



Two large wooden boxes of books arrive in Keelung on July 23, the books arrive at NCL on August 2.

COVID-19 began spreading around the world in 2020. Many international flights and shipments have been stopped or reduced. Because of this, Director-General Tseng stated that it was basically a miracle that this large and much anticipated donation by Dr. Ladstätter could arrive. Due to Dr. Ladstätter's teaching and research interests, the collection is comprised of books on Chinese language teaching in a variety of languages, as well as others on Chinese studies. Director-General Tseng stated that approximately 150 of the books are over one hundred years old, with the oldest being published in 1834. The collection totals around 6,000 volumes, with 2,500 of these being important books and journals in Chinese studies. With such a large donation covering a wide range of subjects, it will be a huge boon to researchers in Taiwan and abroad!



Director-General Tseng examines the donation.



Director-General Tseng has in her hands a book published in 1834.

■ NCL and Zurich University of Switzerland Signed a Cooperation Agreement

The Director-General of National Central Library Dr. Shu-hsien Tseng, and the representatives of University of Zurich (UZH), Switzerland has completed signing the cooperation agreement for collaboratively establishing a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) in mid-July this year. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is not possible to sign the agreement in person. The signing was done by exchanging the signed documents by postal mail. The pictures of the representatives of both parties holding the signed Cooperation Agreement became memorable records for the confirmation of this cooperation.

At UZH side, four important representatives jointly signed this Cooperation Agreement including Vice President Faculty Affairs and Scientific Information, Prof. Dr. Christian Schwarzenegger, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Klaus Jonas, Director of Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Behr, and Director of University Library Zurich, Prof. Dr. Rudolf Mumenthaler, this fully reveals how much they attach importance to this cooperation project. This is the 36th TRCCS cooperation agreement signed by the NCL with partner institutions abroad.

The UZH is located in the capital of Switzerland and named after the capital, founded in the year 1833. To date, twelve UZH scholars have been awarded the Nobel Prize. With its 28,000 enrolled students, the UZH is Switzerland's largest university. The UZH is placed at number 73rd institution of

higher learning in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. This makes UZH remain the best-ranked comprehensive university in Switzerland and well-known abroad. The TRCCS cooperation project will benefit the faculty and students of the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies the most. The beginnings of this institute could be traced back to 1950 when the Switzerland government became aware of the importance of China Studies and started to set up Chinese and Japanese language education programs at the University of Zurich. The education and research scope then extended to cover Korea and East Asian studies, and gradually formed a more comprehensive Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies at the UZH.



The main gate of the UZH main building.

The Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies possesses comprehensive holdings on Chinese Studies in Western, Chinese and Japanese languages. According to its library statistics, the library has approximately 100-thousand volumes of books, more than 650 Journal and newspaper titles, and many more microfilms, CD ROMs and audio CDs in its collection. It is possible to search library resources by traditional Chinese characters. While the TRCCS in the UZH is to be located at the library of the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, it is believed that it would become much easier for the members of the Institute and the UZH to acquire Taiwan and Sinology research resources, therefore, greatly benefit the Asian and cross-cultural researches and education in the UZH.

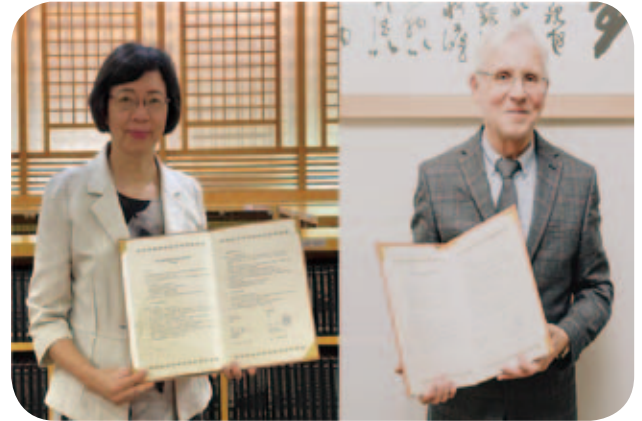
Director-General Tseng mentioned that TRCCS program was started from 2012, and has adopted the principle of widely and evenly distribution on all continents of the world as well as in different

countries. This is in consideration of facilitating efficient interlibrary loan services among nearby countries or universities if the TRCCS resources are inquired from none TRCCS institutions. With such evenly distributed policy, TRCCS will be possible to be an agent that could help extending resources sharing of NCL to TRCCS nearby universities and countries. The good will of this is to share globally the Taiwan scholars' research outcomes, and to benefit Taiwan and Sinology studies in a global scale. This NCL's sustainable TRCCS program, with the practice that could realize sharing philosophy with high-efficiency service, it was awarded the International Innovative Service Award by the American Library Association in 2015.

Director-General Tseng emphasized that the cooperative relationship between the NCL and all the TRCCS partners is committed to long-term and mutual-beneficial cooperation. During the current time that the COVID-19 pandemic is still threatening the world and the on-site in-person visiting and communication are restricted, sharing of digital resources is even more important. The NCL has been conducting digitization projects and has accumulated abundant of digital resources, the Library would support open access for TRCCS partners when possible. On the other hand, both parties agreed and promised in the signed Cooperation Agreement that while NCL will share good-quality academic monographs and digital resources, the UZH will assist the NCL to get most up-to-date information concerning Taiwan and Sinology research publications in the country, and will also collaboratively hold topical lecture and exhibition. This is of mutual benefit for both parties. The NCL appreciates that the jointly held topical lectures with TRCCS partners allows outstanding Taiwan scholars to show and share their researches to international academic communities, and the NCL is also possible to collect local publication information, and even further cooperation projects such as cooperation digitization of ancient books became possible. It is indeed a model project for successful academic exchanges.



NCL Director-General Tseng holds the signed TRCCS Cooperation Agreement.



NCL Director-General Tseng and the Collège de France Head Administrator Thomas Römer hold the collaboration agreement of the TRCCS project.



Group photo of the four representatives of UZH signing the TRCCS Cooperation Agreement.

■ **NCL Promotes International Scholarly Exchange, Adds One More Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at Collège de France**

The Director-General of National Central Library, Dr. Shu-hsien Tseng, and the Collège de France Head Administrator Thomas Römer signed a collaboration agreement regarding establishing a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS). Since 2012 when NCL began this project, a total of 37 such memorandums have been signed. Director-General Tseng stated, with the pandemic ravaging countries around the globe, expanding international exchange and collaboration is not an easy task. NCL has continued to proactively overcome these challenges and proceed the expansion of Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies.

The Collège de France is an institution of higher learning and research institute located in Paris, France. It was established in the 16th century. From that time on, it has stuck fast to principles of academic freedom and independence. It has strived for education equality. The lectures and seminars the college holds not only include the most advanced knowledge in various fields, but also are free for everyone to attend. There is no need to register beforehand. Each year it also invites many foreign scholars to give a series of lectures. The online lecture courses are especially popular. These have had a profound effect on the dissemination of knowledge and expanding influence worldwide.

The Collège de France has an Institute of Advanced Chinese Studies, under the Far East Library, which is one of the most top-notch Chinese studies libraries in Europe with over 250,000 volumes of books and 1,300 titles of journals. Included in this collection are many and rare ancient Chinese books. The most unique aspect of their rare books collection is the heavy emphasis on traditional literature. The catalog records for these books have already been given to NCL for inclusion in Union Catalog system. Through working with NCL to set up a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies, in the future the Collège de France will be able to more easily acquire top quality Chinese books and journals published in Taiwan. These will greatly benefit researchers, as well as faculty and students in Paris who are engaged in Chinese literature and cross-cultural research and teaching.

Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng explained that in 2011, the government began establishing