

and Disadvantages of KMT's Overseas Community Affairs in the 1950s.” On the same day, Mr. Jun Matsuba, Ph.D Candidate of Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University, Japan, gave the online lecture on “Railroad Finances Structure of the Government-General of Taiwan.”

CCS News and Activities

■ Taiwan Fellowship Scholars' Presentation on Their Research Outcomes

On May 5 2021, the National Central Library held the year's first Taiwan Fellowship Scholars' presentation, whose title was “Stability and Prosperity in the Indo-Pacific Region—Taiwan's Possible Role.” The event focused on two topics: Taiwan's roles under the influence of Taiwan- Japan relations and Sino-US relations. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Klement Gu, Director-General of the Department of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Two fellowship winners were invited to share their perspectives on current international issues, and domestic scholars were invited as discussants.

The speaker presenting on Taiwan-Japan relations was Dr. Madoka Fukuda (professor at Hosei University, Japan). He discussed “Japan-Taiwan Relations in the Indo-Pacific Region.” Professor Fukuda argued that there had been changes in three aspects of Taiwan-Japan relations since 1990: 1. Interaction between Japan and China; 2. Economic and cultural exchanges with Taiwan; 3. Mainstream consciousness among various communities and Taiwan's performance on the international stage 2019 in the light of the coronavirus pandemic had brought phased changes to the relationship between Japan and Taiwan. In consideration of the role of Taiwan-Japan relations in the Indo-Pacific region, the two sides' governments had signed several substantive agreements with each other in the past ten years and taken cooperative measures in response to China's expanding weapons deployments. The discussant for this topic was Dr. Yujen Kuo, Director, Center for Japanese Studies, and Professor, Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University.

The speaker presenting on Sino-US relations was Mr. Wen-Ti Sung (Lecturer, The Australian National University), who spoke on the theme of "Taiwan's Search for a Grand Strategy after US-China Engagement." Mr. Sung argued that when Sino-US relations is in an "establishing diplomatic relations" mode Taiwan can achieve a certain degree of balance. Trump's "ambiguous" attitude towards China in 2016, however, had brought tension to Sino-US relations. This in turn tilted Taiwan's "balance." Taiwan therefore needed to consider a corresponding "strategy" in the context of "post-US-China engagement". The scholarly discussant on this topic was Dr. Kuan-Hsiung Wang, Professor, Graduate Institute of Political Science, Department of East Asian Studies, National Taiwan Normal University.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan Fellowship has been in operation since 2010. To date it has been awarded to 1117 scholars from 83 countries, with the National Central Library's Center for Chinese Studies handling applications. Scholars from domestic academic institutions were invited, and more than 30 attendees participated actively. These research outcomes sharing presentations provided other visiting scholars and important Taiwan academic institutions opportunities to share their ideas and research findings.



Group photo taken before the event.

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ The First National Archives Started in Linkou, with Archives the Equivalent of 200 Taipei 101s

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