



The TRCCS is unveiled at the University of Toronto Libraries. (3rd left to right: Dr. Stephen Qiao of East Asian Library, Director General Rong-chuan Wu of Toronto TECO, Director General Tseng, Director Vinitha Gengatharan of International Strategy and Partnerships of U of T).



Director General Tseng is interviewed by local media in Malaysia and Canada.

■ NCL, UM and UTAR Jointly Organize the Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies

On the day of the TRCCS opening ceremony in Malaysia the NCL, the UM and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) jointly organized for the first time a Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies with the subject on “*Dream of the Red Chamber* and *Doraemon*: Historical research in the digital age.” Prof. Yi-long Huang, Academician at Academia Sinica, was invited to share his research results on the “*Dream of the Red Chamber*” using electronic resources.

The NCL also invited Prof. Huang on July 15 to give a talk on “The line between historical fact and legend: is Fuk’anggan Qianlong’s illegitimate son?” at UTAR, Perak Campus.

In both speeches, Prof. Huang has full use of the e-research tools of the modern era, highlighting the tremendous impact and challenges of the information explosion era on Sinology research. It may produce not only leads to great potential for Chinese Studies in its future direction of development, but also a deep enlightening and thought-provoking.

In her remarks, Director General Tseng expressed that the Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies invites first-rate international scholars to campuses to speak, allowing more people to see the type of research being done in Taiwan. In addition, the series also increases the depth of research on Chinese studies.

Professor Huang holds that through big data gathering, traditional research in literature and history can be turned on its head. It can also lead to new insights and findings. In his lecture, he talked specifically on the author Xueqin Cao’s network of associates and tied it in with textual criticism to



Establishing a TRCCS at the University of Malaya receives large coverage in Malaysian newspaper.

After the ceremony, the U of T organized the “Forum on Special Collections in the Digital Age.” Invited speakers were Director General Tseng; Director Hsiao-ming Yu of NCL Special Collections Division; University Librarian of National Taiwan University Professor Sherry Chen; Ms. Anne Dondertman, Associate Librarian for Special Collection and Director of the Fisher Library, University of Toronto Libraries; Dr. Stephen Qiao and Ms. Lucy Gan of the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library, University of Toronto Libraries. Altogether, there were five speeches focusing on the experience and achievements on special collections digitization between Taiwan and Canada. It brought about new ideas and opened more cooperation possibilities in the future.

show the people behind the characters and related implications. His humorous and entertaining style had references to many current events interwoven in the lecture, leading to a great response from scholars and students in the audience.



Director General Tseng, Professor Huang, and others from the University of Malaya.



Participants asking questions at the UTAR lecture.

■ NCL Donates Books to Kuala Lumpur Chinese Taipei School

To increase the library resources of overseas Taiwan schools, so that more Malaysian Chinese overseas children may be able to have more high-quality books published in Taiwan thereby enhancing understanding of Taiwanese culture, the NCL in collaboration with the teachers from the Kuala Lumpur Chinese Taipei School carefully selected appropriate books for children. Among them are picture books, story books and novels, literature books suited for youth, arts and other books. A total of 145 titles, 151 volumes were donated by Director General Tseng on July 14 and received by the school principal, Yih-ching Chang.



A photo taken in front of the Kuala Lumpur Chinese Taipei School.

■ Director General Tseng Visits the University of Toronto Libraries and Royal Ontario Museum

During Director General Tseng's visit to the U of T to attend the TRCCS opening ceremony, she, together with University Librarian Sherry Chen of NTU Library, Prof. Chi-min Lin of National Taipei University of Education and NCL Director Hsiao-ming Yu, made special arrangements to visit the University College, Robarts Library, Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library and Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library of U of T and Royal Ontario Museum. They were warmly welcomed by Acting Director Dr. Stephen Qiao of the East Asian Library.

The East Asian Library began with a collection of rare materials acquired from China in the 1930's. This special collection is now known as the Mu Collection. The Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library houses the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections including books, manuscripts and other materials; and the University of Toronto Archives and Records Management Services, which holds the official records of the University.

The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) was under the direct control and management of the U of T until 1968, when it became an independent institution. The museum has maintained close relations with the U of T throughout its history, often sharing expertise and resources.



Director General Tseng (2nd left) and companions visit the University College.