



*Representatives from both parties as well as other dignitaries witnessed the signing and opening ceremony.*



*Stanford University Library gifted NCL a bird's-eye-view old map of Taiwan.*

## ■ NCL Goes to Czech Republic to Host Books Exhibition at the Biennial Meeting of the European Association for Chinese Studies

The European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS) meets once every two years. Its 24th meeting was held on August 24-27, 2022 at Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. The Center for Chinese Studies of National Central Library arranged books exhibition to participate as always. It is hoped that through book exhibition, it is possible to make known Taiwan Scholars' good researches and recent publications of Taiwan. The NCL also invited the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation to join. This year the NCL cohosted a Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies with the European Association for Chinese Studies for the first time. It is also the first time that NCL re-join the EACS on site since the pandemic outbreak about two years ago, as well as the first that the NCL participated on-site at the EACS meeting since its 22nd meeting at Glasgow University in 2018. Therefore, the event was of great significance.

This year's biennial meeting saw over 600 scholars in attendance, coming from Europe and other countries around the world. Over 80 sessions were held onsite and online in which papers were presented. The book exhibition arranged by the Center for Chinese Studies during the conference indeed vividly showcasing Taiwan Scholars' researches and recent publications of Taiwan and Chinese studies. A total of 353 titles (374 volumes) of quality publications in the humanities and social sciences on Chinese studies and Taiwan studies published in the last three years were on display. In addition, National Taiwan University Press donated 50 books, bringing the total to over 400. After the 4-day display, the entire lot of books was donated to Palacký University. The donation ceremony was held on August 24 in the afternoon at the university and was officiated over by the Associate Dean of Humanities, Dr. Ondrej Kucera. Assistant Representative Ming-fu Tseng from the TECO in Czech Republic represented NCL in making the donation. It was received by Dr. František Kratochvíl, department chair of the Asian Studies Department at Palacký University. EACS president Dr. Bart Dessein from Ghent University in Belgium was invited to give remarks on this event.



*Assistant representative Ming-fu Tseng and Hung-wei Yen from the TECO in Czech with recipients of the book donation.*

The cohosted Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies was held on August 25. Prof. Julie Yu-Wen Chen from Universitas Helsingiensis's Asian Studies Department was invited to be the lecturer. Her topic was "The Uyghur Issue." Prof. Martin Lavička from Palacký University's Asian Studies Department served as discussant. Over one hundred scholars from the Europe and the U.S. attended the lecture. The NCL genuinely hoped to facilitate sharing of Taiwan scholars' researches through these activities.



*Prof. Martin Lavička (right) with Prof. Julie Yu-Wen Chen.*

NCL's re-joining at EACS not only enables the continued dialog between Taiwan and the international community, but also makes it easier to share information with scholars who are interested in coming to Taiwan. Services for scholars from the Center for Chinese Studies at NCL are well explained for scholars and researchers at the conference. NCL hopes that through book exhibition at EACS and the in-person introduction and explanation, it can make known Taiwan is a rightful place, offering good resources for conducting researches in addition to making known the achievements in and publications on Chinese studies and Taiwan studies even under the threatening pandemic.

### ■ Academician Jen-kuei Li Donates Research Materials on Formosan Languages in Taiwan

Academia Sinica Academician Jen-kuei Li has been doing researches on Formosan languages in Taiwan for more than half a century. He decided to donate his collection of books and materials to National Central Library for long-term preservation and for providing for use. His collection includes books and materials on Austronesian languages, linguistics, ethnic minority languages, and series of publications on Formosan languages, Chinese phonetics, Taiwan history, etc. in addition to the notes, recordings, slides, and all other materials from his field studies. He even included all the awards certificates and artifacts in the donated package. On August 31, NCL held a research material donation ceremony for this donation, and Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, on behalf of the NCL, received the donation from Academician Li with gratitude.



*Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng with Academicians Jen-kuei Li, Dah-an Ho, and Prof. Kuan-chung Huang.*

Formosan languages have been surveyed and researched for over 100 years. They are perceived as one of the most important cultural heritage with scholarly value in Taiwan. In fact, Formosan languages are also recognized as valuable cultural asset by international scholarly communities. Academician Li expressed his gratitude that NCL would take after the whole lot of materials he has acquired over 54 years of his life-long survey and researches. He feels content that these materials can continue to serve the successor scholars and benefit researches of the related domains.

In considering long-term preservation of research writings by contemporary scholars in Taiwan, as well as their publications and manuscripts, NCL has planned to establish adequate repository at its Southern Branch of the National Central Library & National Repository Library in the Xinying District of Tainan. This facility will be constructed meeting international standards of archival environment, ideal to preserve cultural assets. This anticipated facility will be able to ensure long-term preservation as well as continuous provision for use for the invaluable donated scholarly resources. At present, the donation by Academician Li is the largest donation to NCL ever, as it includes his personal research materials and artifacts on a great array of disciplines. Such a comprehensive donation is an important example in NCL's endeavors in acquiring personal collection donations from scholars. This surely will greatly benefit future scholars' research. Therefore, NCL will continue to acquire such donations. In this way, we can expect to have more first-hand resources for interdisciplinary researches.