

In the signing ceremony, the NCL Director-General Shu-shien Tseng stated in her remarks that establishing a TRCCS is a win-win situation for both the Chulalongkorn University and NCL. The NCL has donated 658 titles 737 volumes of books related to Taiwanese Studies and Chinese Studies as well as electronic databases to Chulalongkorn University TRCCS, and will continue to do so each year. This TRCCS will not only provide important academic resources for the researchers here, but also will aid in improving the exchange and collaboration among Thailand, and various institutions in Taiwan.

Dr. Chen-yuan Tong, Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand, and Prof. Pomthong Malakul Na Ayudhaya, vice-president for academic affairs at Chulalongkorn University also attended and gave speeches at the opening ceremony, in which they both wished the new center well for the future. It is only by forming collaborative partnerships that libraries will be able to face the uncertainties and new challenges of the twenty-first century.

In order to accompany the opening ceremony of TRCCS, NCL and Chulalongkorn University co-hosted the Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies entitled “Thai Studies and Thai Images in Taiwan,” given by Prof. Pei-hsiu Chen of National Chi Nan University’s Department of Southeast Asian Studies. In addition, the exhibition on “The Beauty and Grace of Thailand: An Exhibition of Thailand in Taiwan Memory” was also held at Chulalongkorn’s Office of Academic Resources.

The exhibition’s eight themes highlighted the vibrant two-way relationship between



Prof. Pei-hsiu Chen gives a lecture at Chulalongkorn University

Thailand and Taiwan. The themes were: Statistical Data, Ancient Books, Japanese Surveys and Reports, Memories of Famous Taiwanese, Public Library Services, Earthly Pleasures, Film, and Photographs and Stamps. These were accompanied by 107 books spanning 400 years and illustrating the beauty and elegance of Thailand in the memories of the Taiwanese people. The exhibition took place from October 30 to November 30, 2018. At the end of the exhibition’s run, all the books on display at the exhibition were donated to Chulalongkorn University’s collection.



NCL's Editor Ching-ju Cheng (1st right) gives a guided tour to the guests.

■ **A New Page in Collaboration between Taiwan and Italy: NCL Sets up TRCCS at Ca' Foscari University of Venice and Sapienza University of Rome**

In order to deepen and strengthen the

relationship between Taiwan and Italy, on November 16, 2018, National Central Library (NCL) Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, and Professor Tiziana Lippiello, Vice Rector of Ca'Foscari University of Venice, signed an agreement for TRCCS. This is the first TRCCS in Italy and Southern Europe, and the 29th center to be established. Soon afterwards, on November 20, 2018, NCL Director-General Tseng, and Prorector Renato Masiani of Sapienza University of Rome, signed an agreement for the 30th TRCCS. It was an important milestone in collaboration between Taiwan and Italy.

Ca'Foscari University of Venice was established in 1868. It continues to be one of the most important academic institutions in Italy. Ca' Foscari University of Venice has close to thirty researchers working on Chinese studies and Taiwan studies, as well as about one thousand students in related disciplines. During the ceremony officially opening the Center, Vice Rector Professor Tiziana Lippiello and President of the Library System Professor Dorit Raines both expressed their gratitude for the abundant physical and digital resources. Ambassador Andrea S. Y. Lee from the Taipei Representative Office in Italy also spoke, emphasizing the deep significance of this Center during the 150th anniversary of the university.

Sapienza University of Rome was established in 1303, and is one of the oldest and largest universities in Europe, as well as ranked first in Italy. Among all universities in Italy, the libraries of Sapienza University of Rome have the richest and oldest collections. In establishing a TRCCS at Sapienza University of Rome, the Deputy



NCL Director-General Tseng (4th left) photographs with Vice Rector Tiziana Lippiello (5th left) and distinguished guests after the ceremony at Ca'Foscari University of Venice .

Representative Alejandro R. K. Huang from the Taipei Representative Office in Italy attended the ceremony and gave remarks. Both he and Prorector Renato Masiani mentioned the TRCCS will ensure that scholarly exchange between the countries will become even more active.



NCL Director-General Tseng signed an agreement for TRCCS with Prorector Renato Masiani of Sapienza University of Rome.

The NCL has donated the books related to Chinese Studies and Taiwanese Studies to the TRCCSs of both Universities, and will continue to do so each year. Databases are also subscribed to meet the needs of researchers here. It's believed the resources provided in this collaborative effort will greatly benefit the faculty and students in their teaching and research.