

## **Chinese Cabinet at the Russian Academy of Sciences' (RAS) Institute of Oriental Studies**

National Central Library (NCL) has established close cultural ties and a cooperative relationship with Russia since 2010. In December 2010, the director-general of Russian State Library (RSL) and director of Russian State Children's Library visited NCL, and signed a cooperative agreement between NCL and RSL. Director-general of NCL, Dr. Tseng Shu-hsien also led a team to visit many important libraries and research institutes in Russia in 2011. During the trip, a formal cooperative agreement was signed with the Russian Academy of Sciences' (RAS) Institute of Oriental Studies, which served as a basis for the establishment of the Chinese Cabinet.

In early 2012, NCL donated 550 books to the institute as a continuation of culture exchange. The RAS set up a special section named "Chinese Cabinet" for the display of the donations. The official donation and establishment ceremony was held on December 24, 2012 by Prof. Vitaly Naumkin (who is also a member of the advisory Scientific Council under the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia) and Taiwan's representative in Russia, Mr. Jack Chen. The Institute of Oriental Studies also presented a certificate of appreciation to NCL and the Republic of China (Taiwan) Representative Office in Moscow. The establishment of the Chinese Cabinet at RAS' Institute of Oriental Studies has greatly increased Russian sinologists and library patrons' understanding of Chinese Studies in Taiwan. It also increased Taiwan's visibility and cultural image in Russia. In the future, the NCL will continue to add to the collections of the cabinet with Taiwan and Sinology research materials, and extend the exchanges between NCL and RAS' Institute of Oriental Studies.

Besides material exchanges, future cooperation includes translation and digitization of rare collections, exchanges on techniques of repairing ancient materials, and other academic collaborations.



Prof. Vitaly Naumkin (L), director of RAS' Institute of Oriental Studies presents a certificate of appreciation to Taiwan's representative in Russia Mr. Jack Chen (R) at the donation ceremony of the establishment of the "Chinese Cabinet."