

The NCL and the University of Ljubljana Cooperate to establish a TRCCS

With the support from both the faculty of arts and the faculty of social sciences, the first TRCCS was established in Slovenia on May 24, 2017. Setting up a TRCCS at the University of Ljubljana is a win-win situation for both Slovenia and the NCL. The NCL has provided 730 titles (1023 volumes) of works published in Taiwan, and each year the NCL will continue to add new books and provide access to abundant electronic resources from Taiwan. In addition, if researchers here need access to other holdings at the NCL, the NCL will provide scanned copies as quickly as possible. The NCL will also work together to hold Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies and exhibitions. Invitations will also be sent to attend workshops for international librarians and other events hosted by the NCL.

Slovenia is located in the middle of many European countries and has a rich culture similar to Taiwan's multifaceted culture. As the representative institution of higher learning in Slovenia, the University of Ljubljana has a long history with much emphasis on education in the humanities. It has also actively developed a presence in Asian studies and has made many brilliant contribution to Chinese studies. To cite just one example, it has recently collaborated with Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to set up a Taiwan Study Center in its Asian Studies Department that promotes Taiwan culture in Slovenia.

Exchanges between the University and the NCL on Chinese studies have enjoyed a long history. From 1994 to present, there have been seven scholars from Slovenia receive research grants from Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and our Library's Center for Chinese Studies. These scholars have come from the University of Ljubljana. Of these, Prof. Jana Rošker has been awarded the research grand a total of five times! These scholars represent the university in their wonderful achievements in both China and Taiwan studies.

In the future, the TRCCS will not only provide important academic resources for

the researchers here at the University of Ljubljana, but also will aid in improving the exchange and collaboration among your university, Slovenia, and various institutions in Taiwan.



From Left: Director-General Tseng, Dean Branka Kalenić Ramšak (faculty of arts) and Dean Rado Bohinc (faculty of social sciences).



The official opening of the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies.