



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

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.