

10. “Old and Rare Books Digitization Project and Korean Old and Rare Collection Information System (KORCIS).” Lee Hyoung-ho, Director-General of Digital Library Department, National Library of Korea.

NCL International Exchange Events

■ A Delegation of Mainland China Ancient Books Experts Visit the NCL



The NCL deputy Director-General Wu Ying-me and honored guests photographed next to a national treasure, a Song dynasty edition of the Diamond Sutra.

On April 19, 2018, a delegation of 40 ancient books experts from mainland China in Taiwan attending the Sixth Conference on Preserving and Passing Down Ancient Books held in Taiwan visited the National Central Library (NCL). They were received and welcomed by the NCL's deputy Director-General Wu Ying-mei. As their visit coincided with the 85th anniversary of the library's foundation, the guests had a chance to look around Magnificent National Treasures: A Special Exhibition Celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the National Central Library's Foundation, where they saw the earliest extant Song dynasty two-color printed edition of the *Diamond Sutra*. They also took the opportunity to visit another special exhibition, Golden Cabinet 85: A Grand Garden of Editions.

■ Representative Gary Cowan of the Australian Office in Taipei Calls on Director-General Tseng

Mr. Gary Cowan, representative of the Australian Office in Taipei, has paid an official call on National Central Library Director-General Tseng Shu-hsin with his colleagues, Deputy Director Marcus Wu of Economic and Policy Section and Manager Lauren Hu of Media and Culture Unit on June 1, 2018. They discussed ideas for the library's future development and cooperation between the two institutions. After the meeting, they visited the library's special exhibition, Golden Cabinet 85: A Grand Garden of Editions.



Director-General Tseng (right) presents some NCL cultural products and publications to Representative Gary Cowan of the Australian Office in Taipei.

■ President of the Munparlas Library Association of Philippines Leads a Delegation on a Benchmark Study Trip to the NCL

A 38-person delegation from the Munparlas Library Association of the Philippines led by its president, Ms. Marivic Selencio, visited Taiwan on a benchmark study trip. On June 1, 2018, the delegation visited the NCL as the first stop on their itinerary. The NCL's staff gave them an introduction to the library's international partnerships, electronic resources, and reader services. The members of the delegation then discussed topics such as international publication exchange, the use of

electronic resources, and the preservation of ancient books. After the meeting, the group toured the library's Digital Center, Rare Books Room and other reader services facilities.



Director-General Tseng (right) presents Munparlas Library Association president Ms. Marivic Selencio with some NCL cultural products and publications.

■ The Philippine Non-Profit Group Volunteers of Storytelling Visit the NCL

On June 1, 2018, a 6-person delegation from the Philippine non-profit group of storytelling, Basadours, led by its president, Mr. Melvin Legaspi, visited the National Central Library (NCL). The group toured the Rare Books Room and other reader services facilities of NCL.



Group photo at the Rare Books Room of the NCL.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ The Center for Chinese Studies Hosts Several Global Chinese Studies Lectures

NCL's Center for Chinese Studies held two Global Chinese Studies Lectures on April 17. Invited to present their research findings at the

first session were Professor David M. Robinson, Fulbright Scholar, and 2018 CCS Visiting Scholar Professor Nurlan Kenzheakhmet. Both shared the fruits of their research whilst in Taiwan. Associate Research Fellow from Academia Sinica's Institute of History and Philology Chen Hsi-yuan served as moderator.

The first presentation was by Professor Robinson of History at Colgate University on "Was Tengri Qaghan Also in the Ming Court? A Look at the Image of an Emperor in Inner Asia during Early and Middle Ming." The second presentation was by Professor Kenzheakhmet from Social Science College at Nazarbayev University in Kazakhstan, who spoke on "The Ming Court's Relationship with Eurasian Countries during the 15th and 16th Centuries."



Presenter Prof. David M. Robinson (left) and Moderator Prof. Chen Hsi-yuan.



Prof. Kenzheakhmet gives a lecture at NCL.

On April 24, 2018, another Global Chinese Studies Lecture was held. Invited to speak was Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese