

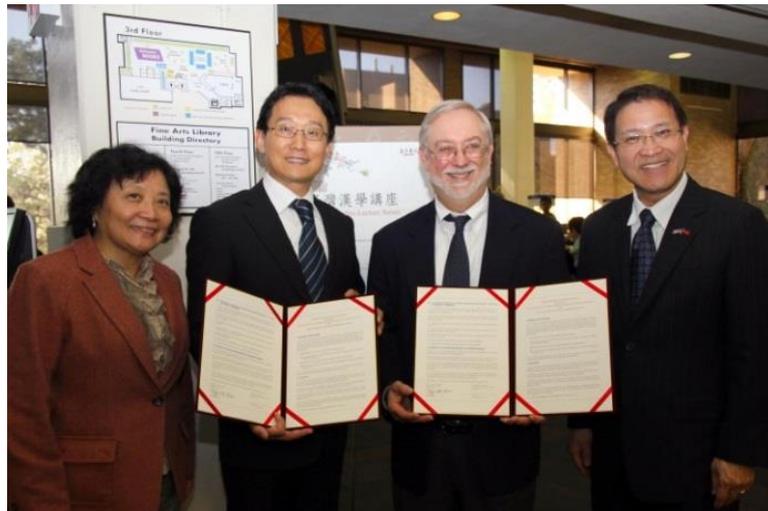
Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at The University of Texas at Austin

In step with ROC government policy to promote Taiwan and Chinese Studies internationally, the National Central Library (NCL) has built on an existing publication exchange program with UT Austin to establish a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at the University, which will help to effectively broaden access to Taiwan's top academic publications and increase the visibility and influence of Taiwan's sinological research on the global stage.

In June 2012, Director-General of the National Central Library Dr. Tseng Shu-hsien and her colleagues traveled to Houston to hold a series of Taiwan Academy events and attend the American Library Association's (ALA) Annual Conference. During this time, Director-General Tseng met with Head Librarian of the East Asian Library Program at UT Austin Ms. Su Meng-Fen and extensively discussed future co-operation and exchanges between the two libraries, and plans to open a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at UT Austin.

UT Austin is the flagship school of The University of Texas system. It has over 50,000 students, a library ranking among the ten biggest in the U.S, and is also ranked one of America's best public universities. On November 5, 2012, Head Librarian Dr. Fred Heath signed a Memorandum of Understanding with NCL on behalf of UT Austin establishing the first overseas Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies. Chief of Staff of the Vice Provost's Office Douglas Barnett represented UT Texas Libraries at the formal exchange ceremony, with Editor of the Bureau of International Publication Exchange Lin Neng-shan representing NCL and Director-General of the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Houston Daniel T. C. Liao also in attendance. They were joined by UT Texas Libraries Art and Art History Librarian Laura Schwartz and the heads of the departments of Fine Arts and Asian Studies. At the ceremony, NCL presented the newly-established Resource Center with its collection of Taiwan and Chinese Studies research publications published in

Taiwan. NCL will continue to send books overseas to keep this collection up to date and also maintain its publication exchange program with UT Austin, while providing access to the digital resources established by NCL and the Center for Chinese Studies. The Resource Center will provide a dedicated space and materials for readers to browse and will also hold promotional activities, thus fulfilling the goal of establishing the Center for both NCL and local scholars.



NCL and UT Austin formally establish the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies. Representing UT Austin Libraries, Douglas Barnett (2nd right); Representing NCL, Lin Neng-shan (2nd left). Also in attendance: Daniel T. C. Liao (far right) and Ms. Sara Wu (far left) from Houston TECO.