

NCL Sets up a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at Ca' Foscari University of Venice

On November 16, 2018, National Central Library Director-general Tseng Shu-hsien, and Professor Tiziana Lippiello, Vice Rector of Ca'Foscari University of Venice, signed an agreement for Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies and held a ceremony marking the occasion. This is the first Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies in Italy and Southern Europe. Since starting the TRCCS project in 2012, this is the 29th center to be established.

Ca'Foscari University of Venice was established in 1868, and the libraries' collections are more than a million books and 4,400 titles of periodicals. It continues to be one of the most important academic institutions in Italy. The NCL has donated 222 titles 239 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. Ca' Foscari University of Venice has close to thirty researchers working on Chinese studies and Taiwan studies, as well as close to one thousand students in related disciplines. Thus, the resources provided in this collaborative effort will greatly benefit the faculty and students in their teaching and research.

During the ceremony officially opening the Center, Vice Rector Professor Tiziana Lippiello and President of the Library System Professor Dorit Raines both expressed their gratitude for the abundant physical and digital resources. Ambassador Andrea S. Y. Lee from the Taipei Representative Office in Italy also spoke, emphasizing the deep significance of this Center during the 150th anniversary of the university. He also gave his blessing on the endeavor. Professor Marco Ceresa, Head of the Department of Asian and North African Studies, spoke of his experience as a recipient of the research fellowship from NCL's Center for Chinese Studies and expressed his blessing as he officially opened the Center.



Director-General Tseng and Prof. Tiziana Lippiello sign the cooperation agreement on the TRCCS.



From left: Director-General Tseng, Representative Sing-Ying Lee, Prof. Marco Ceresa