

## ■ NCL Exhibits Books from Taiwan at the 2019 Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference



*Deputy Director-General Ying-mei Wu (middle), Representative Jerry S. Chang (left), and Dr. McDonald at the book exhibition.*

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) held its annual conference from March 21-24, 2019 in Denver, Colorado. The National Central Library (NCL) and its Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) attended the conference and showcased publications on Taiwan and Chinese studies in the book exhibition. Apart from showcasing the books for attendees, after the conference was over the books were donated to the University of Colorado Boulder's (UC Boulder) library. The book donation ceremony was held on the afternoon of March 22.

In an effort to promote research achievements of Taiwan scholars and recent publications, NCL planned a special book exhibition. Invited to cosponsor the booth as the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. On display were 342 titles (351 volumes) of publications from Taiwan in the last three years on Chinese studies and Taiwan studies. NCL's Deputy Director-general Ying-mei Wu and the Center for Chinese Studies' Liaison Division Head Wen-de Huang were in attendance. The book exhibition not only allowed the international Chinese studies community to better understand

related research and publications from Taiwan, but also strengthened ties and collaboration, while also providing overseas scholars with more ways in which to purchase books.

## ■ NCL Receives Book Donation from the Hong Kong Pavilion at TiBE 2019

The "Soaring Creativity – The Hong Kong Pavilion" at the 27th Taipei International Book Exhibition held an opening ceremony and book donation ceremony on February 12, 2019. Chairman of the Hong Kong Pavilion Event Planning Committee Su-zhen Zhu presented the donation to National Central Library (NCL) Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng. Director-General Tseng presented a certificate of appreciation to thank them for the donation to NCL and for promoting the exchange of book culture between Taiwan and Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Pavilion showcased 71 publishers and 13 printers from Hong Kong, and a total of over 1,100 books. After the exhibition was over, several hundred of these were handpicked to be part of the donation, with content ranging from finance, history, culture, literature, biographies, art, to education. These represent the newest innovation and creativity of the Hong Kong publishing industry and are quite valuable in understanding Hong Kong's cultural publishing industry.



*Director-General Tseng (center) presents the certificate of appreciation to Chairman Su-zhen Zhu (right).*

The book donation ceremony was conducted by Deputy Director-General Ying-mei Wu and Representative Jerry S. Chang from the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Denver. They donated the exhibited books of NCL, and the publications of National Taiwan University Press, who also participated in the book exhibition. Dr. Robert McDonald, head librarian at UC Boulder, received the donations. CU Boulder boasts several Nobel Laureates and has seen rapid growth in Asian studies in recent years. Of the books donated by NCL, will not only aid with teaching and research but also help scholars in the area better understand the research achievements of scholars in Taiwan.

**■ The First EUTW Forum of 2019 Was Held on January 18 at NCL**

On January 18, 2019, the first European Union Centre in Taiwan (EUTW) Forum discussed “Brexit, Defense Initiatives and the Future of the European Integration,” was held at the National Central Library (NCL). Experts on Europe, international affairs, and political science presented their research on developments in the EU this year and in the future.

It was planned and co-hosted by the NCL, the European Union Centre in Taiwan, and the Monnet Module of EU Studies of National Cheng Chi University (NCCU). Tai-lin Chang, Professor of NCCU, acted as chair and gave the introduction. The scholars listed below were invited to present their research:

1. Dr. Chung-hung Chuo, Director of the Graduate Institute of European Studies at TamKang University spoke on “Brexit—A Smooth Exit or Down into an Abyss?”
2. Dr. Chi-ming Chung, the Chair of the Department of International Affairs and Business at Nanhua

University, spoke on “The Future of Merkel, Germany, and EU Integration.”

3. Assistant Researcher Chun-yi Li from the Institute for National Defense and Security Research spoke on “Recent Observations on Safety and Defense Policies in the EU.”

Discussants for each presentation were General Nien-chu Yang, former Minister of Defense; Der-chin Horng, Research Fellow at Academia Sinica’s Institute of European and American Studies; Dr. Klement Ruey-sheng Gu, Director of Department of Policy Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



*EUTW Forum host, presenters, and distinguished attendees take group photo.*

**■ NCL Co-host the Future Learning and Senseable City Forum**



*Director-General Tseng (3rd right) poses with distinguished guests at the Forum.*

The Future Learning and Senseable City Forum was held on January 18, 2019, as part of