

and information science graduate students and professors from TU as well as students from Shih Hsin University to visit NCL. They toured the Japanese and Korean book room, the Center for Chinese Studies resource room, and the rare books room.



Director Akihiro Motoki from Tsurumi University leads students to visit the NCL.

March 28, 2019 The Director of the Institute of East Asian Studies at Thammasat University, Dr. Sitthiphon Kruarattikan, lead a group of 15 persons to visit the library. In addition to viewing an introductory video about NCL, the staff at the Center for Chinese Studies explained the research grants they have for foreign scholars, publications on Chinese studies, and its E-Newsletter GIS System. Following this, the group toured the Center for Chinese Studies resource room and the rare books room.



Director Sitthiphon Kruarattikan (3rd left, front row) and the delegation visit the Rare Books Room.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ The Center for Chinese Studies Holds Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies Lectures

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) promotes academic exchanges in order to increase interaction between the local and overseas Chinese Studies communities. To this end, the CCS established the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, which every year assists 15-20 overseas scholars in coming to Taiwan to conduct research for periods of between 3 and 6 months. Besides hosting Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies from time to time at which these scholars can present the fruits of the research, the center also often invites renowned scholars from around the world to visit and deliver lectures. Between January and March, 2019, two scholars gave presentations. Topics and speakers for each session are as follow:

On January 3, 2019, the first Global Chinese Studies Lecture of 2019 was held. Invited to speak was Dr. Chien-peng Chung, Professor of the Department of Political Science at Lingnan University. He spoke on “East Asia in the Context of US-China Rivalry, One-Belt-One-Road, and Maritime Disputes.” Associate Professor of National Taiwan University’s Department of Political Science Hsin-wei Tang served as moderator.



Presenter Dr. Chien-peng Chung (left) and Moderator Prof. Hsin-wei Tang.

The second lecture was held on February 20, 2019. Invited to speak was Dr. Naoki Watanabe, Professor of Department of Japanese and East-Asian Studies at Musashi University. He spoke on “Comparative Research on Proletarian Literature in Colonial Taiwan and Colonial Korea: in relation to Hometown Literature Controversy and Art Popularization Controversy in 1930s’.” The moderator was Professor Yu-cheng Lee, Distinguished Research Fellow of the Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica.



Presenter Dr. Naoki Watanabe (right) and Moderator Prof. Yu-cheng Lee.

MoFA Taiwan Fellowship Scholars' First Research Presentation of 2019

The Center for Chinese Studies of National Central Library (NCL) held the first MoFA Taiwan Fellowship scholars' research presentation of the year on March 28, 2019, in the NCL Briefing Room. Three visiting scholars were invited to present their research, moderated by Director-General of the MoFA Department of Planning, Dr. Klement Ruey-sheng Gu. First to present was Mr. Mark Manantan, an associate researcher at the Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation in the Philippines. The title of Mr. Manantan's research presentation was “Unpacking Taiwan's Hybrid Diplomacy: The Roles of Taiwanese Cities in the New Southbound Policy.” He was followed by

Dr. Raffaele Luigi Cazzola Hofmann, independent scholar, who spoke on “‘Soft Power’ in Taiwanese Foreign Policy.” The final presentation was given by Dr. Meesomboonpoonsuk Suwannarat, Lecturer at Thammasat University in Thailand, whose theme was “Taiwan's Nation Branding in Southeast Asia.”

Around 70 guests attended the research presentations, which included a number of scholars from overseas. Also attending the event were the representative of the Italian Economic, Trade and Cultural Promotion Office, officials from MoFA and other government bodies, as well as local scholars and research students in related fields.



Delegates pose for a photo with presentation attendees (right from the front row: Mr. Manantan, Director-General Gu, Dr. Hofmann, and Dr. Suwannarat).

CCS News and Activities

2019 Chinese New Year Luncheon for Visiting Foreign Scholars

National Central Library (NCL)'s Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) held a Chinese New Year Luncheon for visiting foreign scholars on February 25, 2019 at the Psalms Cafe in NCL's facilities. Invited were foreign scholars currently in Taiwan on the research grants from CCS or the Taiwan Fellowship from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as foreign alumni in Taiwan and persons from Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies abroad who were in Taiwan for a visit. More than 51 visiting scholars and distinguished guests attended this grand event celebrating Chinese