

Hrdousek of the Czech Economic and Cultural Office, and Deputy Representative Patrik Kravec of Slovak Economic and Cultural Office Taipei, came to the NCL to talk to Director-General Tseng about the joint exhibition and lecture project in 2018.

On February 8, Executive Council Member Ms. Jeong Weng Chi and other 5 members of delegation from Macau Library & Information Management Association visited Director-General Tseng and exchanged views on the developments of librarianship, followed by touring NCL's service facilities.

On March 12, Mr. Martin Torres, Head of Mexican Trade Services, Documentation and Cultural Office, paid an official visit to Director-General Tseng. They discussed co-hosting Mexican artist exhibition as well as other matters concerning cooperation.



Director-General Tseng presents NCL's souvenir and publications to Mr. Martin Torres.

On March 21, Teachers and Students from the Department of Library and Information Science, Khon Kaen University, Thailand, together with research students from Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies, National Taiwan Normal University, 32 people in total, came to visit the NCL and exchange opinions. NCL's staff presented the library's current status, and played introduction

video. They also visited Digitization Center, Rare Books Room, as well as other service facilities of the NCL.



Group photo at the Rare Books Room of the NCL.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ The CCS Holds Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) promotes academic exchanges in order to increase interaction between the local and overseas Chinese Studies communities. To this end, the CCS established the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, which every year assists 15-20 overseas scholars in coming to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of between 3 and 6 months. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the fruits of the research, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the world to visit and deliver lectures. Between January and March, 2018, three scholars gave presentations.

An Academic Seminar for Global Chinese Studies was held on January 5, 2018, to which Clark L. Alejandrino, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History at Georgetown University and a 2015 grant recipient, was invited. The title

of Mr. Alejandrino's presentation was "The Wind God of Leizhou: Typhoons and Ritual." Professor Lo Shih-chieh of National Taiwan University's Department of History kindly accepted an invitation to moderate.



Presenter Mr. Clark L. Alejandrino (left) and Moderator Prof. Lo Shih-chieh.

Two further Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies were held on January 18, 2018. Invited to present were Dr. Qing Cao, an associate professor at Durham University's School of Modern Languages and Cultures and a 2017 grant recipient; and Dr. Jonathan Chappell, a post-doctoral researcher at the London School of Economics and Political Science and a 2014 grant recipient. The two scholars shared the research they conducted in Taiwan.

First to deliver his presentation was Prof. Qing Cao, who spoke on the "Late Qing Press Debate and Its Impact on Modern China." Professor Feng Chien-san of National Chengchi University's Department of Journalism moderated the talk. Dr. Jonathan Chappell followed this with his presentation entitled "The Law of Power: International Legal Talk in Treaty Port China, 1842-1895." The moderator was Professor Lin Wen-kai, an associate research fellow of the Institute of Taiwan History at the Academia Sinica.



Director-General Tseng (left) gives opening remarks for the seminar. Presenter Prof. Qing Cao (center) and Moderator Prof. Feng Chien-san.



Presenter Dr. Jonathan Chappell (left) and Moderator Prof. Lin Wen-kai.

■ 2018 Taiwan Fellowship Scholars Research Presentation

Four Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Taiwan Fellowship visiting scholars were invited to present their research at the NCL on March 21, 2018. This is the first session in four in 2018, hosted by Mr. Kuo-ting Tan, Deputy Director General of the Dept. of Policy Planning, MOFA. The first to presenter was Professor Jessica Claribel Ramirez Vidal of the Ibero-American University, Dominican Republic. In her presentation, entitled "The Role of Technology in the Social and Economic Development of Taiwan and Its Impact on the Global Market," Prof. Ramirez Vidal gave an account of the economic role played by Taiwan's high technology industries, and the link between technological development and higher education in Taiwan.

The second presenter was Dr. Abubakar Eby Hara, an associate professor at the University of Jember, Indonesia. The theme of his presentation was “The Development of Taiwan’s Soft Power and Its Impact on Taiwan-Indonesia Relations.” Dr. Hara set forth how Taiwan could raise its profile in Indonesia, and promote opportunities for the two countries to work together.

Mr. Tobias Burgers, a Ph.D. candidate at the Free University of Berlin, was the next to speak. His presentation topic was “The Rise and Increasing Use of Cyber and Robotic Technology in East-Asian Security Affairs, and Its Implications for Regional Security.” Mr. Burgers expressed the view that the rapid rise of such new systems was a potential threat to regional stability, which if not handled properly could negatively impact East Asian regional security.

The final presentation was given by Dr. Sumit Kumar, a research fellow of the Chennai Centre for China Studies, India. His presentation topic is “Taiwan-India Relations: An Overview,” remarking that in recent years, China’s tough foreign policy had influenced diplomatic relations between all Asian countries, particularly India.



Delegates pose for a photograph with presentation attendees (right from the front row: Prof. Ramirez Vidal, Dr. Hara, Mr. Tan, Mr. Burgers, and Dr. Kumar).

Library and Information Science Seminars in Taiwan

■ **Focused Learning vs. Co-Created Value: Conference on Attacking Strategies of University Libraries**

Organizer: Taiwan E-Books Supply Cooperative Limited

Date: December 15, 2017

Venue: Feng Chia University Library

■ **Speech 5 of Education for Librarians’ Professional Knowledge and Skills: A Writer Lee Hsin-Pin’s Talk on “Copywriting and Innovation”**

Organizer: National Central Library

Date: December 25, 2017

Venue: International Conference Hall, NCL

■ **Workshop on Librarians’ Professional Knowledge and Skills for the Services for People with Disabilities (North District)**

Organizer: National Taiwan Library

Date: March 8~9, 2018

Venue: National Taiwan Library

■ **Taiwan Pure Day-Trends and Tools for Research Management**

Organizer: Taipei Medical University Library, Elsevier

Date: March 16, 2018

Venue: Taipei Medical University

■ **2018 CONCERT Training Courses and Forum**

Organizer: CONCERT

Date: March 20, 2018

Venue: Michelangelo Hall, GIS NTU Convention Center

Date: March 21, 2018

Venue: National Cheng Kung University