

their names on a steel beam, and posed for a group photograph. Afterward, amidst the sounds of festive firecrackers, attendees witnessed the successful completion of the topping-out ceremony.

■ NCL and Harvard University Library Sign Collaborative Agreement to Establish a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies to Promote Scholarly Findings

The National Central Library signed an agreement with world-renowned Harvard University Library, making it the 50th collaborating partner in NCL's Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) initiative. This is a significant achievement. The deliberations leading up to this culmination took some time and included when former Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng led a delegation to visit Harvard in March 2023. When NCL attended the Association for Asian Studies book exhibition in the US, it donated over three hundred books to the Harvard-Yenching Library. This was the beginning of this international collaboration. As NCL continued discussions with Harvard-Yenching Librarian Jidong Yang and received his strong support, both parties signed a collaborative agreement on June 27, 2024, with Director-General Wang and Associate University Librarian for Scholarly Resources and Services Elizabeth Kirk signing for their respective institutions. The TECO-Boston's Deputy Representative Wei-chun Shih and Education Division Head Wei-yu Huang were both in attendance for the event. In addition, Harvard had many dignitaries and staff in attendance at the signing and opening ceremony, including the Associate University Librarian, underscoring the importance of this collaboration.



The signing ceremony for the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at the Harvard-Yenching Library

Since its founding, Harvard University has produced countless men and women of talent and earned world renown. Its Harvard-Yenching Library, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, and Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations are important locations for Taiwan Studies and Chinese Studies. The scholarly production here is amazing. The TRCCS was set up in the Harvard-Yenching Library, which was established in 1928. The number of ancient Chinese works in its collection is the highest in North America. Its holdings are varied and replete, making it one of the most important locations in academia.

Director-General Han-Ching Wang stated that by establishing a TRCCS at the Harvard-Yenching Library, NCL will be able to continue to increase the scholarly visibility and influence of resources on Taiwan Studies and Chinese Studies. This, in turn, will benefit both libraries' holdings and digital resources in teaching, research, and dissemination. In a desire to express its hopes for a successful TRCCS at Harvard, NCL presented the university with replicas of two national treasures: *The Annotated Poetry of Su Dongpo* and the *Diamond Sutra*. Afterward the event, the Harvard-Yenching Library arranged to have an exhibition of important ancient Chinese texts in its collection. It also gave a tour of its holdings and research areas, bringing the day to a perfect close.



A group photo at the newly opened Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies

■ NCL Sets up Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Pittsburgh in the US, Making Taiwan Research More Visible Worldwide

The National Central Library went to the University of Pittsburgh in the US to set up its