveil the sign for the TRCCS, which is the first to be established in Hungary, and the 23th worldwide.



Director-General Tseng (left) presents Director-General István Monok with a facsimile reproduction of the Diamond Sutra at the TRCCS signing ceremony.

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences is Hungary's most important research institution. The Oriental Library, now known as the Oriental Collection, was once subordinate to the Oriental Research Center. It houses a collection of Tibetan, Turkic and Hebrew manuscripts of world importance that are an important oriental studies and sinology research resource.

In 2016, the NCL and Hungarian Academy of Sciences previously signed a MOU relating to the Union Catalogue of Chinese Rare Books database. Besides donating a collection of Chinese studies and Taiwan studies related books to the library, the new cooperation also provides access to digital resources such as NCL's digital archives and electronic databases.



(Left to Right): Dr. Ágnes Kelecsényi, Director of the Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences' Oriental Collection, Director-General Tseng, Director-General István Monok and Representative Wen-lung Tao (陶文隆) of the Taipei Representative Office in Hungary.