

The Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at Leipzig University

On November 7, 2013, NCL director-general Tseng Shu-hsien and the director of Leipzig University Library Prof. Ulrich Schneider signed a joint memorandum establishing a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at Leipzig University. The occasion was marked by a ceremony attended by Leipzig University vice-rector for education and international affairs Prof. Dr. Claus Altmayer, director of Leipzig University Institute of East Asian Studies Prof. Philip Clart and Taiwan's representative to Germany Agnes Hwa-yu Chen.

Vice-Rector Altmayer made special mention of Tsai Yuan-pei's studies at Leipzig University between 1908 and 1911 and also the fact that it was here that Lin Yu-tang obtained his Ph.D. in Linguistics. He explained that there has long been academic exchange between the two countries and expressed the hope that this partnership and exchange will continue to strengthen. Leipzig University Library presented NCL with a special reprint of Lin Yu-tang's Ph.D. dissertation and related documents, while NCL presented Leipzig University Library 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.

Germany is an important center for sinology. Founded in 1409, Leipzig University is Germany's second oldest university, upholding a fine tradition of East Asia research in particular. Leipzig University's Faculty of History, Art, and Oriental Studies comprises 15 institutes, all of which are in some way related to the field of Chinese Studies. Establishing the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at Leipzig University will provide support for the university's study and research functions. This creates an opportunity to fully demonstrate Taiwan's high quality research

publications and audio-visual materials, NCL's digital resources and related Taiwanese research. Institute of East Asian Studies director Prof. Philip Clart believes that the creation of the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies will not only greatly benefit Chinese Studies research at Leipzig University, but will also have the effect of attracting young scholars there to read Chinese Studies.



NCL director-general Tseng Shu-hsien delivers a speech



NCL director-general Tseng Shu-hsien (seated right) and director of Leipzig University Library Prof. Ulrich Schneider (seated left) sign a joint memorandum establishing the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at Leipzig University.



The Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies formally opens its doors. Left to right: Director Shen Cen-chu, Director Ulrich Schneider, Director-General Tseng Shu-hsien, Taiwan representative to Germany Agnes Hwa-yu Chen, and Prof. Philip Clart.