

numerous rare Chinese books in its library's collection, an additional collaborative agreement was signed by both parties to participate in the Rare Books Union Catalog that NCL created. Invited to the ceremony were TECO in Munich Representative Joseph Chao and TECO Education Division Head Ching Tseng. Both were witnesses to this historic moment of collaboration and exchange between the two libraries.



NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng and Heidelberg University Vice President Anja Senz holding the signed agreements.

Heidelberg University President Bernhard Eitel greatly supports and values this collaborative endeavor. He made special arrangements for the signing to happen in his personal office and to meet with Representative Chao. President Eitel thanked NCL for sharing its research resources and particularly emphasized the multi-faceted nature of democratic governments. Europe should have a better understanding of democracies in other regions. For example, this collaborative relationship established with National Central Library can enable the faculty and students in the democratic state of Germany to create an exchange and platform for discussion with the democratic nation of Taiwan in Asia. He also stated that this collaborative endeavor is rife with meaning.

Established in 1386, Heidelberg University is Germany's most well-known and oldest institution of higher learning. It is ranked 70th worldwide and 3rd in Germany. It has many scholarly resources and has the reputation of being one of the top three universities in Germany. HU Library was established in 1388 and boasts 80 branches. Library holdings for each discipline are very replete and diverse. Heidelberg University comprehends on a deep level the importance and influence that scholarly publications from Taiwan have on its Center's Taiwan studies, contemporary Chinese studies and traditional Chinese studies.

In addition, the Rare Books Union Catalog Database that NCL created currently has over 80 collaborating partners. Heidelberg University's addition to the collaboration further strengthens the partnership. During the trip, Director-General Tseng also signed a collaboration agreement with Heidelberg University for NCL to add them to the Rare Books Union Catalog. This opportunity to work with Heidelberg University to create digitized copies of their rare Chinese books strengthens the interaction and shared resources between our two libraries. It also expands the resources in the database.

In signing these two collaborative agreements with HU and in the unveiling of the TRCCS, Director-General Tseng presented HU with two special gifts: replica copies of the *Annotated Poems by Mr. Su Dongpo*, the original of which has over 800 years of history and has been listed as a national treasure in Taiwan, and the *Diamond Sutra*. These works will add to HU's already wonderful collection of books and express the high value NCL places on this historic collaborative exchange between the two libraries.



NCL and Heidelberg University set up many collaborative projects.

■ **NCL Opens Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at University of St. Andrews, the Alma Mater of Prince William and Princess Kate**

National Central Library Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng visited the University of St. Andrews, the alma mater of Prince William and Princess Kate, on December 8 to establish a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies in collaboration with Dr.

Catherine Eagleton, the Director of Libraries. Also in attendance were Assistant Librarian Jennifer Louden, Professor of Chinese Studies Gregory B Lee, Global Office Director Christian Harding, the Edinburgh Taipei Representative Office Representative C.C. Chang, as well as students and faculty.

The University of St. Andrews is renowned not just as the alma mater of Prince William and Princess Kate, but also for its academic excellence, placing it on par with Oxford and Cambridge. To mark the occasion, the National Central Library (NCL) gifted the university replicas of Taiwan’s national treasures - the *Annotated Poems by Mr. Su Dong-po*, which comprises 21 volumes, and the *Diamond Sutra* - during the opening ceremony. These two works are very ancient and have been formally listed as national treasures by the Taiwan government. These limited-edition replicas are also rare, and thus they were used as gifts during the signing. They are a symbol of the value NCL places on this collaborative relationship.



NCL establishes a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at the University of St. Andrews.

■ **Bringing Together International Sinologists, the National Central Library Holds such Events as the Seminar “Literature, Religion and Humanities Cross-cultural Processes in Modern China” in Rome**

In order to promote international academic exchanges and the research achievements of scholars in the field of sinology, the National Central Library cooperated with the Department of Oriental Studies of the University of Rome, Italy, the Monumenta

Serica Sinology Research Center of Fu Jen Catholic University, and the Institute of Chinese Studies of St. Augustine, Germany, on 25 and 26 November, holding the international symposium on “Literature, Religion and Humanities Cross-cultural Processes in Modern China.”

At the event, the special lecture was held to complement the Taiwan Sinology Lecture. Professor Henning Klöter, of the Department of Asian and African Studies at Germany’s Humboldt University of Berlin, was invited to give a lecture on “Western Missionaries and Chinese Linguistics: Literature, Period and Ideology.” Before and after the conference, a themed exhibition of Taiwan-related academic publications was displayed in the library of the Oriental Studies Department of the University of Rome.

The symposium was held on 25 and 26 November, local time, in Rome. On the first day, the organizers—curator Shu-hsien Tseng, Director-General of the National Central Library, Sonja Mei Tin Huang, Director of the Sinology Research Center at Fu Jen Catholic University, and Prof. Paolo De Troia of the University of Rome—delivered remarks welcoming participants. Representative Lee Sing Ying of the Taiwan Representative Office in Italy was also invited to attend the event. In addition to delivering remarks of his own, Representative Lee, on behalf of the National Central Library, donated all the books from the theme book fair to the University of Rome. Dr. Antonella Fallerini, of the university’s library, and Professor De Troia received the donations on behalf of the university, and the donated books were placed in the library of the Institute of Oriental Studies.



Representative Lee, on behalf of the National Central Library, donates the books to the university’s Dr. Antonella Fallerini (right), and Professor De Troia (left), who receive them on behalf of the university.

During the two-day international conference, more than 20 scholars from such countries as Taiwan,