

March 14th local time, NCL, Academia Sinica Press, and National Taiwan University Press held a donation ceremony, presenting books to Ms. Xiaotong Wang, representing the University of Oregon Library.



Group photo at book donation ceremony

Director-General Han-ching Wang, who led the NCL delegation attending the conference, expressed that NCL has long worked with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange to curate and participate in academic organization events abroad. In particular, they have worked to actively promote academic achievements in Taiwan Studies research at AAS and to share Taiwan's high-quality channels for accessing research materials. These efforts have made significant strides in promoting the international visibility of Taiwan Studies research. Furthermore, in following established precedent, all books displayed at the exhibit are donated to a local university library or academic organization at the conclusion of the event, in the hopes of not only enriching university library collections, but also facilitating further exploration of Chinese Studies and Taiwan research topics by local scholars and promoting interest in conducting research in Taiwan. Therefore, as a part of this year's conference, NCL not only donated books to the University of Washington's Tateuchi East Asia Library on March 12th, in addition, NCL and other participating Taiwanese academic institutions made a donation to the University of Oregon Library on the afternoon of March 14th. NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang, Director Hsi-yuan Chen of the Academia Sinica Press, and Senior Specialist Lisa Chi of the National Taiwan University Press represented their respective institutions in presenting the donation to the University of Oregon Library.



The NCL booth at the AAS Book Exhibit

■ Springtime in Seattle—NCL Travels to the USA for Book Exhibition, Donates Books to University of Washington Tateuchi East Asia Library

In order to promote and develop Chinese Studies and Taiwan research, NCL traveled to Seattle to attend the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference from March 14th to 17th in a collaboration with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, organizing a Taiwan book exhibit during the conference. Furthermore, exhibited books were donated to the University of Washington at the close of the events, with a donation ceremony held within the UW Tateuchi East Asia Library on the afternoon of March 12th, local time. A special invitation was extended to Daniel Kuo-ching Chen, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle to bear witness to this important cultural exchange.



Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle Daniel Kuo-ching Chen, University of Washington Professor Lauren Pressley, and NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang posed for a photo holding National Taiwan University Press, Academia Sinica Press, and NCL publications

NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang stated that significant Taiwanese academic institutions will travel to the USA to participate in this book exhibit at the AAS annual conference, including National Central Library, the Center for Chinese Studies, Academia Sinica Center for Digital Cultures, and National Taiwan University Press, with plans to together exhibit nearly 600 books. In order to disseminate academic developments and achievements in Chinese Studies and Taiwan's humanities research, each institution plans to donate a portion of their exhibited books to nearby University of Washington, University of Oregon, and University of Montana. Among these universities, the University of Washington in Seattle is home to a library whose collection ranks among the top in North America, in particular the collection in its Tateuchi East Asia Library. The library's history can be traced back to 1937 when it began establishing its collection; in 1946 it was formally established as the Far East Library. In 1976, it was renamed as the East Asia Library and today it holds a collection of over 800,000 volumes. The library is a major center for Chinese Studies research in the northwest region of the USA and in its early years, Mr. Ching Su of the Center for Chinese Studies assisted the library in cataloging and organizing ancient texts. When NCL began to establish Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies throughout the world, the University of Washington also became one of the most important bases in the North American region. From 2010 to 2012, NCL assisted the Tateuchi East Asia Library in a digitization project for Chinese-language ancient texts. In addition to the abovementioned collaboration and exchange around ancient texts, NCL has also held several Taiwan Chinese Studies Lectures and themed text exhibitions at UW. Returning to Seattle once again, this visit marks a continuation of book exchange and collaboration between NCL and the Tateuchi East Asia Library since the last time such a donation took place in 2016, when NCL attended that year's AAS Annual Conference. This book donation underscores the close relationship and enduring collaboration between these two institutions.

At the simple, but meaningful donation ceremony held on the afternoon of March 12th, local time, NCL

Director-General Han-ching Wang first presented the book *Pearls of the Sea*, published by NCL, as a symbol of the joint donation between NCL and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. University of Washington senior library manager Professor Lauren Pressley represented UW in receiving the donation. The book donations made by Academia Sinica and National Taiwan University were presented by Daniel Kuo-ching Chen, Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle, with Tateuchi East Asia Library Director Hyokyong Yi receiving the donation on behalf of UW. In addition, UW invited Professor William Lavelly, professor of Taiwan Research Lectures and Director of East Asia Center at UW to give remarks at the event.



NCL presented donation to UW, received by UW Professor Lauren Pressley

NCL hopes through this visit to showcase the current state of Taiwan's academic publishing industry and to increase the international visibility of Taiwan's published works so that Taiwan's research capabilities can continue to make a mark on the international academic stage. After the ceremony, UW arranged a tour of recent library renovations for attendees.



Group photo of ceremony guests