

The 11th TRCCS in the Europe

The NCL and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences cooperate to set up the first TRCCS in Hungary. The TRCCS will not only provide important academic resources for the researchers here at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, but also will aid in improving the exchange and collaboration among the Academy, Hungary, and various institutions in Taiwan.

The primary focus of Chinese studies in Hungary has been the vast expanse of territory known as Inner Asia. This began as an effort to understand the ancient historical events of Hungarians. In the 19th century when Hungarian sinologists began focusing on China and its exploration, Chinese scholars also expressed a deep interest in Hungary, these people who are located in Europe but who are also intricately tied to Asia. This mutual curiosity and inquiry brought about a bidirectional flow of culture. By the beginning of the 20th century Hungarian Chinese studies had matured significantly.

After the Hungarian Academy of Sciences was restructured in 1949, it officially added oriental studies as a research department. The Oriental Library, which fell under the jurisdiction of the Oriental Research Center, was established in 1951. It grew quickly under the efforts of renowned Turkish expert László Rásonyi. The Oriental Collection in the Academy's Library has an amazing collection, making it an important resource in researching the Oriental and Chinese studies.

National Central Library and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences first signed a cooperative memorandum on October 14, 2016, regarding the database of the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books. This was the 74th collaborating institution to join the project. Then on November 11, NCL provided a donation of 112 volumes of recent academic books in Taiwan. With this close working relationship, it is a pleasure to be able to collaborate with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences once more in a unified effort to promote Chinese studies and Taiwan studies.



From left: Dr. Ágnes Kelecsényi (Head of Department Oriental Collections), Director-General Tseng, Dr. István Monok (Director-General of the Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences), Representative Tao Wen-lung (from the Taipei Representative Office in Budapest)



Director-General Tseng and Director-General Monok sign the cooperation agreement on the TRCCS.