

*anthology of Mr. Dongpo's Poetry*, the only extant Song version of *Commentaries of the Five Masters on Wenxuan*; and a very rare hand-written copy by a Song official of *The Veritable Records of the Song Emperor Taizong*.

In addition, the NCL and the Pan Pacific Ocean Group jointly hosted the international conference on a "New Heritage in the Cloud age: Adding Value to and Interpreting Ancient Books" on April 19, 2018. Themes for discussion at the conference addressed four main topics as follows: Preservation and Culture Transmission of Ancient Books; Reprinting Ancient Books and Recreating Classics; Knowledge Construction of Ancient Books; Resources and Integrated Services for Ancient Books. It invited internationally renowned scholars and experts related to ancient books to participate, with 10 papers to be presented, while reproduced the value of ancient books, and enrich the 85th anniversary of the NCL.



*NCL Director-General Tseng (3rd right in the front row) with the presenters.*

### ■ The NCL attended EARL's Opening Ceremony

On May 10, 2018, the National Central Library (NCL) Director-General Tseng Shu-hsien traveled to the University of Ljubljana (UL), Slovenia, being invited by its East Asian Resource Library (EARL) to attend the opening ceremony. The President of UL Ivan Svetlik and the deans of many colleges

spoke at the ceremony. Ambassadors from many countries were also in attendance, including the Education Section Head Lu Yun-bin from the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Austria.



*The first TRCCS in Slovenia established by NCL.*

The EARL is comprised of the Chinese Book Resource Center (Capital Library of China), the Japanese Book Resource Center (Japan Foundation), the Korean Book Resource Center (Korea Foundation), and the Taiwan Center for Chinese Studies (NCL). Each center provides books and digital resources published in its respective country, which support research and teaching needs by faculty and students at the university. The NCL signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with the UL on May 24, 2017. The first MoU established a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS), while the second invited the university to join the Combined Catalogue of Rare Books database.

## Event

### ■ Israel Economic and Cultural Office Donates Books to the NCL

The National Central Library (NCL) held a book donation ceremony on June 26, 2018 with the Israel Economic and Cultural Office. Representative Asher Yarden from the Taipei office made the donation.



*Representative of Israel Yarden (3rd left) donates books to NCL Director-General Tseng (center).*

The donation was comprised of over seventy volumes, including books in Hebrew, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. Content covers Israeli literature, art, illustrations, society, humanities and more. Representative Yarden stated in his remarks that books are a medium of communication that can transcend space and time, allowing people in different areas to understand each other's culture. He hoped through this donation to establish a communication channel between Taiwan and Israel.

Director-General Tseng also expressed her desire that this donation would be the beginning of a collaborative relationship with Israel. In addition to expanding the Library's holdings and benefiting patrons, she hoped that libraries in both countries could engage in more exchange and collaboration.

### ■ **The Exhibition on the 100th Anniversary of Czechoslovakia held at the NCL**

The National Central Library (NCL) partnered with the Czech Economic and Cultural Office Taipei and the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office Taipei to jointly hold a Special Exhibition on the 100th Anniversary of Czechoslovakia, displayed in the lobby outside the briefing room at the NCL in Taipei from June 1-24, 2018. The opening ceremony

for the exhibition took place on June 1, and was co-hosted by NCL Director-General Tseng Shu-hsin together with Representative of Czech Republic Vaclav Jilek and Representative of Slovak Republic Martin Podstavek.



*Distinguished guests toast the opening of the exhibition.*

2018 marks the centenary of Czechoslovakia's foundation at the end of the First World War. Through valuable pictures and documents, the exhibition charts the development of the Czech and Slovak people's plans for founding a new country together. It describes Czechoslovakia's society, diplomatic relations, and contribution to the global marketplace since the nation's foundation.

Although Czechoslovakia split into the Czech and Slovak Republics in 1993, the two countries' Economic and Cultural Offices worked together on planning and preparing this exhibition, which enabled the people of Taiwan to gain a deep understanding the century of Czechoslovakia's history. After the opening ceremony, Dr. Ondřej Klimeš from Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences spoke on "Remembering the Milestones of Czechoslovakian History," explained the content of the exhibition and the development of the two countries, and made a perfect ending for this ceremony.