

*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.



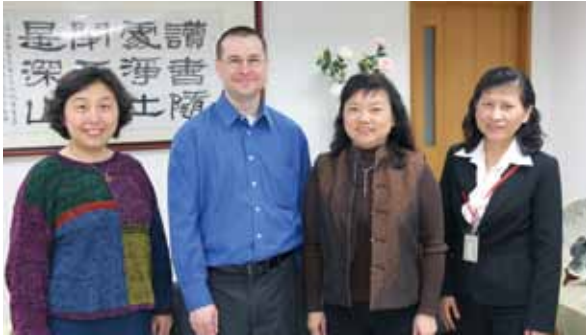
2011.02.14 Song Yuwu, a Chinese researcher in the Asian division of the U.S. Library of Congress, and his wife visited National Central Library while in Taiwan to attend the Taipei International Book Exhibition. NCL shared information regarding important system services, as well as e-promotion and digital 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

books on behalf of NCL.



*From left: Geng Liqun, Center for Chinese Studies contact head, Dr. Brian Vivier, librarian from the University of Michigan Asian Library, Deputy Director Wu, Chong Hsueh-Chen, assistant editor.*

2011.02.24 Dr. Fawz Abdulla, president of Lebanon Library Association, Dr. Ismail Abdullahi, ALA Education Committee chairman, Dr. Dan Dorner, IFLA Asia and Oceania Department Chairman were accompanied by Dr. Lin Zhifeng, Professor of Department of Information and Communications of Shih Hsin University, to visit NCL. They were very interested in the Library Science Education, in the management and development of the current and future situations of the library world in Taiwan as well as its hopes and vision. Lively discussions and exchanges focused on the future of the Asia-Pacific regional cooperation and global cooperation.



*From left: Dr. Fawz Abdulla, President of Lebanon Library Association, Dr. Dan Dorner, IFLA Asia and Oceania Department Chairman, Director-general Tseng Shu-hsien, Professor Lin Zhifeng, Dr. Ismail Abdullahi, ALA Education Committee chairman and IFLA Chairman of Library and Information Education in developing countries.*

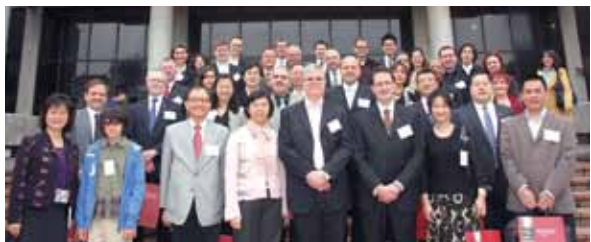
2011.02.24 28 professionals from the Archive Division in Hainan Province, China, led by its

Chairman and Archive Deputy Director, LIU Yufeng, and Xu Muheng of the Taiwan Century Strait Cultural Exchange Association visited NCL. They were warmly welcomed by NCL Deputy Director, Wu Ying-Mei. They had an overall introduction to the construction of NCL's digital collections and the globalization of information services. They expressed admiration to NCL's archive management as well as its reliable system and scientific approach.



*Deputy Director Wu, represented NCL to host the delegation and delivery souvenir to Liu Yufeng (left), head of the Hainan Provincial Archives Professionals delegation and Archive Division Deputy Director received the gift on behalf of the delegation.*

2011.02.25 A party of 35 persons from the Taipei European Chamber of Commerce led by their Chairman, Chris James Jiang visited the library. They were deeply impressed by Mateo Ricci and Pacific Research Center and the Rare books collection.



*A group picture was taken after the visit, front row, right fourth to left third: Freddie Hoeglund, Executive Secretary, European Business Association of Taipei; Jiang Mengzhe, Chairman; Tseng, Shu-Hsien, Director-general of the National Central Library; Feng De-yu, European Chamber of Commerce, Government Relations representative.*

2011.03.10 Professor Xu Xiaoyue, Director of Najing Library, accompanied by Sun Qi-ming, head of Taiwan Straits Exchange Foundation Cultural

Services Department, paid a visit to NCL Director-general, Tseng Shu-Hsien. Both discussed and exchanged views on possible future communication and cooperation. Director of Publication Exchange Division Liao Shiou-Man gave a guided tour to introduce NCL's software services.



*From left, Director Xu Xiaoyue, NCL Director-general, Tseng Su-Hsien, Sun Qi-ming, Section Head.*

2011.03.23 Xu Hong, the librarian for the East Asian Library at the University of Pittsburg, visited NCL. Xu is responsible for East Asian holdings at UP. During this visit, Xu discussed with Director-general Tseng about possible digitalization projects.



2011.03.24 Assistant director of Cornell University Library Li Xin visited NCL. Li is over development and policy of CU library. She visited with Director-general Tseng and toured the library as a precursor to future cooperative projects.



2011.04.01 Library professionals from Taizhou, Zhejiang province visited National Central Library, led by Chen Bochu from the Taizhou Municipal Bureau of Culture, Radio, TV, Film, Press and Publication. Deputy Director Wu Ying-mei hosted them hospitably, showing them NCL's digitalized collection and globalized information services. They were most interested in Taiwan's public library system and genealogical data that NCL has collected.



2011.04.21 Mr. Dennis Kishere, the Asian studies librarian at Monash University in Australia (which has a publication exchange agreement with NCL), visited the library's reading facilities and discussed exchanging books regarding Chinese studies with NCL's Publication Exchange Division.

2011.04.21 Current International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions president Ellen Tise accepted an invitation to visit Taiwan. She toured NCL service facilities and rare books collection, and discussed many issues regarding international exchanges with Director-general Tseng. She was extremely interested in NCL's rare books.



*Director-general Tseng hosted IFLA President Ms. Ellen Tise and presented her the sculpture "Joy of Reading" art work to welcome her visiting Taiwan at International Reading Day.*

2011.04.22 The director of UNESCO World Heritage Centre's heritage memory project and Professor emeritus in library and information science at Simmons College Ching-chih Chen visited Director-general Tseng to discuss future projects and exchange ideas. She also spoke to NCL staff on "From Global Memory Net to World Heritage Memory Net: Potentials for Worldwide Collective Memory."



*Director-general Tseng hosted Professor Chen (left) and presented her small version of Yuan Period Black and Red Ink Reproduction the Diamond Sutra to be a part of Global Memory.*

2011.04.25 Indian parliament member Shashi Tharoor, who previously served as the under-secretary general for communications and public information, along with the Minister of State for the Ministry of External Affairs visited with Director-general Tseng and toured NCL facilities and rare books room.



*Mr. & Mrs. Shashi Tharoor accompanied by India-Taipei Association Director-general Pradeep Kumar Rawat (right) visited NCL Director-general Tseng and rare books room.*

## Chinese Studies Symposium

### ■ *Conference for Taiwan Fellowship Program's Visiting Scholars*

**2011.03.14**

The Center for Chinese Studies and National Chengchi University's Department of History invited Daisuke Wakamatsu, doctoral student in the University of Tokyo Regional Cultural Studies Department, to speak on "Change and consistency in 21<sup>st</sup> century official Taiwan historical narratives: how far back can 'The Republic of China' be traced?" at NCU's Department of History conference room. Director of NCU's history department Lu Shao-li hosted the lecture.

**2011.03.24**

The Center for Chinese Studies and Soochow University's Human Rights Program invited National University of Singapore East Asian Studies doctoral candidate Liang Jia-en to speak on "Human rights in Taiwan as a marker of national identity: a preliminary look at similarities and differences in the practice of human rights in the East Asia and Southeast Asia" at SCU. Professor Mab Huang from the Human Rights Program hosted the lecture. Liang spoke on how human rights became a popular discussion topic in Taiwan. A comparison was made between Taiwan's experience and that of other Southeast Asian countries. A survey was also made of current alternative history books from these countries. Liang also discussed how Taiwan's experience in the development of human rights and democracy can become an important lesson and beginning for other Southeast Asian countries' historical narrative, especially as it pertains to human rights issues.

**2011.03.28**

The Center for Chinese Studies and National Taiwan University's Department of History invited Universidad de Buenos Aires professor Veronica Noelia Flores to speak on "China's quest for modernity: a critical review of its philosophical and cultural backgrounds in the early twentieth century (1905-1919)." Professor Wang Yann-iee from NTU's Department of History hosted the lecture. Flores argued that a common theoretical framework to define modernity was built during