

of historical research. Over 100 persons were in attendance, including former ambassador to England Dai Ruiming, former head of the Miami Cultural Center Yang Ming-heng, and those that worked on Dai's collected works.

Spanning 27 volumes, the Collected Works took a team of nearly 100 hundred scholars and staff over two years to compile, translate, and edit. This marks the first time all of Dai's writings in Japanese have been translated into Chinese. The content is divided into seven main sections, including nine volumes on historiography and Taiwan studies, three volumes on overseas Chinese and economics, two volumes on Japan and Asia, one on historical figures and history, one on culture and life, one on book reviews and prefaces, nine volumes on interviews and discussions, and one final volume containing pictures, a chronological table, biographical information, and publications.

The Cultural Relics Exhibition of the Dai Guohui Collection displayed 150 items, such as books, documents, rare manuscripts, personal letters, pictures, etc. covering 50 years of history. On special display were several rare documents, books, and maps from the Taiwan Governor-General Office during the Japanese occupation, as well extremely rare books from the Meiji period (1868-1912).

NCL International Exchange Events

■ *National Central Library Donates Books to the Vatican*

In September 2010, former director-general Karl Ku visited the Vatican and laid the groundwork for cultural exchange and cooperation. In continuing his efforts, Director-general Tseng has actively sought to establish friendly terms with the Vatican after her appointment by donating Chinese books published in Taiwan to Pontificia Università Urbaniana and the Divine Word Missionaries (Societas Verbi Divini, SVD). The two lots of books were donated via Taiwan's ambassador to the Vatican, Larry Wang.

Books are an integral element in promoting communication between individuals. They can be used as a bridge for cultural exchange between the Orient and Occident. Through them knowledge, experience, and world views can be shared. As a way to further Vatican scholars' knowledge of sinology and Chinese history and culture, the books

donated included many on religion, philosophy, history, and art.

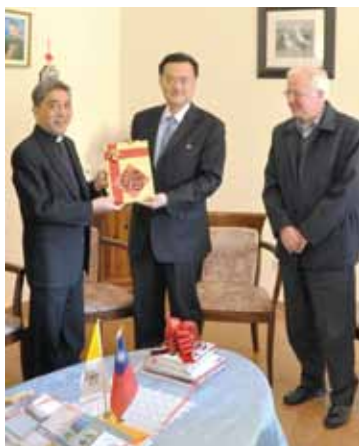
On March 30, a donation was made to Pontificia Università Urbaniana, with university president Cataldo Zuccaro conducting the ceremony. The university's librarian and sinology center director were also in attendance. President Zuccaro thanked National Central Library, as well as Ambassador Wang, in his speech. He stated that this donation of Chinese books would be added their library collection for use by faculty and students. He is certain it will have a direct impact on their understanding of Chinese culture.



Ambassador Larry Wang (right) donates books to Pontificia Università Urbaniana on behalf of the National Central Library. The donation was received by university president Cataldo Zuccaro.

National Central Library donated 1,000 Chinese books to SVD in 2007. As a way to expand their collection and augment their studies of things Chinese, NCL made another donation. The ceremony was held on March 31 at SVD's headquarters and was presided over by Superior General Antonio Pernia. Assistant Superior General Konrad Keler and 20 other important general councilors attended.

Pernia thanked NCL for donating more books and Ambassador Wang for arranging the donation. He mentioned that while not a large donation, its influence will be widely felt, "just as Taiwan, although small, exercises much soft power on the global stage." He believes these books will directly benefit SVD missionaries in understanding Chinese studies and culture.



Ambassador Larry Wang (middle) donates Chinese books to the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries on behalf of the National Central Library. The donation ceremony was hosted by SVD Superior General Antonio Pernia (left), who also received the donation. Assistant Superior General Konrad Keler (right) observes.

■ *Vistiors*

2011.02.10 Deputy Director, Gao Yuhua from the University of Hong Kong Fung Ping Shan Library, visited the Taipei International Book Exhibition and took the opportunity to pay a visit to NCL Director-general Tseng Shu-hsien who welcomed her warmly. They exchanged gifts of publications and views on important international conferences. On behalf of Mr. Peter E. Sidorko, the newly appointed library Director of Hong Kong University, Mme. Kao invited Director Tseng to visit Hong Kong.



Director-general Tseng (right) offering NCL publications and souvenir to Deputy Director Kao.

2011.02.10 Dr. Liu Wenling, in charge of East Asian collection management from Indiana University East Asian Research Library came to

NCL to inquire on rare books materials. She further discussed matters related to publications exchange and international cooperation.



2011.02.14 Song Yuwu, a Chinese researcher in the Asian division of the U.S. Library of Congress, and his wife visited National Central Library while in Taiwan to attend the Taipei International Book Exhibition. NCL shared information regarding important system services, as well as e-promotion and digital resource services. There was also discussion of current digital archival corroborative projects and the possibility of more in the future.



From left: Director of NCL's International Publication Exchange Department, Armande Liao, Mrs. & Mr. Song Yuwu, Director-general Tseng, and Yu Hsiao-ming, Director of NCL Special Collection Division.

2011.02.17 Dr. Brian Vivier, librarian from the University of Michigan Asian Library, specializing in Chinese Borderland History and Geography of the Middle Ages, visited the Taipei International Book Fair and took the opportunity to visit the "Center for Chinese Studies", and the newly opened "Matteo Ricci and the Pacific Research Room". He was welcomed by Deputy Director, Wu Ying-mei, who gave him complimentary commemorative