## The Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City (VNU-HCM) University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH)

With a 50-year history, Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City (VNU-HCM) University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH) is one of Vietnam's largest educational and research institutes of its kind, enjoying great prestige domestically. It has excellent teaching staff, a comprehensive curriculum, and is well-equipped for teaching and research. The university has an international outlook and is actively developing academic and teaching partnerships with other institutions, especially internationally, and by 2012 had signed 220 memoranda and agreements establishing partnerships. At present, more than 30,000 students attend the school, of whom more than 2,000 are international students. USSH has a Faculty of Oriental Studies, Faculty of Chinese Linguistics and Literature, and Institute of Hán-Nôm Studies, all of which are Chinese Studies-related.

Between 1993 and 2011, nine Vietnamese scholars were recipients of NCL's Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies, completing their research in Taiwan and helping to create a friendly foundation for academic exchange between the two countries. On November 25, 2013, NCL and Vietnam National University—Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities signed a joint memorandum establishing a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at USSH, the sixth to be established worldwide. Representing NCL at a ceremony marking the occasion were Director Liao Shiow-man and Dr. Jeng Ji-tian from the International Cooperation Division. Also present to witness the ceremony were the assistant director of Ho Chi Minh City TECO Lin Wen-chih and assistant adviser Chen Yu-jen.

The Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at USSH currently stocks 496 titles spanning 576 volumes of Chinese-language Chinese Studies and Taiwan Studies research publications donated by NCL, covering subjects such as literature, history, religion, economics and society, boosting the university's teaching and research capabilities. The opening of the Center establishes a platform for exchanging knowledge and research in global Chinese Studies and Taiwan Studies, and will deepen the long-standing academic friendship between Taiwan and Vietnam. 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 the University of Social Sciences and Humanities with Taiwan's top publications and research resources.



Representatives from NCL and USSH pose for a photograph following the signing of a joint memorandum establishing partnership between the two institutions



NCL presents USSH with its initial collection of 496 Chinese Studies and Taiwan Studies related books spanning 576 volumes



USSH president Prof. Vo Van Sen (far left) and NCL International Cooperation Division director Liao Shiow-man ( $2^{nd}$  right) formally open the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at USSH



Opening ceremony attendees pose for a photograph following the opening of the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at USSH. Also present to witness the ceremony were the assistant director of Ho Chi Minh City TECO Lin Wen-chih (3rd right) and assistant adviser Chen Yu-jen (far right).



The Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at USSH formally opens its doors



Opening ceremony attendees pose for a photograph following the formal opening of the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at USSH



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