

**The Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London**

On November 4, 2013, NCL director-general Tseng Shu-hsien and the pro-director of teaching and learning of the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) Prof. Nirmala Rao signed a joint memorandum establishing a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at SOAS. The occasion was marked by a ceremony attended by the director of SOAS Centre of Taiwan Studies Prof. Dafydd Fell and deputy director Chang Bi-yu, director of the recently-established SOAS China Institute Prof. Michel Hockx, and director of SOAS Library and Information Services John Robinson. Taiwan's representative to the UK Shen Lyu-shun was also present to witness this momentous occasion for cultural exchange between the two countries. Director-General Tseng presented SOAS Library with a limited edition facsimile reprint of the *Annotated Poetry of Su Dongpo* to mark the collaboration between the two libraries and for the benefit of overseas sinology research.

SOAS has a reputation as not only one of the UK's, but also the world's greatest academic institutions, occupying a unique position in the academic world. It is hoped that the establishment of the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies will generate further interest in the fields of Taiwan Studies and Chinese Studies at SOAS, and that the high quality research publications, digital resources created by NCL and related Taiwanese research it provides will further enrich the range of academic research resources available at SOAS.

The Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at SOAS is a dedicated room housing books, electronic resources, and databases (such as the Full-Text Newspaper Database) for SOAS students and staff to use. The opening of the room signifies the formal commencement of the partnership

between the two institutions and takes to another level the long-standing academic friendship between Taiwan and the UK. In order to serve a wider range of Chinese Studies scholars and promote overseas academic exchanges, NCL will continue to disseminate research and share resources through the Resource Center, and to provide SOAS with Taiwan's top publications and research resources.



Taiwan's representative to the UK Shen Lyu-shun (2nd right); SOAS Pro-Director of Teaching and Learning Prof. Nirmala Rao (2nd left); NCL Director-General Tseng Shu-hsien (far left); Director of SOAS Centre of Taiwan Studies Prof. Dafydd Fell (far right).



SOAS students and faculty participating in the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies opening roundtable watch a film screened by NCL introducing Taiwan's Chinese Studies research resources



NCL director-general Tseng Shu-hsien shows opening ceremony attendees the limited edition facsimile reprint of the Annotated Poetry of Su Dongpo presented by NCL to SOAS Library