

Mongolian works in NCL's collection. Director-General Tseng and Representative Khaliun Panidjunai both anticipate opportunities in the future for the two institutions to collaborate. In addition, both hope to set up Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies in universities in Mongolia, which will help expand the reach of these resource centers.



Mr. Khaliun Panidjunai from the Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Representative Office (left) visits Director-General Tseng.

On December 18, 2018, Slovak Economic and Cultural Office Taipei Representative Martin Podstavek visited Director-General Tseng to discuss various items of possible collaboration, including the exhibition of original illustrations of different eras from the



Slovak Economic and Cultural Office Taipei Representative Martin Podstavek (left) meets with Director-General Tseng.

Slovak National Gallery, the publishing of and an illustration exhibition on new books by Slovakian children's authors, and an exhibition of traditional clothing and artifacts from Slovakia.

On December 27, 2018, Deputy Dean Guang-hui Yang from Chinese Ancient Books Protection Research School of Fudan University led the 15-member graduate students to visit the NCL and exchange the ideas on preserving and respiring the rare books with Special Collections Division of NCL.



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Chinese Studies Symposium

■ The CCS Holds Symposium on “Prehistory and Early History of East Asia”

The National Central Library (NCL)'s Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) held the symposium on “Colorful Past: Prehistory and Early History of East Asia” on October 2, 2018. Dr. Marina Kuznetsova-Fetisova, PhD Candidate of the Institute of Oriental Studies at Russian Academy of Sciences, Ms. Krisztina K. Hoppál, Assistant Research Fellow of Hungarian Academy of Sciences Silk Road Research Group, and Ms. Jen-chun Wang from Museum of the Institute of History and Philology of

Academia Sinica, were invited to present the papers at this symposium. The moderator of this symposium was Professor Ming-chorng Hwang, Research Fellow from Academia Sinica's Institute of History and Philology.

The first presentation was by CCS Visiting Scholar, Ms. Kuznetsova-Fetisova, who spoke on "Skeuomorphs in Art of Late Shang Capital (XIV-XI cc BC)." The second presentation was by Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Taiwan Fellowship Visiting Scholar, Ms. Hoppál, who spoke on "Attracted to Luxury-Chinese Silk Finds in the Roman Empire." And the last presentation was by Ms. Wang from Academia Sinica, who spoke on "Colorful Past: Academic Significance Exhibited at Museum of the Institute of History and Philology."



From left: Prof. Ming-chorng Hwang, Ms. Marina Kuznetsova-Fetisova, Dr. Krisztina K. Hoppál, and Ms. Jen-chun Wang

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

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) of National Central Library (NCL) held eight Academic Seminar for Global Chinese Studies Lectures and invited grant recipients to give presentations between November and December of 2018. Topics and speakers for each session are as follow:



Dr. J. Michael Farmer

November 20 "Story and Historiography from *Huayang guo zhi*." Dr. J. Michael Farmer, Associate Professor in the College of Arts and Humanities at University of Texas at Dallas.



Dr. Sergei Filonov

November 20 "Preliminary Study on the Materials of the Tai-shang jiu zhen ming ke." Dr. Sergei Filonov, Professor in the Department of Chinese Studies at Amur State University, Russia.

December 13 "Re-constructing Taiwan's Identity, One Building at a Time: Japan's Colonial Architecture in Contemporary Taiwan." Dr. Frederik H. Green, Associate Professor of Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at San Francisco State University.



Dr. Frederik H. Green

December 13 "Divining Towards Purity Through the Sūtra on the Divination of the Effect of Good and Evil Actions — The Biography of a Ritual." Dr. Esther-Maria Guggenmos, Visiting Fellow of the Käthe Hamburger Kolleg at the University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany.



Dr. Esther-Maria Guggenmos



Dr. Choon-sung Yim

December 14 "The Cultural Identities of Taipei through the Films of Edward Yang." Dr. Choon-sung Yim, Professor of the Department of Chinese Language and Culture at Mokpo National University, Korea.



Dr. Dinh Thi Hong Thu

December 14 “In Favor of Vietnamese Students Learning Chinese Words in the Native Language Factor.” Dr. Dinh Thi Hong Thu, Post-doctoral Research of Department Chinese Language and Culture at Vietnam National University.

December 20 “Matter and Material in Seventeenth-Century Nanjing Painting, with Reference to Hu Yukun’s Use of the Album Format.” Mr. Greg Seiffert, Ph. D. Candidate of Department of Art and Archaeology at Princeton University.



Mr. Greg Seiffert



Dr. Iveta Nakládálová

December 20 “Omnes Dii Gentium Daemonia. Antonio de Santa María Caballero, OFM, the Chinese Rites Controversy, and the Experience of The Other.” Dr. Iveta Nakládálová, Post-doctoral Research of Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.

26 countries were in attendance, accompanied by NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng and senior library staff.

The guests were entertained with a varied program of activities and performances on the theme of this year’s reception, “Taiwan Together,” including music, traditional customs, international dance, and cosplay. The reception was also honored by the presence of President Ing-wen Tsai, as well as senior politicians, economists, and heads of diplomatic missions in Taiwan. The scholars took the opportunity to mix and converse with the guests at this grand occasion, a day of friendship to remember in the years to come.



Visiting scholars participate 2018 R.O.C. National Day Reception at the Taipei Guest House.

CCS News and Activities

■ **CCS’s Visiting Scholars Attend the 2018 R.O.C. National Day Reception**

The 2018 R.O.C. National Day Reception was held at the Taipei Guest House on October 10, as is customary. The National Central Library (NCL) made special arrangements to have CCS’s recipients of the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ recipients of the Taiwan Fellowship and their spouses to attend. A total of 46 scholars and their spouses from

■ **2018 Farewell Party for Taiwan Fellowship Scholars**

The National Central Library (NCL) has been tasked by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to carry out the Taiwan Fellowship project. On December 17, 2018, MOFA held a farewell party for foreign scholars currently in Taiwan on the research fellowship. Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs Li-jie Tsao spoke at the event. The NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, and fellowship recipients in Taiwan and their family members, ambassadors and representatives to Taiwan from the host