

implementation of the Taiwan Academies. It set up physical Resource Points and organized a Chinese Studies Lecture Series. Resource Points display a selection of the most representative works in Chinese and Taiwan studies from the last decade. These are linked on the Taiwan Academy's website (<http://taiwanacademy.tw/>) to increase international visibility of quality publications by Taiwan's government and citizens and to facilitate the dissemination of research resources in Taiwan. Besides important academic works, the list also includes "100 Books on East Asia," as selected by the Meeting of East Asian Publishers in 2009, as well as the series "Modern Annotations and Translations of Ancient Works."

Apart from setting up Resource Points and hosting academic activities, National Central Library has selected quality topic-specific databases and translated them into English as a way to increase services to the Sinology world both in Taiwan and abroad. These databases are linked on the Taiwan Academy's website to augment and enrich current digital resource content and search capabilities for Chinese studies. The aim is to increase their use, improve service capabilities, and broaden the scope of service.

NCL International Exchange Events

2011.08.12 The Chinese Writers and Artists Association (CWAA) invited a group of 17 artists from Hebei to visit Taiwan, led by Vice-chairman Chai Zhi-hua from the Hebei Province Federation Literary and Art Circles. Wang Ji-long, the director of CWAA, accompanied them during their visit. They were met by

Deputy Director-general Wu Ying-mei and staff. They were impressed with the facilities and information services NCL provides.



2011.09.20 The Chungju City Library in Korea sent a delegation of five to visit the National Central Library. They visited with Director-general Tseng and exchanged ideas on how to manage municipal public libraries and to promote reading.



2011.10.05 Fr. Giuseppe Bellucci, spokesman of the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, and Director of the Communication and Public Relations Office of the Society of Jesus, visited National Central Library to see the Matteo Ricci & Pacific Studies Reading Room and tour

the exhibition “A Classic Time for Reading: Discovering the Aesthetic Life of the Ancients,” which featured many ancient Chinese books.



Deputy Director-general Wu Ying-mei received (second from right) Fr. Giuseppe Bellucci (right).

2011.10.26 A visiting delegation of young scholars from America visited the Center for Chinese Studies. Meredith A. Taylor, head of the delegation and international trade project manager from Boise State University, was impressed with the Taiwan Scholarship offered by the Ministry of Education. During their visit they were able to see the exhibit on aesthetics of the ancients, during which they expressed much interested and excitement.



Meredith A. Taylor (3rd from left), head of the delegation and international trade project manager at Boise State University, and others pose for a picture with Director Liao (front right) of the Bureau of International Exchange of Publications

Chinese Studies Symposium

2011.08.12

The CCS invited Shirley Yeh, a doctoral candidate at the History Department of Harvard University and Ministry of Foreign Affairs "Taiwan Fellowship" visiting scholar, to give a lecture on "A Shipping Perspective on the Modernization of Cities and Hydraulic Engineering in Contemporary China."

The lecture was chaired by National Chengchi University Department of History Professor Tang Chi-Hua. In her paper, Ms. Yeh noted that in the hundred years between 1850 and 1950, China experienced unprecedented economic and environmental changes. Using comparative case studies of particular cities and rivers, with special attention to issues of spatial politics, sovereignty, and international society, she outlined some of those changes. The paper asked what role different types of shipping and industry played in the changing perceptions and manipulations of China's coast and inland waters? And how were knowledge and politics about water control transformed in the process? The talk will draw on archival material housed in Germany, China, and Taiwan, and argue that

