

of the “human world” and “natural environment” in ancient China. He expressed disapproval of theoretical controls on data. He also proposed a research methodology drawing on natural resource management in Three Rites on management and corroborating Han period precepts.



Professor Roel Sterckx.

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The CCS held the “World Sinologists Seminar.” This is the first academic activity to be held related to the establishment of “CCS Scholars Worldwide,” an association of foreign scholars who have received grants for Sinological study in Taiwan over the years. Professor Dafydd Fell, deputy director of the Centre of Taiwan Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, gave the keynote speech on the “Popularity of the Study of Taiwan Politics Abroad.”

Academic seminars on Taiwan studies are popular in Europe, with seminars on international relations and politics accounting for 70% of the total. Taiwan's convenient High Speed Rail system, excellent health facilities, and high degree of

interview cooperation from the political elite have made Taiwan a suitable place for international scholars to conduct fieldwork. Taiwan's CCS, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other institutions have established scholarships to support academic research, further increasing interest among scholars in research on Taiwan.



Director Dafydd Fell (left) with Director-general Tseng (right).

2012.04.30

The CCS held the second session of the “World Sinologists Seminar.” Dr. Philip Clart, a CCS visiting scholar in 1993 and professor of the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Leipzig in Germany, presented a keynote speech on “‘Religious Ecology’ as a New Model for the Study of Religious Diversity in China.”

Professor Clart argued that the focus of religious studies should be expanded. He noted that, in China, religion has been affected by political and state power. For example, in terms of local traditional culture, religious studies in China are often conducted under the framework of political and traditional culture, making such research prone to conflict and competition. This should be a background consideration in the research methodology of cultural “religious ecology.”

Professor Paul R. Katz concluded that “religious ecology” is a holistic view and an integral reason in understanding an area of religious development.



Professor Clart (left), professor of the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Leipzig in Germany.

CCS News and Activities

■ *CCS Attends 2012 AAS Annual Meeting*

Director Keng Li-chun of the Liaison Division at the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) and NCL Reader Services Division editor Sung Mei-chen attend the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and book fair in Toronto, Canada, on March 16 to 18. The NCL and CCS displayed 480 books and CDs (488 volumes) on Sinology and Taiwan studies published over the past three years. The display highlighted Taiwan’s academic achievement and publishing developments in recent years, while also promoting international cooperation and cultural exchange.

After the meeting, the exhibited books were donated to the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library at the University of Toronto to augment local Sinology resources. The book donation ceremony was held on March 19 at the University of Toronto. Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto Representative Winston Wen-yi Chen presented the donation, which was received by Larry P. Alford, dean of University Libraries at the

University of Toronto. The two sides both affirmed the importance of the donation in promoting international academic exchange and expressed hope to build on cooperation in future.



Director Keng Li-chun (left), Editor Sung Mei-chen.



Representative Winston Wen-yi Chen, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Toronto (2nd from right), and Director Keng presented the books, received by Larry P. Alford (center).

■ *CCS Hosts Academic Conference*

On March 16 and 17, the CCS, Taiwan Normal University’s College of International Studies and Education for Overseas Chinese, and (School of National Culture) at Wuhan University college jointly held 2012 “International Symposium on Cross-cultural Perspectives on Confucian Ethics.” After the opening ceremony, Professor Huang Chun-chieh, dean of the Institute for Advanced