

“Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” invited Professor Man-hong Lin of Academia Sinica to give lectures in Britain

The National Central Library has spared no effort in promoting exchange activities concerning Taiwanese Studies and Chinese Studies. Starting from 2011, six to seven “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” have been held abroad annually to establish an exchange platform and share research outcomes of Taiwanese and Chinese Studies, and further promote Chinese culture rich with Taiwanese characteristics.

The third annual “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” was held on June 19, 2014, by the Center for Chinese Studies of the National Central Library, in coordination with the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of the University of London, which coordinated the lecture series as part of the university’s 8th Taiwan Studies Summer School Program. Professor Man-hong Lin of the Institute of Modern History of Academia Sinica was invited to give lectures on “The May 26, 1971 Note: A Basis for Taiwan’s Sovereignty Claim over the Diaoyutai Isles” and “Taiwan, Manchukuo, and the Sino-Japanese War.” Professor Lin delved into the topic of Taiwan’s sovereignty claim over the Diaoyutai Isles as proven by historical documents in a concise and explicit way. She also analyzed and interpreted the impact of trade between Manchukuo and Taiwan. After Professor Lin’s lectures, Ms. Hsiao-ming Yu, Director of the Special Collection Division of the National Central Library, gave the participants an introduction on the resources of Chinese Studies in Taiwan. Professor Dafydd Fell, Director of the SOAS Center of Taiwan Studies, who hosted the session, made a point of relating the establishment of the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) of the National Central Library and the significance for him of receiving the scholarship offered by the Center for Chinese Studies. Ms. Huei-hsing Hsieh, a Chinese expert at the School of Oriental and African Studies, also talked about the resources of TRCCs.

Professor Man-hong Lin received her doctoral degree in History and East Asian Languages and Literatures at Harvard University. She has served as the director of Academia Historica, and her specialties include Taiwanese history, economic history, the history of the Qing dynasty, and theories of historiography, focusing particularly on the exploration of total history from the economic perspective. She has been promoting academic exchanges devoted to Taiwanese studies. The lectures she gave in this symposium were rich in content and stirred many questions among the more than 70 participants during the Q&A session afterwards, for which Professor Lin provided clear and detailed responses. The lectures were video-taped and were

authorized by Professor Lin for broadcasting purposes. Those interested in the lectures can log on to the website of the Digital Audio Visual Archive System: DAVA (DAVA) of the National Central Library.

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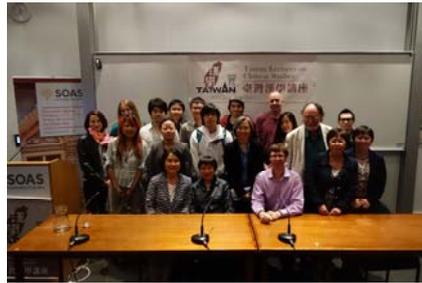


Photo 1: Director Hsiao-ming Yu, Professor Man-hong Lin, Professor Dafydd Fell (from the left in the front row) and participants of the symposium



Photo 2: Professor Man-hong Lin giving a lecture at The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of University of London



Photo 3: Director Hsiao-ming Yu (first on the right) introducing the resources of Chinese studies in Taiwan.