

■ The NCL Establishes a New TRCCS in Slovenia and Commences Collaboration on Ancient Books

On May 24, the NCL signed two cooperation agreements with the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. The first agreement established a TRCCS, while the second invited the university to join the Union Catalogue of Chinese Rare Books database.

In the signing ceremony, NCL Director-General Tseng remarked that this was the first TRCCS to be established in Slovenia, and the 24th worldwide. She added that, besides the initial donation of books in the first year, the NCL would continue to add new books to the collection every year and provide access to Taiwan's digital databases. In future, the NCL will also partner with the university to host Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies to encourage academic exchanges.

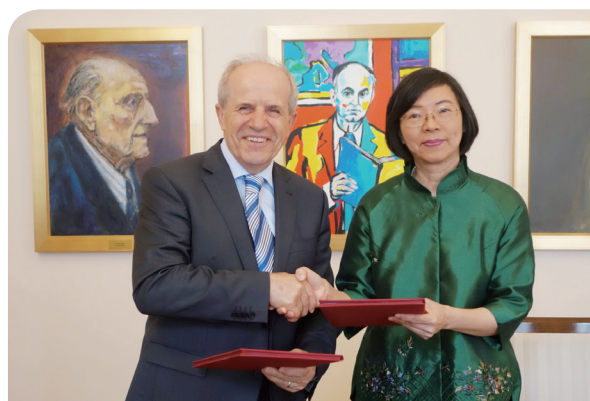
Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences of the Ljubljana University, Prof. Rado Bohinc, and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Branka Kalenić Ramšak, both thanked the NCL for establishing the resource center at the university. They expressed the hope that this would be the start of a fruitful partnership with the NCL. The University of Ljubljana is particularly active in the field of Chinese Studies research. In recent years, the Department of Asian Studies worked with Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to establish the Taiwan Study Center. This greatly extends the reach of Taiwanese culture in Slovenia.



The University of Ljubljana unveils the sign for its Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies.

The second agreement signed relates to the NCL's Union Catalogue of Chinese Rare Books database. The Rector of the University, Prof. Ivan Svetlik, signed the agreement with NCL Director-General Tseng on behalf of his university, making the university the 74th institution worldwide to join the database. Prof. Svetlik said it would be an honor to be able to share bibliographical data on the university's Chinese rare book holdings with readers around the world. He also very much looked forward to developing an even closer cooperative relationship with the NCL.

Prof. Svetlik mentioned that the university had previously received an important batch of ancient Chinese books from the University of Vienna that urgently await proper identification and organization. He hoped that by working with the NCL, the university would be able to develop a more systematic way to organize and display its collection of ancient Chinese books.



Rector Svetlik (left) and Director-General Tseng complete the signing of an agreement to commence the university's participation in the Union Catalogue of Chinese Rare Books database.

■ The NCL Signs an Agreement with Slovenia's National and University Library

On May 24, Director-General Tseng of the National Central Library (NCL) and Director-General Martina Rozman Salobir of Slovenia's