



Director-General Tseng (center) with Panamanian Ambassador Alfredo Martiz (2nd left) and Mrs. Martiz (1st left).

■ Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies Hosted at the University of Jagiellonian

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) of the NCL in cooperation with the University of Jagiellonian, Poland, organized the “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” on May 18. Prof. Lawrence C. H. Yim (嚴志雄) from the Chinese University of Hong Kong was invited and spoke on “Wu Weiye’s (吳偉業, 1609-1672) ‘Song of the Lute’: A Mourning Song for the Fallen Country.” This talk was included in the seminar of “Jagiellonian Window to China” organized by the university.



Prof. Yim speaks on “Wu Weiye’s (1609-1672) ‘Song of the Lute’: A Mourning Song for the Fallen Country” at the Taiwan Lecture for Chinese Studies.

Prof. Yim argued that the first and the last sections of Wu’s poem consist of a nuanced dialogue

in which the doomed fate of the late Ming is played out in terms of the differences between the Southern and Northern cultures. He continued that here in the poem, Wu muses on the music, culture, and living style of late-Ming Jiangnan, which are regrettably seen as elements contributing to the demise of the Ming house. To conclude, Prof. Yim pointed out “Song of the Lute” tenderly expresses a sense of self-criticism, and can be considered as a confession of guilt.

In celebration of TRCCS’s first anniversary set up at the Jagiellonian University in May last year, Director-General Tseng was invited to speak at the conference as the keynote speaker. Director-General Tseng spoke on “Digital Curation for Cultural and Intellectual Assets—Recent Efforts of the National Central Library.” Participants were impressed by NCL’s efforts in digitizing its collections and willingness to share Taiwan’s digitization materials.



Director-General Tseng speaks at the seminar of “Jagiellonian Window to China.”

■ The NCL Holds the Foundation Training Course in Pingtung County

To assist Pingtung (屏東) County in improving its library services and enhancing the professional skills of its library staff, the National Central Library (NCL) recently held the Pingtung County Foundation Training Course in Public Library Management. Seven experts and scholars were