

## ■ NCL Works with the University of Edinburgh to Establish Scotland's First Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies

On November 22, 2018, National Central Library (NCL) Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, and Director of Library and University Collections of the University of Edinburgh, Mr. Jeremy Upton, signed an agreement for Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) and held a ceremony marking the occasion. This is the first TRCCS in Scotland and the 31st center to be established.

The University of Edinburgh was established in 1583, and is one of the most important academic institutions in the UK. The Library has collections of more than 3.5 million books and 40,000 valuable rare books and archives, including a Chinese book printed in woodblock in 1440 - *Zhou yi zhuan yi da quan*. The amount of collections is next to University of Oxford and University of Cambridge, and ranked 3rd in the UK.

During the establishment of a TRCCS at the University of Edinburgh, Director General Jason C. C. Lien from the Taipei Representative Office in the U.K., Edinburgh Office, personally attended and shared remarks. He gave his blessing on the endeavor and testified of the various exchanges that have occurred between Taiwan and the University of Edinburgh. Director of Library and University Collections Mr. Jeremy Upton stated his pleasure that they could join the ranks of universities with a TRCCS and emphasized that doing so will enable them to effectively expand their East Asian holdings. The Assistant Principal of the University, Professor Natascha Gentz, was also

in attendance. In her remarks, she welcomed the establishment of the TRCCS. The collaborative feeling in the air was palpable. It is hoped that in the future both libraries can have even more opportunities for exchange.



*The first TRCCS in Scotland established at University of Edinburgh (from left: Assistant Principal Natascha Gentz, NCL Director-General Tseng, Director Jeremy Upton, and Director General Jason C. C. Lien of Taipei Representative Office in the U.K.)*

## ■ The Foundation-Laying Ceremony of Southern Branch of the NCL Held in Tainan

The foundation-laying ceremony of the project to construct a Southern Branch of the National Central Library (NCL) and National Repository Library was held in Tainan on November 13, 2018. Central and local government officials, legislators, and dignitaries from a variety of industries were in attendance. Administrative Deputy Minister of Education Teng-chiao Lin stated in his remarks that this foundation ceremony marks the official beginning of the construction phase of the Southern Branch Library. He is also excited for the Southern Branch to infuse southern Taiwan with a new burst of energy for knowledge and research.

NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated that the determination and resolution which the Ministry of Education and NCL have