

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

49th Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies. Its expansion of worldwide collaboration is truly astonishing! This was done on June 24, 2024. The National Central Library Director-General Han-ching Wang and University of Pittsburgh Librarian Kornelia Tancheva signed the MOU to formally start off the collaborative relationship.

The world-renowned University of Pittsburgh was established in 1787. Its library holdings number over 4 million. It also has an East Asian Languages and Literatures Department and an Asian Studies Center, providing curriculum in Taiwan studies and Chinese studies and research. NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang, University of Pittsburgh Librarian Kornelia Tancheva, and UP's East Asian Head Runxiao Zhu have supported this collaborative effort. Both institutions are focused on long-term and mutually beneficial collaboration. NCL committed to open a large number of digital resources to the resource center, and the University of Pittsburgh worked with NCL to cohost lectures, joint exhibitions, and other events. Through this project, the faculty and students at the University of Pittsburgh will be able to interact broadly with those in and contribute to the fields of Taiwan studies and Chinese studies.



Director-General Han-ching Wang and PU Librarian Kornelia Tancheva unveiling the TRCCS plaque

During the signing ceremony, Director-General Wang emphasized that Taiwan is the hub for Taiwan studies and Chinese studies, a statement that drew agreement from those in attendance. She presented the library with a replica of a national treasure over 800 years old—*Annotated Anthology of Mr. Su Dongpo's Poems* (in 21 volumes), and a replica of the *Diamond*

Sutra to enrich their holdings and to highlight the historic nature of this new collaborative relationship between the two institutions. The MOU was signed and the signage unveiling was completed amidst an air of ardent excitement about future collaborative prospects.



Representatives from both institutions at the opening of the TRCCS

■ NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang Was Invited to Speak at Auburn University

On June 25, 2024, NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang was invited to speak at Auburn University in the US by its librarian, Dr. Shali Zhang. She spoke on developments at and features of NCL, including Taiwan Memory, NCLibTV, OPEN LAB, and NCL's Southern Branch of the National Central Library & National Repository Library, as well as education promotion strategies and future plans. The two librarians also took advantage of this opportunity to discuss the preservation and digitization of ancient Chinese books. They both hope to increase their opportunities for collaboration in the future.



Director-General Han-ching Wang speaking at Auburn University

Auburn University was established in 1856 and is a public, research-oriented institution of higher