

The Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Latvia

On November 8, 2013, NCL director-general Tseng Shu-hsien and the director of the National Library of Latvia Andris Vilks signed a joint memorandum establishing a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies. The occasion was marked by a ceremony attended by the director of the University of Latvia Institute of Oriental Studies Dr. Frank Kraushaar, and Taiwan's representative to Latvia Ko Kuang-yueh and his wife.

At the ceremony, NCL also presented the National Library of Latvia with a limited edition facsimile reprint of the *Annotated Poetry of Su Dongpo* to mark the partnership between the two libraries and for the benefit of overseas sinology research. Initially, Latvia's Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies is located at the University of Latvia Institute of Oriental Studies library, but will move to the National Library of Latvia following the planned relocation of the library to its new home in autumn 2015.

As a scholar of Su Dongpo, the director of the Institute of Oriental Studies Dr. Frank Kraushaar explained Su Dongpo's outstanding accomplishments and the high regard in which he is held in the fields of Chinese history and sinology, expressing the special significance to Latvia of being presented with this edition of the *Annotated Poetry of Su Dongpo* and of the opening of a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies in Latvia.

The Taiwanese publications, audio-visual materials, NCL-created digital resources, and related electronic research resources provided by the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies will both deepen academic exchange between Taiwan and Latvia and strengthen China Studies and Taiwan Studies research at the University of Latvia and National Library of Latvia, serving to promote academic activities in the field. In order to serve

a wider range of Chinese Studies scholars and promote overseas academic exchange, NCL will continue to disseminate research and share resources through the Resource Center, and to provide both the University of Latvia and National Library of Latvia with Taiwan's top publications and research resources.



NCL Director-General Tseng Shu-hsien (right) and director of the National Library of Latvia Andris Vilks (left) sign a joint memorandum establishing the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies in Latvia. Taiwan's representative to Latvia Ko Kuang-yueh (center) also attended the ceremony.



Taiwan's representative to Latvia Ko Kuang-yueh (center), National Library of Latvia Director Andris Vilks (2nd left), and NCL Director-General Tseng Shu-hsien (2nd right) pose for a photograph after the signing.



Following the signing, the two libraries exchange views on the operation of Latvia's Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies