

NCL Sets up a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at Sapienza University of Rome

On November 20, 2018, National Central Library Director-general Tseng Shu-hsien, and Prorector of Sapienza University of Rome, Professor Renato Masiani, signed an agreement for Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies and held a ceremony marking the occasion. Since starting the TRCCS project in 2012, this is the 30th center to be established.

Sapienza University of Rome was established in 1303, and is one of the oldest and largest universities in Europe, as well as ranked first in Italy. Among all universities in Italy, the libraries of Sapienza University of Rome have the richest and oldest collections, with more than 3,700,000 books, 35,700 periodicals, as well as 25,000 rare books and historical archives.

In terms of scholarly exchange, from 1990 to present a total of 46 Italian scholars have received a fellowship from Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Center for Chinese Studies to come to Taiwan for research on topics related to Chinese or Taiwanese studies. Of these, eight have come from Sapienza University of Rome. The NCL has donated 462 titles 564 volumes of books related to Chinese Studies and Taiwanese Studies and will continue to do so each year. Databases are also subscribed to meet the needs of researchers here. It's believed to allow more people to read good books published in Taiwan and to access rich online materials. This will facilitate Taiwan's efforts to promote Chinese studies.

In establishing a TRCCS at Sapienza University of Rome, the Deputy Representative Alejandro R. K. Huang from the Taipei Representative Office in Italy came and gave remarks. Both he and Prorector Renato Masiani mentioned the many interactions Sapienza University of Rome has had with universities in Taiwan. The Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies will ensure that scholarly exchange between the countries will become even more active. Head of the Oriental Studies Department, Dr. Alessandra Brezzi, and the Director of the Library of Oriental Studies,

Dr. Fabio Stassi, both thanked NCL many times on providing such replete resources and complete cataloging information.

After formally signing the agreement for a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies, Professor Federica Casalin and Dr. Fabio Stassi provided a tour of the Library of Oriental Studies, including their stacks, their Chinese collection, and their research resources. It was a perfect ending to the day's events.



Director-General Tseng and Prof. Renato Masiani sign the cooperation agreement on the TRCCS.



The TRCCS Opening Ceremony at Sapienza University of Rome