

collection, with the hope that attendees would gain a better appreciation of the contact, collision, and merging of the two civilizations. The two libraries resembled Rev. Boym in that they worked together to construct a bridge for East-West cultural exchange. This not only lessened the distance between library and patron, but also allowed the Polish people to gain an understanding of the beauty Taiwan's ancient books and the long process of book development.

During the opening ceremony, a Taiwan Corner book donation also occurred. Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng highlighted the fact that in an effort to spread knowledge of Chinese and of Taiwan's culture and people among average citizens abroad, NCL teams up with outstanding libraries around the world to establish Taiwan Corners. Each year, top quality books, children's story books, and books on learning Chinese published in Taiwan are donated to the Corner with the hope that these will help develop a new generation of good readers and inspire people overseas to be interested in Chinese and improve their Chinese reading ability. Moreover, these books can increase an understanding of Taiwan. This Taiwan Corner was gifted more than 50 books on Taiwan's history and customs, natural world, literature and art, etc. with the aim of NLP being a medium by which the Polish public can come to know Taiwan.

That day a Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies given by Dr. Li-chi Chen from the East Asian Languages Department at Kazimierz Wielki University. His topic was "Wit and Humor in Chinese Characters." He spoke about the reasons many characters make people laugh, and showed this humor through visuals and the shapes of characters.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition and the lecture attracted many people. The exquisite design of the exhibition and the sheer number of items on display surprised the Polish public. The Chinese New Year picture stamps and the auspicious stamp making activity was popular among visitors. To augment the content of the exhibition and the interaction of those in attendance, an interactive electronic postcard station was set up to provide visitors a chance to take a picture with a special background and then turn it into a postcard. The opening ceremony attracted many special guests, who were eager to experience the digital options in the exhibition.



*The ribbon cutting ceremony of *The Imprint of Civilization: Ancient Books from the National Central Library, Taiwan at the National Library of Poland.**



Replica copies of rare ancient books from NCL on display at the exhibition.



The Taiwan Corner book donation, which coincided with the opening ceremony; Director-General Tseng presented a bundle of books published in Taiwan to NLP on behalf of NCL.

■ “Taiwan Studies and Sinology Studies in the World: International Symposium Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies” Has Been Held on November 1-2, 2022

On November 1 and 2, National Central Library held an International Symposium Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the “Taiwan Resource Center

for Chinese Studies (TRCCS),” inviting 44 TRCCS partners from around the world as well as colleagues in Chinese Studies and library professionals to participate in the event. The symposium was held in the International Conference Hall at third floor of the NCL Arts and Culture Center and also provided online participation channels including Facebook Livestreaming, and utilizing Web-conferencing software for invited speakers from TRCCS partner institution to give lecture and for online discussion. For NCL, this event was the first large-scale international academic conference integrating both on-site and online modes at post-pandemic times.

This international symposium was organized as one of the events celebrating the 10-year important milestone of the TRCCS program. Faculty and students as well as library professionals from TRCCS and universities in Taiwan were invited to join the symposium. The Deputy Minister of Taiwan Ministry of Education, Teng-Chiao Lin, delivered his remarks at the opening ceremony. He stated that reaching this 10-years development milestone is indeed an achievement worth celebrating and it is also an optimal opportunity to look forward to the prospective of next milestone. He expressed that successful cooperation depends on the commitment and joint efforts of both parties and that the Ministry of Education (MOE) affirms the importance of the promotion of sinology research resources and the services provided in this program, and has provided continual funding and support for this program over the years. On behalf of the MOE, he also wants to thank NCL Director-General Tseng and her team for their long-term hard work, and the overseas collaborating TRCCS partners for their proactive collaborations in exercising TRCCS program to carry out good services for TRCCS users. He stated in further that it is because of all of their efforts that this program has carried out such fruitful achievements. He ended his remarks by expressing his best wishes for the success of the symposium.

The NCL Director-General Tseng pointed out in her remarks that the TRCCS’s precedent was the Taiwan Academy, which was initiated from 2011, operated under the supervision of the Executive Yuan. She expressed her thanks to Academician Dr. Ovid J.-L. Tzeng that during his tenure as Minister of the Ministry of Education, he gave full support

for NCL for taking over the sinology research and resources sharing tasks after the termination of Taiwan Academy. She stated that thanks to the continual funding support from the Ministry of Education that the TRCCS program could be well facilitated by NCL, and could be nourished to such a successful sustainable international cooperation program.

The scholars invited to present at the symposium included the following prominent scholars/ experts: Academician Dr. Ovid J.-L. Tzeng of Academia Sinica; Professor and Chair Yuan-tse Lin of the Department of Philosophy, National Chengchi University; Professor Michael Szonyi of the Department of Asian Language and Civilizations, Harvard University; Professor Philip Clart of the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Leipzig; Curator Marc Gilbert of the Chinese Special Collections, Leiden University Library; Professor Bart Dessein of the Department of Languages and Cultures, Ghent University; Professor Dafydd Fell of the School of Orient and African Studies, University of London; and Dean Professor His-san Lai of the College of Liberal Arts, National Sun Yat-sen University. This impressive lineup of speakers for the 2-day symposium has attracted many participants, with approximately 250 attendees including the online and in-person attendees. The 2-days symposium provided a very effective platform for scholars and attendees to share their research results and information about research resources, and for them to discuss and exchange opinions. It was acknowledged as a very rewarding symposium for all.



Director-General Shu-Hsien Tseng of the National Central Library delivers her remarks at the opening ceremony.



Director-General Tseng in a group photo with the distinguished guests and lecturers at the opening ceremony.

■ NCL Sets up A Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Zurich and a Taiwan Corner Book Donation at Pestalozzi-Bibliothek Zürich

On December 12, National Central Library Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng visited the University of Zurich and with Vice President of Education and Technological Information Christian Schwarzenegger held an opening ceremony for their Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS). Others in attendance included University Librarian Rudolf Mumenthaler, College of Asia and Oriental Studies Dean David Chiavacci, other faculty from the college, and Taiwan in Geneva Representative David Huang. This formal collaborative project is an affirmation that can benefit both parties in promoting various types of scholarly exchange.



Director-General Tseng and Vice President Schwarzenegger unveiling the TRCCS signage.

In the morning of December 12, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng also met with Pestalozzi-Bibliothek Zürich (PBZ) Librarian Felix Hüppi to donate books for a Taiwan Corner. In attendance was

Taiwan in Geneva Representative David Huang. Dr. Hüppi extended a special thanks for the book donation, which was a wonderful addition to their collections. Both parties hope that in the future there can be even more collaborative endeavors and exchange.

Setting up this Taiwan Corner, Director-General Tseng represented NCL in donating almost 50 volumes of exquisite publications from Taiwan, including children's books and others on art, architecture, historical persons, geography, and customs and culture. These are displayed on their own bookshelf that says "Taiwan Corner" at the top. The bookshelf was also given to the library for use as a sort of exhibition or display but that patrons can make use of. Books can be rotated in and out, put on display at other branches, etc. It is hoped that the books donated can help the residents of Zurich gain an initial understanding of Taiwan. Regarding NCL's donation, Librarian Hüppi stated his library services many types of ethnicities, and so he is extremely thankful and welcomes these Chinese books from Taiwan. They will add to the library collection and provide patrons there with a greater understanding of Taiwan through the books on the Taiwan Corner bookshelf.



Director-General Tseng and Librarian Felix Hüppi with Representative Huang pose in front of the Taiwan Corner bookshelf and books that were donated.

■ NCL and World-Renowned Heidelberg University in Germany Establish Multifaceted Collaboration Relationship

December 13, 2022, Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng represented the National Central Library in signing a collaborative agreement with world-renowned Heidelberg University (HU). This marks the 45th Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies partnership worldwide. Given HU's long history and