

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,

Italy, Germany, Japan, and China gathered together to report on special topics. The topics included research on the history of geography, sinology and Chinese interpretation, and the travel records of Western missionaries, Eastern and Western travelers' experiences, modern cross-cultural text research, modern Chinese literary creation and criticism, translation studies, publishing culture, cultural and material studies, transnational influence and comparison of educational and political systems, transnational literature, cultural conflict, gender and literature, Christianity in the history of academic and cultural exchanges in Asia, etc.

During the event, scholars also visited the Pontifical Library and museums under the arrangement of Taiwan's representative office in the Vatican City to enhance bilateral exchanges. The National Central Library hopes, through the cooperation on this occasion, to organize a series of activities such as international academic seminars, lectures, book fairs, and cultural visits, highlighting the cooperative relationship between the National Central Library and the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies, and also to enable Taiwan's capacity for academic activities and its research results to flourish on the world stage.



Chien-Ju Chou, Director of the National Central Library, Representative Lee Sing Ying of the Taiwan Representative Office in Italy and Director Sonja Mei Tin Huang of the Monumenta Serica Sinology Research Center, Fu Jen Catholic University.

■ Ninth Hsuanlan Forum Held in Taipei: Scholars and Experts from Both Sides of the Taiwan Strait Jointly Discuss the Inheritance of the Ancient and the Creation of the New in Relation to Traditional Chinese Culture

The 2022 Ninth Cross-Strait Hsuanlan Forum was organized by the National Central Library, and

was successfully held in Taipei and Nanjing, both physically and online. The forum was jointly organized by the National Central Library and Nanjing Library, and China's Tongfang Knowledge Network was invited to co-organize. More than 100 scholars, experts and people from all walks of life from both sides of the Taiwan Strait attended the event, with the theme of "Inheriting the Past and Opening up the New - Casting the Classics." Create new styles to address issues. Develop friendly exchanges. The scale of the forum was grand, with 14 scholars and experts from both sides of the Taiwan Strait and the United States giving keynote speeches. The conference focused on two sub-themes, namely: (1) Casting classics: refinement and dissemination of old learning models. (2) Creating new styles: new thinking, new systems and innovation among libraries. Guests from both sides of the strait and the United States delivered speeches around the forum's theme and sub-themes and gave three special speeches, writing a new chapter in cultural exchanges between the two sides of the strait.



National Central Library Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng delivers remarks at the opening ceremony of the Ninth Hsuanlan Forum.

The Taiwan part of this forum was held physically in the National Central Library, while the Nanjing session was pre-recorded. Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng of the National Central Library said that, with the rapid development of information technology, the cross-strait library worlds can cooperate across borders, keep pace with the times, and lead the development of libraries, in addition to strengthening the cooperation and friendship between cross-strait libraries and academic circles and cultural classics full of cultural elements. This forum, she said, brought together the wisdom and insights of many scholars