

**Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for
International Scholarly Exchange**

2023-2024 Annual Report

INTRODUCTION

The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (the Foundation) was established in 1989 in memory of the outstanding achievements of the late President of the Republic of China, Chiang Ching-kuo (1910–1988).

The Foundation's mission is to promote the study of Chinese culture and society, as well as enhance international scholarly exchange. Its principal work is to award grants and fellowships to institutions and individuals conducting Sinological and Taiwan-related research, thereby adding new life to Chinese cultural traditions while also assuming responsibility for the further development of human civilization.

Operational funds supporting the Foundation's activities derive from interest generated from an endowment donated by both the public and private sectors. As of June 1, 2024, the size of this endowment totaled NT\$3.62 billion.

The Foundation is governed by its Board of Directors (consisting of between 15 and 21 Board Members), as well as 3 Supervisors. Our central headquarters is located in Taipei, Taiwan, with a regional office near Washington D.C. in McLean, Virginia. In addition, the Foundation currently maintains four overseas centers: the Chiang Ching-kuo International Sinological Center at Charles University (CCK-ISC); the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Inter-University Center for Sinology at Harvard University (CCK-IUC); the Chinese University of Hong Kong - Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies (CCK-APC); and the European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan - A CCK Foundation Overseas Center at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (CCKF-ERCCT). There are also review committees for the five regions covering the geographic scope of the Foundation's operations: Domestic, American, European, Asia-Pacific, and Developing. The members of these committees are distinguished scholars in the field of Chinese Studies, who are charged with screening and evaluating all applications in their respective regions.

The Foundation's website (<http://www.cckf.org/en>) contains information on its programs, application procedures, etc.



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Overview

The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (hereafter referred to as the Foundation) is now entering its thirty-fifth year of operations. Established in January 1989 as the first Taiwan-based foundation to provide grants to scholars and institutions in Chinese Studies worldwide, the Foundation has funded 5,086 research projects in 70 countries. These projects have resulted in the completion of 1,105 scholarly articles and 1,200 books as well as 1,732 doctoral dissertations. In addition, the Foundation has assisted 140 academic institutions in the United States and Europe in establishing over 164 positions in the fields of Sinology, Chinese Studies, and Taiwan Studies, clearly demonstrating its leading role in providing necessary resources for the development of these fields. In all, the Foundation's grants have totaled NT\$4,479,000,000 (over US\$149,560,000).

From the very beginning, the government of the Republic of China (ROC) and donors from the private sector had the vision to establish the Foundation as an independent non-governmental scholarly agency. Under the leadership of its two late Chairmen, K. T. Li and Kuo-hua Yu, as well as former Chairmen Yih-yuan Li and Kao-wen Mao, the Foundation has strived to adhere to the principle of awarding grants solely on the basis of academic merit. In 2003, Professor Yun-han Chu succeeded Professor Yih-yuan Li as President of the Foundation, working to promote cooperation with leading overseas academic institutions and international organizations. In 2023,

Professor Chun-i Chen succeeded Professor Yun-han Chu as President of the Foundation. In the post-pandemic era, the Foundation will continue to invest its limited resources in regions that remain committed to traditional Sinology.

Professor Yih-yuan Li was associated with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation since its establishment in 1989, serving four terms as President and then as Chairman for three terms. Under his leadership, the Foundation emerged as one of the most active and prestigious organizations dedicated to the promotion of Chinese Studies internationally. After Professor Li retired on June 5, 2010, Dr. Kao-wen Mao succeeded him as Chairman of the Foundation. After Chairman Mao's resignation, Dr. Fredrick F. Chien became the Foundation's newest Chairman in June 2019. Since becoming Chairman, Dr. Chien has followed the path of his predecessors, advancing the Foundation's mission in promoting international scholarly exchange while abiding by established principles and enhancing Taiwan's prominence in the global academic community. At the same time, he has taken initiatives to expand bilateral collaborations among scholars around the world. The Foundation looks forward to the further fruition of its programs under Chairman Chien's leadership.

The Twelfth Board of Directors consists of the following twenty-one members: Charng-ven Chen, Chun-i Chen, Dung-sheng Chen, Fredrick F. Chien, W. Brent Christensen, Yancey Hai, Douglas Hsu, Wei-fan Kuo, Lawrence Lau, David T. Lee, Men-yen Li, James C. Liao, Mon-chi Lio, Douglas H. Paal, Stan Shih, James C. Y. Soong, Ovid J. L. Tzeng, Cher Wang, David Der-wei Wang, Jing-jyi Wu, and Pauline Yu. The current Board's term extends from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2025.



Chairman Fredrick F. Chien (fourth from right, front row) and the Board of Directors at the Board Meeting



Board Members W. Brent Christensen, David T. Lee, and James C. Y. Soong (from left to right) at the Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors is the Foundation's most important decision-making body. In addition, Ambrose King, Fai-nan Perng, and Hau-min Rai serve as the Foundation's Supervisory Board. There is also a Finance Committee chosen by the Board of Directors; its members include Yancey Hai, Douglas Hsu, and Lawrence Lau. The Supervisory Board and Finance Committee work to supervise the Foundation's endowment and strengthen its financial operations by providing oversight in accordance with legal regulations and requirements, as well as striving to achieve the goals of prudent management and sustainable operations, thereby ensuring the Foundation's continued stability. The Foundation also operates five review committees to screen applications in the Domestic, American, European, Asia-Pacific, and Developing regions. During the 2023–2024 year, the Foundation's operations proceeded as follows:

I. Activities of the Board

1. Board of Directors Meetings

The Fourth Meeting of the Twelfth Board of Directors was held on December 16, 2023, and was chaired by Chairman Fredrick F. Chien. Nineteen board members attended the meeting. However, Men-yen Li and Mon-chi Lio were unable to attend due to other commitments. Lin-ju Kuo from the Department of International and Cross-strait Education of the Ministry of Education also attended as an observer. Foundation President Chun-i Chen reported on the operations and finances of the Foundation, and David Der-wei Wang reported on the activities of the American Region. The meeting discussed and approved the 2023 academic grant budget, totaling US\$2,307,323. Additionally, the meeting approved the grant allocation for each region and the first round of grant applications for 2023. Continued funding was also approved for small grants and graduate student paper prizes for the Association for Asian Studies, the biennial conference and Young Scholars Award of the European Association for Chinese Studies, the annual conference and Young Scholars Award of the European Association of Taiwan Studies, and the third phase of the Chiang Ching-kuo Digital Archive curated by Academia Historica.

The Fifth Meeting of the Twelfth Board of Directors was held on May 18, 2024, and was chaired by Chairman Fredrick F. Chien. Eighteen board members attended the meeting. However, Men-yen Li, Dung-sheng Chen, and Mon-chi Lio were unable to attend due to other commitments. Kao-hsien Liao, Acting Director-General of the Department of International and Cross-strait Education at the Ministry of Education, also attended as an observer. During the meeting, Foundation President Chun-i Chen reported on the Foundation's operations over the previous six months, and David Der-wei Wang reported on the activities of the American Region. Subsequently, Yancey Hai presented the finance report on behalf of the Finance Committee. The meeting also discussed the nominating committee for private sector directors of the Thirteenth Board of Directors. In addition, a total of 58 grant applications were approved by the meeting, with a total amount of US\$1,300,708.



Board Members Charng-ven Chen (left) and Yancey Hai at the Board of Directors Meeting

2. Supervisory Board Meetings

The Third Meeting of the Supervisory Board of the Twelfth Board of Directors was held on December 19, 2023. The meeting was attended by Board Members Ambrose King, Fai-nan Perng, and Hau-min Rai, as well as Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien, President Chun-i Chen, Vice-President Gang Shyy, and Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung. Lin-ju Kuo from the Department of International and Cross-strait Education of the Ministry of Education and Su-chin Hsu, an accountant from Baker Tilly Clock & Co, also attended as observers. The meeting began with a briefing by Foundation President Chun-i Chen on the Fourth Meeting of the Twelfth Board of Directors. Subsequently, Su-chin Hsu reported on the audit of the financial statements. The mid-term audit focused on understanding and evaluating internal controls over transaction cycles, which serves as the basis for the year-end audit. In addition, the mid-term audit addressed the second revision to the Enterprise Accounting Standards No. 15 "Financial Instruments." The three members of the Supervisory Board noted Foundation President Chun-i Chen's report on the conclusions of the Third Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Twelfth Board of Directors, the activity reports and discussion items approved by the Fourth Meeting of the Twelfth Board of Directors, and the audit opinion presented by Su-chin Hsu of Baker Tilly Clock & Co.

The Fourth Meeting of the Supervisory Board of the Twelfth Board of Directors was held on May 21, 2024. The meeting was attended by Board Members Ambrose King, Fai-nan Perng, and Hau-min Rai, as well as Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien, President Chun-i Chen, Vice-President Gang Shyy, and Chief Secretary Tsui-yin

Sung Ju-fang Liu from the Department of International and Cross-strait Education of the Ministry of Education and Su-chin Hsu from Baker Tilly Clock & Co also attended as observers. The meeting began with a briefing by Foundation President Chun-i Chen on the Foundation's financial operations during the first half of 2024, as well as the activity reports and discussion items of the Fifth Meeting of the Twelfth Board of Directors. Su-chin Hsu then reported an unqualified audit opinion with respect to the Foundation's balance sheets for December 31, 2022 and 2023, the income and expenditure statements, statements of changes in equity, and cash flow statements for the 2022 and 2023 fiscal years, and the related notes (including material accounting policies) in accordance with the Regulations Governing Handling of Accounting and Drawing Up of Financial Reports by National Education Foundations and the Enterprise Accounting Standard and their relevant interpretations. The members of the Supervisory Board noted President Chun-i Chen's report on the Foundation's financial operations in the first half of 2024, the activity reports and discussion items of the Fifth Meeting of the Twelfth Board of Directors, and the audit opinion presented by Su-chin Hsu of Baker Tilly Clock & Co.

3. Finance Committee Meetings

The Third Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Twelfth Board of Directors was held on December 16, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Fredrick F. Chien and attended by Douglas Hsu, Yancey Hai, and Lawrence Lau. President Chun-i Chen, Vice-President Gang Shyy, and Finance Director Mao-liang Liu attended the meeting as observers. After the meeting, the Finance Committee reported to the Board of Directors that the Foundation had



Chairman Fredrick F. Chien (second from right) and Supervisory Board Members at the Supervisory Board Meeting

achieved a surplus in the current year, with a rate of return in excess of 7%. When assessing the Foundation's revenue and expenditure, it is important to focus on the real rate of return after deducting inflation, with the goal of ensuring the Foundation's sustainable operations. In the past, financial operations adhered to the principle of currency neutrality, but following the opening of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park, the proportion of New Taiwan Dollar expenditures has gradually increased. The Foundation is evaluating the expenditure ratios in different regions and adjusting the allocation of currency accordingly.

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Chairman Fredrick F. Chien (second from left) at the Finance Committee Meeting



President Chun-i Chen (third from left, back row) and members of the Domestic and the Asia-Pacific Region Review Committee



Members of the European Fellowship Review Committee

II. Activities of the Foundation

1. Review Committees

In accordance with its charter, the Foundation has established review committees for each of its five regions of operation: Domestic, American, European, Asia-Pacific, and Developing Regions. The President of the Foundation chairs the review committee meetings, but takes no part in evaluating the applications. Service on these committees is three years per term, with roughly one third of the committee members rotating at the end of each term.

(1) The Domestic and the Asia-Pacific Region Review Committee is composed of fourteen scholars and experts who are well-versed in academic activities within Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific region. They review applications from within Taiwan as well as from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, and Southeast Asian countries. The committee is also responsible for reviewing applications for Dissertation Fellowships for ROC Students Abroad. The Foundation temporarily suspended grant applications from the Domestic and Asia-Pacific regions on July 1, 2023. In the future, we plan to make awards for this region through special projects. However, since the review of dissertation fellowships for students from Taiwan studying in the American and European regions is still conducted by the Domestic and the Asia-Pacific Region Review Committee, the Committee held a meeting in Taipei on April 21, 2024, and recommended the list of fellowship recipients for the current year.

(2) The American Region Review Committee is composed of 18 distinguished scholars and professors from

American academic institutions. In 2024, the Committee met on April 6 in Boston to evaluate applications received from the American Region, as well as applications for American Doctoral Fellowships.

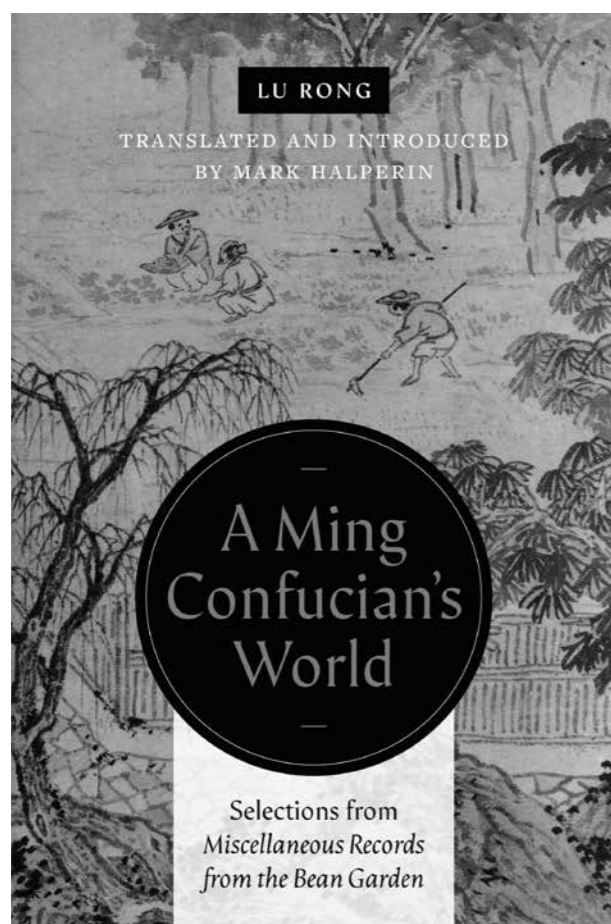
(3) The European Region Review Committee is composed of 13 eminent scholars possessing an exceptional understanding of European Sinology. The Committee met on April 20, 2024 in Taipei to evaluate applications from the European Region. In addition, the European Fellowship Review Committee met online on April 19 in order to review applications for European Doctoral Fellowships and Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.

(4) The Developing Regions Review Committee consists of 7 senior scholars from Europe, the United States, and Asia, who are charged with evaluating applications from countries in Eastern and Central Europe, Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, and Central Asia.

2. Grant Activities in the Five Regions

The Foundation's funding programs can be grouped into two broad categories: grants and fellowships. Grants provide funding for academic institutions and individual professors, while fellowships subsidize doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers.

The Foundation received 103 grant applications in 2023–2024. Of these, 67 were from the American Region, 30 from the European Region, and 6 from Developing Regions. The total amount requested was US\$3,539,408. Because of the time-sensitive nature of applications for conferences, publications, and travel grants, applications



Publication supported by the Foundation

in those categories have two submission deadlines per year, while all other categories have one annual deadline. To ensure fair and objective treatment of each proposal, all applications are first evaluated by individual reviewers and then reassessed by the relevant regional review committees in a two-tier process. The review committees then rank the results of these evaluations by priority before presenting them to the Board of Directors for final approval.

This year, the three review committees submitted 33 grant applications for the Board's approval. During the first round of applications, the Board approved 14 grants. Nine proposals were approved in the American Region, including three Conference and Seminar Grants and six Publication Subsidies totaling US\$75,000. Two Conference and Seminar Grants and one Publication Subsidy application were awarded in the European Region, totaling US\$46,010 (43,000 Euros). Two Research Grant applications in the Developing Regions were approved for a total budget of US\$20,000. The total budget for the first round of grants was US\$141,010.

During the second round of applications, the Board approved 19 grants. These included: 12 projects in the American Region, with a total budget of US\$225,574; 6 projects in the European Region for a total budget of US\$253,590 (237,000 Euros); and 1 project in the Developing Regions for US\$1,500. The total amount approved in the second round for the three regions was US\$480,664.

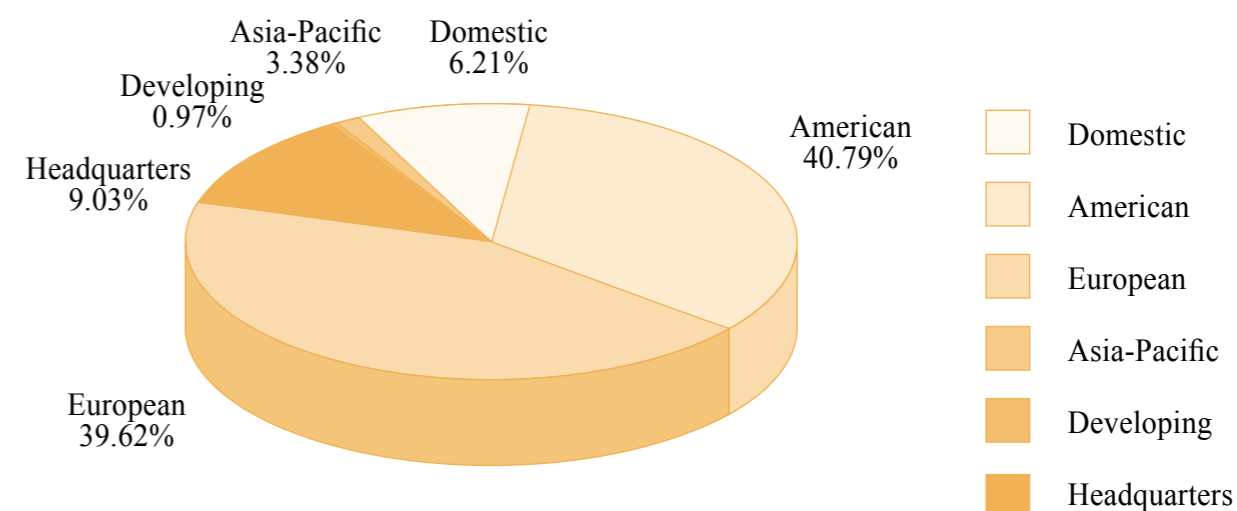
The Foundation also received 122 applications for dissertation and postdoctoral fellowships. Of these, 67 came from the American Region, and included applications from 55 PhD candidates who were non-ROC citizens and 12 applicants who were ROC doctoral candidates. There were 55 applications from the European Region, including 49 European candidates (15 postdoctoral researchers and 34 PhD students), as well as 6 ROC doctoral students in Europe. The Board approved 24 applications from the American Region, including 22 fellowships for American doctoral candidates, and 2 for ROC doctoral candidates, with awards totaling US\$480,000. In Europe, the Board approved grants for 2 postdoctoral researchers, 10 European doctoral candidates, and 4 ROC doctoral candidates, with awards amounting to US\$341,544 (319,200 Euros) (see Table 1; Figure 1).

Table 1 — 2023–2024 Grant Allocations

Unit: US\$

Region	Grants		Fellowships	Special Projects	Total
	First Round	Second Round			
Domestic	0	0	0	137,500	137,500 (6.21%)
American	75,000	225,574	480,000	123,000	903,574 (40.79%)
European	46,010	253,590	341,544	236,631	877,775 (39.62%)
Asia-Pacific	0	0	0	75,000	75,000 (3.38%)
Developing	20,000	1,500	0	0	21,500 (0.97%)
Headquarters	0	0	0	200,000	200,000 (9.03%)
Total	141,010	480,664	821,544	772,131	2,215,349

Figure 1 — 2023–2024 Regional Expenditures





President Chee-hann Wu's project "North American Taiwan Studies Association 28th Conference -- 'Resistance and Resilience: Repositioning Taiwan'" in the American Region

Approved Research Grant applications covered many topics, including Professor Rachel Core of Stetson University's "Food Markets, Street Vending, and the Post-Pandemic Cosmopolitan Canopy in Taiwan"; Professor Stacey Van Vleet of University of California, Berkeley's "The World the Medicine Buddha Built: Tibetan Medical Governance in Qing Inner Asia"; Professor Rivi Handler-Spitz of Macalester College's "Savage Script: How Chinese Writing Became Barbaric"; Professor Dalton Lin of Georgia Institute of Technology's "The Political Economy of China's Belt and Road Initiative"; Professor Huijun Mai of University of California, Los Angeles' "Poets in the Kitchen: Food Literature and the Birth of a Gustatory Epistemology in Song China (960–1279)"; Professor Jianqing Chen of Washington University in St. Louis' "Touchscreen Media: The Touch and its Users in Contemporary China"; Professor Thomas Kelly of Harvard University's "The Unfinished Book, c. 1644: Memory and Manuscript Culture in the Ming-Qing Transition"; Professor Najung Kim of University of Richmond's "Displaced Landscapes: The Art of Ni Zan (1301/06–1374) and Voices of the Marginalized", etc.

The Foundation's American Region Review Committee also approved several Conference and Seminar Grants, including "Pioneering Taiwan Studies: Workshop with Early Generation Taiwan Studies Scholars", organized

The following grant and fellowship activities took place in the Foundation's three regions of operation:

(1) The American Region

The Foundation received a total of 67 applications during the 2023–2024 grant cycle, including 14 Research Grants, 27 Scholar Grants, 8 Conference and Seminar Grants, and 18 Publication Subsidies. Additionally, there were a total of 67 fellowship applications from PhD students. The American Region Review Committee recommended 45 proposals for a total amount of US\$780,574 to the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Foundation also awarded US\$123,000 in Special Project grants for a grand total of US\$903,574, which constituted 40.79% of its entire grant and fellowship budget.

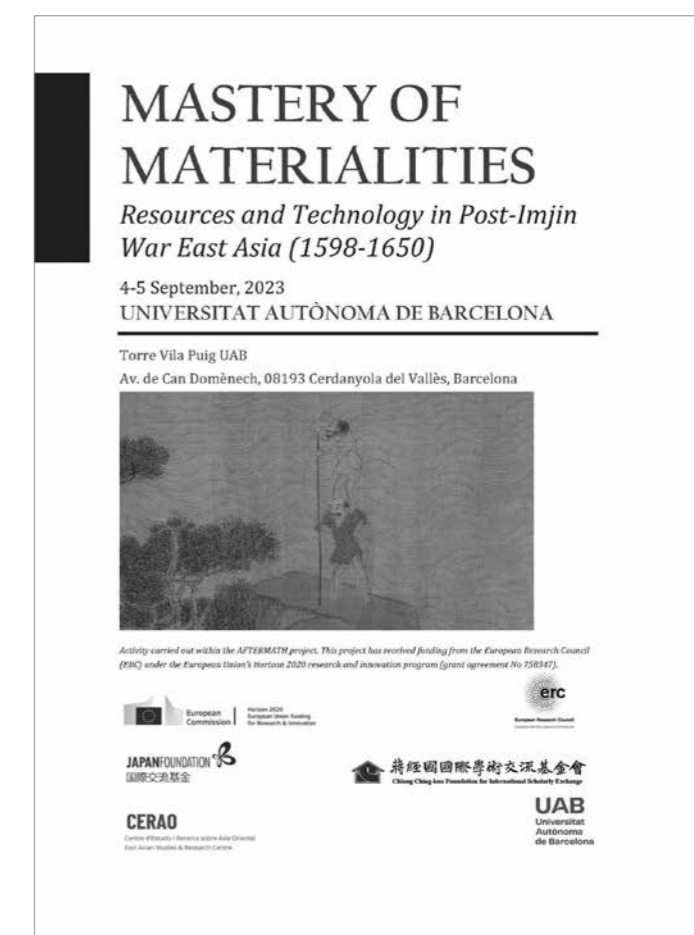
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by Professor James Lin of University of Washington, Seattle; "Technology in Contemporary East Asian Performance: An International Symposium" by Professor Tarryn Li-min Chun of University of Notre Dame; "North American Taiwan Studies Association 29th Annual Conference – Taiwan Studies Matters: Worlding the Contested Frontier", by President Yung-ying Chang of the North American Taiwan Studies Association, and "Translation within a World of Chinese Characters: China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam" by Professor Joshua Fogel of York University. The Foundation's Publication Subsidies supported several book projects from University of British Columbia Press, University of California Press Foundation, Cambria Press, Columbia University Press, and University of Washington Press.

(2) European Region

The Foundation received 30 applications from the European Region in 2023–2024, including 13 proposals from the United Kingdom, 4 each from France and Germany, 2 each from Austria and the Netherlands, and 1 each from Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Slovenia and Slovakia. Applications included 10 Research Grant proposals, 5 Database Grant proposals, 11 Conference and Seminar Grant proposals, and 4 Publication Subsidy proposals. The total amount of funding requested was 1,693,234 Euros (US\$1,811,760). In the first round of competition, the Board approved 2 Conference and Seminar Grants and 1 Publication Subsidy for a total of 43,000 Euros (US\$46,010). In the second round, 6 grants were approved for a total of 237,000 Euros (US\$253,590), including 3 Research Grants, 1 Database Grant, 1 Conference and Seminar Grant, and 1 Publication Subsidy. The Foundation allocated 39.62% of its annual budget to the European Region.

Three Research Grants awarded in the European Region this year include: "The Spread of Disease across the (South-)East Asian Seas: Environment, Health, and Medicine (1560 to 1850)" by Professor Angela Schottenhammer of Katholieke Universiteit Leuven; "Development at the Final Frontier: China and Taiwan in the Caribbean" by Professor Ruben Gonzalez Vicente of University of Birmingham; and "Out of Sight, Out of



Professor Rebekah Clements' project "Mastery of Materialities: Resources and Technology in Post-Imjin War East Asia (1598-1650)" in the European Region

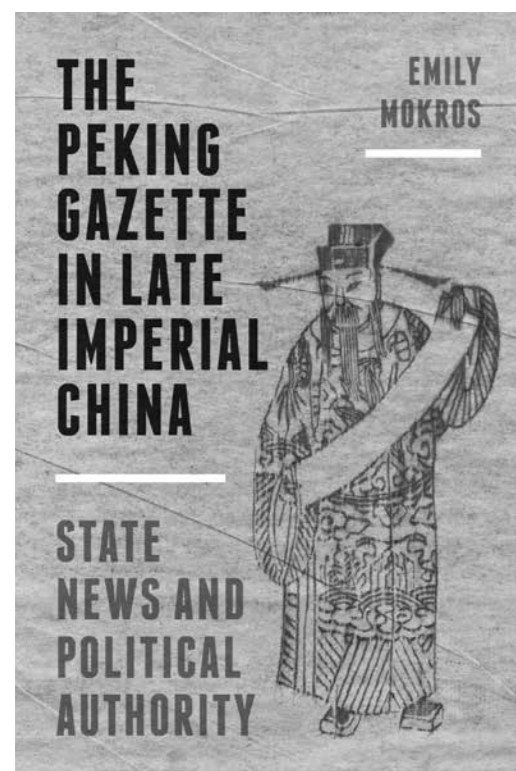
Mind? Migrant Fishers, Seafarers and Farmhands and the Impact of Digitality on their Work, Life and Activism” by Professor Beatrice Zani of Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique.

One Database Grant was awarded to Professor Mary Brazelton of University of Cambridge, for “Lu Gwei-Djen as Biochemist and Historian of Chinese Science: Recovering a Major Archive”.

Three Conference and Seminar Grants awarded this year include: Professor Sebastian Veg of École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, for “Knowledge, Ideology and Public Discourse in Contemporary China”; Professor Christian Henriot of Aix-Marseille University, for “Rethinking Modern Chinese Elites: From Print to Computational Methods: Sources, Languages, and Interdisciplinarity”; and Professor Lama Jabb of University of Oxford, for “Seventh International Seminar of Young Tibetologists: A Platform for Global Dialogue and Collaboration”.

Two Publication Subsidies were awarded to Ms. Patricia Radder of Brill Publishers for the publication of *The Dynamic Spread of Buddhist Print Culture: Mapping Buddhist Book Roads in China and its Neighbors*, by Professor Shih-shan Susan Huang of Rice University; and Professor Jana Rošker of University of Ljubljana, for the publication of *Chinese Philosophy in Transcultural Contexts: Comparative Approaches and the Method of Sublation*.

(3) Developing Regions



Publication supported by the Foundation

In 2023–2024, the Foundation received 6 applications from scholars in the Developing Regions, including 2 from India, and 1 each from Slovenia, Czech Republic, Croatia, and Malaysia. There were 3 Research Grants, 1 Conference and Seminar Grant, and 2 Mobility Grants with a total of US\$73,800 requested. In the first round of competition, 2 Research Grants were granted, and the amount was US\$20,000. In the second round, 1 Mobility Grant was granted an award, and the amount was US\$1,500. The total amount of funding awarded was US\$21,500. The Foundation allocated 0.97% of its annual budget to the Developing Regions.

Two Research Grants awarded this year include: “The Problem of Freedom, Humanism and the Human Subject in Intercultural Perspective: Europe and Taiwan”, by Professor Téa Sernelj of University of Ljubljana; and “Tibetans in Taiwan: Food and Identity in a Historical and Contemporaneous Context”, by Professor Ute Wallenböck of Masaryk University.



Professor Yu-chung Lee (center)’s project “Minnan-Spanish Historical Document Series” in the Domestic Region receives the first prize of I Certamen de Seminarios Duques de Soria de Hispanismo Internacional

One Mobility Grant was awarded to Professor Ivana Buljan of University of Zagreb, to present her paper “Attuning One’s Ears or Becoming ‘The Single Individual’? Confucius and Kierkegaard on the Concept of Self” at the XXV World Congress of Philosophy held from August 1 to August 8, 2024, in Rome.

(4) Special Projects

A. Continued Support for the Small Grants Program and Graduate Student Paper Prizes of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

Since its founding in 1941, the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) has developed into a leading scholarly association open to all persons interested in Asia and the study of its cultures. The AAS currently boasts a membership of approximately 7,000 scholars and experts encompassing all of Asia and related academic disciplines. Its Annual Conference, held every spring, attracts thousands of members to attend.

As part of its mission to promote international scholarly exchange, the Foundation has long maintained a special relationship with the AAS, especially in terms of helping to support its East and Inner Asia Council (EIAC; formerly the China and Inner Asia Council (CIAC)) Small Grants program as well as its Annual Conference Graduate Student Paper Prize. The number of applicants for the Small Grants program dramatically increased during the past few years, with its funding benefitting nearly 500 scholars. Although each individual grant is relatively small, the impact of this program has been far greater than dollar amounts would suggest. In addition, the Foundation supports three annual Graduate Student Prizes for the best papers on East and Inner Asia, which are presented at the AAS Annual Conference.



NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang (first from right) at the Taiwan book exhibit at the AAS Annual Conference, a Special Project supported by the Foundation

The year 2024 marked the 33rd anniversary of cooperation between the Foundation and the AAS. Due to the outstanding success of these two programs, the Foundation decided to offer a new three-year grant.

B. Continued Support for the Biennial Conference and Young Scholar Award of the European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS)

The European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS), founded in 1975, is an international organization representing China scholars from all over Europe. Its Biennial Conference provides an excellent opportunity for scholars from Europe and the rest of the world to gather and discuss the latest trends in the field of Chinese Studies. The Foundation is deeply committed to perpetuating Europe's outstanding Sinological traditions, and from the first years of its existence has worked to support the EACS and its programs, including the Biennial Conference (first funded in 1994), the Library Travel Grant Program (also 1994), and the Young Scholar Award (first funded in 2003). The Young Scholar Award is open to applicants who are graduate students or have recently earned their doctoral degrees. Three awardees are chosen for each Biennial Conference, and are granted funds to support them in presenting their research at the meeting.

The Twenty-fifth European Association of Chinese Studies (EACS) Biennial Conference was held on August 27–30, 2024, in Tallinn, Estonia, co-organized with the Department of Asian Studies at Tallinn University.



EACS President Laura De Giorgi (second from right) and participants at the EACS Biennial Conference

Over 500 attendees from all over the world attended this conference, with presentations covering 21 thematic areas including Art and Archaeology, Digital Humanities, Environmental Studies, Gender and Queer Studies, History (Modern and Premodern), Religion, Politics and International Relations, Science, Technology and Medicine, Sinophone World, etc. In addition, keynote speeches were given by Professor Rein Raud (Department of Asian Studies, Tallinn University) and Professor Teemu Ruskola (Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Pennsylvania).

Due to the EACS' sterling record of promoting scholarly activities that enhance international scholarly exchange, the Foundation was pleased to be able to offer continued support for its programs.

C. Continued Funding of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS)

With the support of the Foundation, the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS) was formally established in 2004, being located at the Taiwan Research Centre of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. In 2006, the Centre set up the first Taiwan Studies master's program, which has operated very smoothly since then.

Although the EATS is a relatively new academic organization, its annual meetings have been held in many major



Winners of the EATS' Taiwan Studies Young Scholar Award at the EATS Annual Conference

cities in Europe (including Ljubljana, London, Paris, Prague, Stockholm, Venice, Zurich, Larnaka, etc.), with the number of participants and papers submitted increasing each year, thereby becoming an important event in Taiwan Studies worldwide. The EATS has placed particular emphasis on the cultivation of young scholarly talent, including special panels for graduate students and the recent inauguration of its own Young Scholar Award. In addition, the EATS runs a highly active website (<http://www.eats-taiwan.eu>), launched a twice-yearly online newsletter entitled *EATS News* in January 2013, and has been actively engaged in numerous publication projects, including two book series as well as several special issues of journals and edited volumes. More recently the EATS initiated a new Library Travel Grants program.

The 21st EATS Annual Conference was held at the University of Vienna, Austria, on April 3-5, 2024. The theme of the conference was “Conceptualising Gender, Women and LGBTQI+ in / and Taiwan: Subjectivity, Objectivity, and Every Positionality In-Between”. In light of this organization’s unstinting efforts, which fully adhere to the Foundation’s mission, continued support was clearly merited.

D. The Chiang Ching-kuo Digital Archive Curated by Academia Historica

As a key figure in major national events, Former President Chiang Ching-kuo’s life reflects the trajectory of modern East Asian history and was instrumental in shaping the political and social landscape of post-war Taiwan. Since 2020, the Foundation has partnered with Academia Historica to create the Chiang Ching-kuo Digital Archive. This initiative aims to gather and integrate materials related to Chiang Ching-kuo from both domestic and international sources, as well as to develop research guides. By making a wealth of data publicly accessible, we hope to encourage the exploration of different viewpoints and the examination of various archival materials, fostering interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary dialogue for the benefit of all users.



Secretary-General Isabelle Cockel (fourth from right) with participants at the EATS Annual Conference

The initial phase successfully established the database system, gathered data from Taiwan and overseas, and sought collaboration and exchange with academic research institutions worldwide. The database officially went live in January 2022 and is available at <https://presidentialcck.drnh.gov.tw/index.php?act=Archive>. During the second phase, the database system’s modules were expanded, incorporated additional data, and conducted international data collection and academic exchanges. By November 2023, the database had been accessed approximately 520,000 times.

To further enhance the database’s features and content, the President of Academia Historica Yi-shen Chen has proposed a new development which includes the digitization of Chiang Ching-kuo’s diaries and presidential artifacts held by Academia Historica, as well as the investigation, collection, and selective translation of historical materials on Taiwan-U.S. relations. Its aim is to build on both existing and new resources to foster review and discussion, ultimately providing Taiwanese society with a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of Chiang Ching-kuo and his era.

3. Overseas Sinological and Taiwan Studies Centers

(1) The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation International Sinological Center at Charles University (CCK-ISC)

In 2023–2024, the Center conducted its activities in accordance with the three-year framework program approved by the Foundation in 2023. This year is the second year of the eighth cycle of the Center’s operations, which commenced in 1997.



Professor Olga Lomová (fourth from right, front row) and participants at the Prague International Summer School in Sinology

The Center continued its traditional collaboration with Eastern European universities, with students and young scholars from the region taking part in programs and activities organized and sponsored by the Center. This year's activities included:

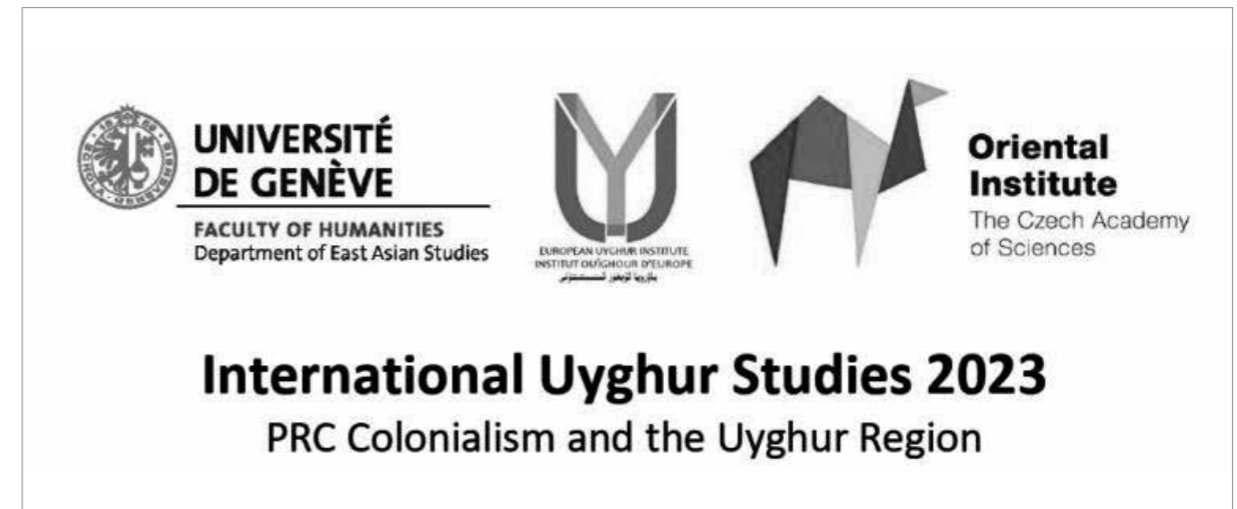
A. Prague International Summer School in Sinology

The summer school under the title “Wang Wei 王維 across Time and Space” was dedicated to one of the best known Tang poets. Besides comprehensive introduction to his life and work, and discussion about Buddhist perspectives, it also offered talks on the reception of his poetry across centuries, both in China and internationally. Teachers included Leonard Kwok Kou Chan (National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan), Tero Tähtinen (Tampere University, Finland), Zhiyi Yang (Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany), Michaela Pejčochová (National Gallery Prague, Czech Republic), Frank Kraushaar (National Library of Latvia, Latvia), and Olga Lomová (Director of the CCK-ISC).

The summer school was also advertised via the EACS network and altogether twenty-three participants from ten countries were eventually admitted. Besides nine graduate students and teachers from the Central and Eastern European region (Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia, and Ukraine), who received travel support from the Center; apart from local students, there were also five self-paying graduate students from several other European universities (Leipzig, Hamburg, Paris, Cambridge, and Palermo), and one from Hong Kong. The truly international environment contributed to lively discussions and facilitated networking much needed for young scholars across Europe.

B. Sinological Seminar

Two talks on modern history of China were organized for graduate students of Sinology, and these two scholars



Poster for “International Uyghur Studies Conference 2023”

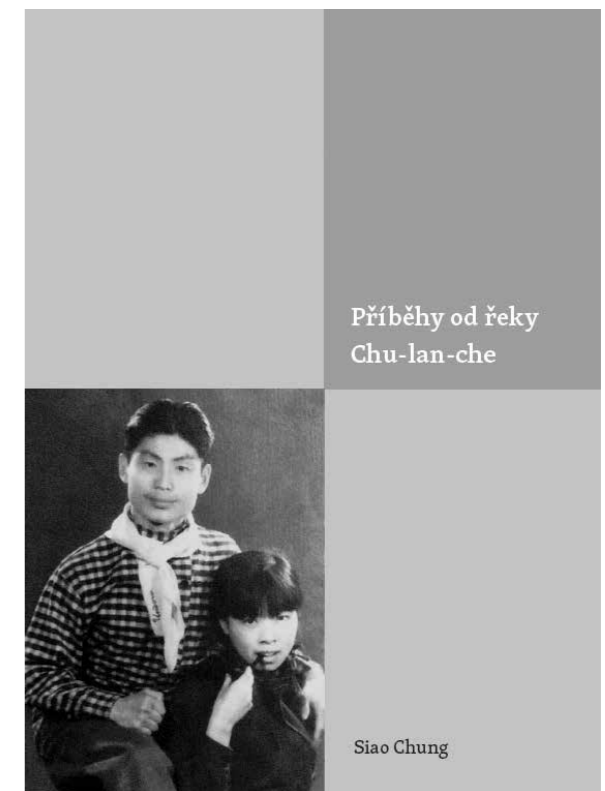
were also involved in collaborative research projects with CEE (Central and Eastern European) scholars; future broader collaboration was also discussed.

- a. On January 23, 2024, Professor Gordon Barrett from the University of Manchester gave a lecture entitled “China’s Cold War Science Diplomacy”.
- b. On March 4, 2024, Professor Ying Qian from Columbia University gave a lecture entitled “Revolutionary Becomings: Documentary Media in Twentieth-Century China”.

C. Small Research Projects and Travel Grants

The Center supported fourteen travel grants and two small research grants:

- a. Nine graduate students and teachers from the Central and Eastern European region (Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia, and Ukraine) received travel support from the Center; two scholars attended Biannual Conference of the European Association for Chinese Philosophy in Macerata, Italy; the other three included one for the EACS Board meeting in Tallinn, one for the International Society of East Asian Philosophy Conference in Edinburgh, and one for a Conference on the Spanish Civil War and Visual Culture held at NYU Madrid.



Publication supported by the Foundation

b. Two research grants were awarded respectively to Ms. Karina Kapounová of Charles University for her research entitled “Modern Chinese Poetry between Art and Politics: The Case of Ai Qing”, and to Professor Lukáš Zádřepa for his research entitled “The Reconstructed Morphology of Old Chinese and Word Classes in Warring States Chinese”.

D. International Workshops and Conferences

a. On June 8–9, 2023, the Center together with the Department of Sinology at the University of Zurich (Switzerland) organized an international workshop discussing “Cultural Heritage in Modern China” from the perspective of the role of this topic in teaching Sinology in the 21st century. Three professors from Zurich were invited (Wolfgang Behr, Andrea Riemenschmitter, and Rafael Suter), as well as participants from Charles University.

b. On November 23–26, 2023, the Center co-sponsored the prestigious International Uyghur Studies Conference. The main organizers were the Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences together with the European Uyghur Institute (INALCO - Paris), and Department of East Asian Studies of the University of Geneva. The conference gathered leading scholars from across the world researching the topic of Uyghur cultural traditions as well as contemporary social developments and practices of Chinese politics in Xinjiang. Keynote speakers were Professor Ablet Kamalov (Turan University, Kazakhstan), and Professor Eric Schluessel (George Washington University).

E. Publication Support

Publication support was awarded to two books of translation of Chinese literature from the Republican period:

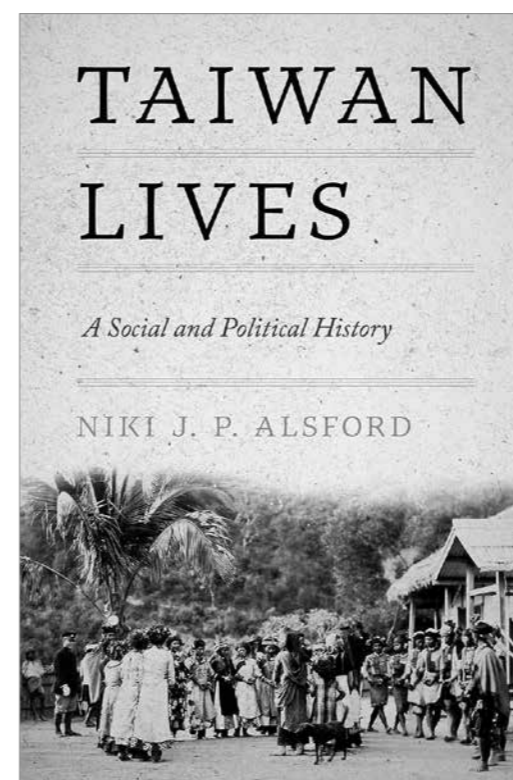
- Translation of Ai Qing 艾青’s poetry, *Mezi Paříží a Yan’anem (Between Paris and Yan’an)*.
- Translation of Xiao Hong 蕭紅’s novel, *Příběhy od řeky Chu-lan-che (Tales of Hulan River 《呼蘭河傳》)*.

F. Post-doctoral Grant

Since January 2023, Kateřina Gajdošová took over the position of Postdoc with a research project about ancient Chinese philosophy (“Redefining Agent and Agency in the Light of the Early Chinese Excavated Texts”). In 2024, besides preparing her dissertation for publication, Dr. Gajdošová worked on an article dealing with the relationship between Daoism and Legalism based on *Hanfeizi*. She was also invited as a speaker for a conference organized at University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) in May (conference title: “Does Nothingness Exist? A Cross-continental Dialogue”), and has two papers accepted for conferences to be held in the second part of the year (World Congress of Philosophy, Rome; the EACS Biennial Conference, Tallinn).

(2) The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Inter-University Center for Sinology (CCK-IUC)

The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Inter-University Center for Sinology (CCK-IUC) has been actively engaged in the organization and coordination of various conferences, workshops, and special events. From 2023 to 2024, the CCK-IUC sponsored the following events:



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Poster for “Chinese Humanities 2033” International Conference

A. University of Washington Taiwan Studies Program - New Book Lecture Series

a. On January 17, 2024, Director Bonnie Glaser from German Marshall Fund discussed her new book *U.S.-Taiwan Relations: Will China’s Challenge Lead to a Crisis?* (Brookings Institution Press, 2023) co-authored with Richard C. Bush and Ryan Hass. The book concerns anxiety about China’s growing military capabilities to threaten Taiwan which, has induced alarm in Washington about whether the United States remains capable of deterring attempts to seize Taiwan by force.

b. On February 7, 2024, Professor Ian Rowen from National Taiwan Normal University delivered a lecture on his new monograph *One China, Many Taiwans: The Geopolitics of Cross-Strait Tourism* (Cornell University Press, 2023). Published in 2023, the book shows how tourism performs and transforms territories. Contrary to the PRC’s efforts to use tourism to incorporate Taiwan into an imaginary “One China”, Rowen shows how tourism has indeed aggravated tensions between the two polities, polarized Taiwanese society, and pushed Taiwanese popular sentiment farther toward support for national self-determination.

c. On March 6, 2024, Professor Niki Alsford from the University of Central Lancashire gave a lecture on his new book, *Taiwan Lives: A Social and Political History* (University of Washington Press, 2024). In this book, Alsford presents a comprehensive examination of Taiwan the island nation’s rich and complex past, from a cradle of Austronesian expansion to the dynamic economic powerhouse and successful democracy it is today, told through the life stories of those who have lived it.

d. On April 24, 2024, Professor Wendy Cheng from Scripps College gave a lecture on her new book, *Island X: Taiwanese Student Migrants, Campus Spies, and Cold War Activism* (University of Washington Press, 2023). The book delves into the compelling political lives of Taiwanese migrants who came to the United States as students from the 1960s through the 1980s. It tells the stories of people who, often depicted as compliant model minorities, were in fact deeply political, shaped by Taiwan's colonial history and influenced by the global social movements of their times.

B. Online Forums, Talks, Symposiums, and Workshops

a. Co-sponsored by Asian Cultural Council Taiwan Foundation (ACC Taiwan), the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard University, and the CCK-IUC, on September 26 and 28, 2023, Peking Opera Actress Wei Haimin, awardee of the Plum Blossom Award and the National Award for Arts in Taiwan, gave a series of two talks at Wellesley College and Harvard University respectively. In these talks, Wei went through her acting career, demonstrated her marvelous performance techniques, and presented several major segments of Peking Opera from her early career.

b. On October 6 and 7, 2023, a two-day international conference on the future of Chinese humanities was held at Harvard University, co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and the CCK-IUC. Sixteen young scholars from across the world attended the conference, presenting on important changes that are happening in the field of Chinese humanities and where they are leading the field. The conference calls for daring anticipation of important topics, approaches, and directions of research for the next ten years, and seeks to foster a hospitable environment for research and creative projects that might not enjoy academic currency today or are struggling on various margins and frontiers. As a highlight, film scholar Ying Qian from Columbia University gave a special keynote about documentary in the socialist PRC; Professor Yu-cheng Wang (Lunghwa University of Science and Technology) and Professor Hsiu-mei Liu (National Dong Hwa University) gave a special presentation on digital

culture and videogames in Taiwan.

c. On October 9 and 10, 2023, Professor Yun-chien Chang organized the first Empirical Legal Studies Conference on the Sinophone Region in North America at Cornell Law School. The conference brought together scholars and students who are interested in applying data analysis and other empirical social science research methods to legal questions across the Chinese-speaking world. 19 scholars from China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan presented their quantitative works. From constitutional law and administrative law to corporate law and civil law, from constitutional court in Taiwan to local courts in China, the presenters' data covered a wide range of legal areas and levels of courts. There were robust discussions before, during and after the conference, and the conference promoted new method and new understanding of legal studies in the Sinophone world.

d. On the evening of February 7, 2024, Professor Mingwei Song from Wellesley College gave an online talk on his new book, *Fear of Seeing: A Poetics of Chinese Science Fiction* (Columbia University Press, 2024). The talk was co-hosted by Professor David Wang and Professor Jie Li, both from Harvard University, and the Chinese sci-fi writer, Mu Ming, and the Chinese literature professor from Fudan University, Yan Feng. Song's book traces the origin and development of a new wave of cutting-edge, risk-taking science fiction in China over the past three decades, exploring the core concerns and literary strategies that make it so distinctive and vital. In this talk, he discussed how science fiction has been deeply entangled with the politics and culture of a changing China, and why it has attracted a growing global readership. Mu Ming and Yan Feng shared their own observations about sci-fi writing and readership afterwards.

e. Co-sponsored by the CCK-IUC and the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, on February 27, 2024, Professor Christopher Rea from the University of British Columbia shared his thoughts on *gua* as a literary and philosophical object at an academic workshop held at Harvard University. Discussing this familiar yet strange object in contexts ranging from Zhuangzi's writings to contemporary Chinese internet culture, Rea demonstrated the distinctive social functions and philosophical potentials of *gua* in China, and discussed how it can form as an alternative way of thinking different from both reason from the Enlightenment tradition and revolution from the history of modern China.

f. On April 16, 2024, an academic forum sponsored by the CCK-IUC took place online, gathering three young scholars from the United States and Hong Kong who shared their insights about their respective monographs and the future of East Asian comparative literature. The three scholars were Satoru Hashimoto from Johns Hopkins University, Xiaolu Ma from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Miya Qiong Xie from Dartmouth College. Their new books (in order), *Afterlives of Letters* (Columbia University Press, 2023), *Transpatial Modernity* (Harvard University Press, 2024), and *Territorializing Manchuria* (Harvard University Press, 2023), all engage with transnational interactions between China and other regions and countries in the East Asian regions, and demonstrate potential for new comparative studies concerning intra-East Asian literary and cultural communication.

g. After over ten months of preparation, the international conference sponsored by the CCK-IUC and the Global Sinology Forum at National Sun Yat-sen University, "A Cosmos of Vital Feeling: Qing and Qi as Critical Traditions in the Chinese Humanities", was held on April 26 and 27, 2024, at Harvard University.



Poster for "A Cosmos of Vital Feeling: Qing and Qi as Critical Traditions in the Chinese Humanities" International Conference

Eighteen scholars and experts of modern and classical Chinese thought across the world convened at this two-day conference and presented on their latest research on the Chinese concepts *qing* (affect) and *qi* (breath, atmosphere). They came from diverse fields and disciplines including philosophy, literature, history, film studies, and so on, but all found the two concepts in concern a rich common place for inquiring into political, cultural, and ethical questions important to Chinese societies today and in the future.

h. The 15th Annual Meeting of the Chinese Late Classical and Medieval Studies Workshop was held at Rutgers University on April 27, 2024. This workshop, started by Wendy Swartz and funded by the CCK-IUC, is a major academic forum for the exchange of ideas and the advancement of scholarship. Distinguished scholars from across the United States working on medieval China have been meeting annually in this forum since 2003 to discuss their current research and ways to expand the field. This year's workshop was dedicated to the production of an edited volume titled *Authors, Authorship, and Authoring in Late Classical and Medieval China*. Eight scholars presented their works at the workshop on questions such as: Who can be considered the “authors” of texts that were compiled by many hands or modularly assembled from pieces of diverse or unknown origin? In what senses can we even still speak of “authorship” given the unstable and fluid nature of texts in the pre-printing era? What value was attached to creativity and innovation in a culture that prized adherence to past models? Scholars examined these questions of authorship from the fields of philosophy, literature, religion, and history in a highly productive meeting.

(3) The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CCK-APC)

The Board of Directors approved the establishment of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CCK-APC) in December 2005. Professor Billy So served as the Centre's Director until his retirement in February 2011, when Professor David Faure succeeded him. Professor Faure's term concluded at the end of 2014, and he was succeeded by Professor Chi Tim Lai of CUHK's Department of Religious and Cultural Studies in January 2015. The Centre operates under the supervision of a steering committee consisting of eleven scholars. Professor Ambrose King (former Vice-Chancellor, CUHK) recently completed his term as the chairperson of the Centre's steering committee, with Professor Yuen-sang Leung (Director, Research Centre for Contemporary Chinese Culture, CUHK) succeeding him as the new chairperson.

Through the years, the Centre has devoted unstinting efforts to promoting scholarly exchanges among Taiwanese, Chinese, and Hong Kong scholars. Its future goals will center on two main endeavors: the Annual Graduate Seminar on China and the Young Scholars' Forum in Chinese Studies. The Graduate Seminar takes place every January, with between 50–60 faculty and graduate students taking part. The Young Scholars' Forum is open to 25 advanced graduate students from throughout Asia. Both events allow the next generation of academic elites to present their recent results.



Professor Chi Tim Lai (first from left) and visiting scholars at the CCK-APC

A. The Ninth Young Scholars' Forum in Chinese Studies 2023

The Ninth Young Scholars' Forum in Chinese Studies 2023, co-organized by the CCK-APC and the Institute of Chinese Studies was held on September 7 to 8, 2023. The Forum's theme was “The Digital Turn and Chinese Studies: Data, Method and Meaning”. PhD students who have completed their qualifying examinations or PhD graduates with less than five years of work experience were invited to present their recent research output on how the advancement and application of digital technology is transforming the various sub-fields of Chinese Studies and informing new research avenues into China's past and present.

A total of 112 applications were received. The Selection Committee shortlisted 28 applicants in May 2023. The Forum's earlier postponement resulted in the withdrawal of 8 applicants, so a total of 20 applicants had participated in the Forum, including 5 from Hong Kong, 5 from China, 3 from other Asian countries (Singapore and Malaysia), and 7 from Europe, North America and Australia.

The CCK-APC strongly recommended participants to attend the Forum in person by providing return airfare, lodging, and food allowance. To provide opportunities for young scholars to engage with established scholars and strengthen their academic networks, a welcoming dinner was arranged on September 6, 2023, and a farewell dinner was planned to be held on September 8, 2023. However, the farewell dinner was cancelled due to the heavy rainfall on September 8, and the Forum was extended for one more day to September 9 to ensure that all participants could complete their presentations.

B. The Sixteenth Graduate Seminar on Modern and Contemporary China (GSOC 2024)

The Sixteenth Graduate Seminar on Modern and Contemporary China (the Seminar), co-organized by the CCK-APC, the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), and the Centre for China Studies (CCS) was held on January 4 to 5, 2024. The theme was “Land in China, 1900–2024”, and a total of 20 young scholars participated.

To further encourage academic exchange, Professor Carolyn Cartier, a specialist in urban China and geographical thought from the School of International Studies of the University of Technology Sydney, was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Seminar. Her keynote lecture, with the theme of “Land, Cities, and Shifting Currents in China Studies: Five Problematics”, was scheduled on the first day of the Seminar. Professor Cartier’s lecture was engaging and insightful, and her rich experience in research and career development provided valuable insights and guidance to the participants.

Apart from the paper presentations, Dr. Miriam Seeger, Librarian of the Universities Service Centre for China Studies Collection at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, offered a tour to the USC Collection for the participants. The USC Collection is one of the most extensive and accessible collections on post-1949 China,

including valuable research materials such as provincial and national newspapers and periodicals from the early 1950s, regional and statistical yearbooks, and provincial, city, county and village gazetteers. A film screening of an award-winning documentary *Lost Course* was also arranged on the first night of the Seminar. The film chronicled a grassroots democratic movement in a southern Chinese village that took place in 2011, where the villagers fought for their rights to retain land ownership. Both of the library tour and the screening event provided different materials and perspectives to the Seminar’s participants and enhanced their understanding of the subject matter.

C. The Tenth Young Scholars’ Forum in Chinese Studies 2024

The Tenth Young Scholars’ Forum in Chinese Studies 2024 was held on May 23 to 25, 2024. The theme was “Chinese Studies across Disciplines: Nature, Culture, and Social Life”. To celebrate the

Poster for “The Tenth Young Scholars’ Forum in Chinese Studies 2024”

10th anniversary of the Forum, the CCK-APC not only extended invitations to new applicants, but also invited past participants to join the Forum again. A total of 41 applicants were shortlisted, including 25 new applications and 16 applications from the past participants.

D. Young Scholars’ Visiting Scheme

The Young Scholars Visiting Scheme was launched in 2018 to support young scholars who wish to visit The Chinese University of Hong Kong in order to undertake research in Chinese Studies. Since this program’s inauguration, the CCK-APC has successfully supported fourteen young scholars, who are encouraged to attend departmental academic activities such as public lectures, seminars, and conferences while at CUHK. Upon completion of their visits, they are required to submit a written report listing their research results and the activities they participated in during their visits. In addition, they should submit a research paper for publication within a year after their visits.

From September 2023 to June 2024, a total of four young scholars came to the CCK-APC for academic research and exchange: Dr. Matthew Chin of Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of Virginia; Dr. Adam Liu of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; Dr. Shengyu Wang of School of Chinese Language and Literature, Soochow University; and Dr. Jifeng Liu of Research School for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University.

(4) European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan - A CCK Foundation Overseas Center (CCKF-ERCCT) at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Established in July 2014, the CCKF-ERCCT at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen is the Foundation’s newest overseas Center. The main purpose of ERCCT is to serve as an international academic cooperation platform for European scholars, doctoral candidates, and postdoctoral researchers focusing on contemporary Taiwan studies. The Center has gained widespread acclaim and has become one of the most influential academic institutions in Taiwan studies. Through a series of academic exchanges and research initiatives, the Center not only focuses on the academic field of contemporary Taiwan studies but also strives to deepen dialogue and cooperation with other social science research institutions in Europe and Taiwan. The Center is currently headed by Professor Gunter Schubert from the Department of Chinese Studies at the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Tübingen. During the past year, it has sponsored the following events:

A. Visiting Scholars Program

The CCKF-ERCCT invites renowned and established scholars from both Taiwanese and European academic institutions. During their stays in Tübingen, the guests typically give one or two public talks on their latest research and take part in the Center’s weekly Taiwan colloquium.

From September 2023 to June 2024, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted five scholars: Professor Yi-ling Chen of the



Professor Peter Po-han Lee at the CCKF-ERCCT

School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies, University of Wyoming; Professor Anne Sokolsky of Department of Comparative Literature, Ohio Wesleyan University; Professor Peter Po-han Lee of the Institute of Health Policy and Management, National Taiwan University; Professor Alexander Tan of the Political Science Department, University of Canterbury; and Professor Shu-hui Lin of the Department of Taiwan Culture, Languages and Literature, National Taiwan Normal University.

B. Visiting Fellows Program

The CCKF-ERCCT hosts a Visiting Fellows Program to enable young scholars at the PhD or postdoctoral levels to visit the Center for one month, present their research in detail, partake in the Center's activities, and experience academic life in Tübingen.

From September 2023 to June 2024, the CCKF-ERCCT hosted four young scholars: Dr. Jia-shin Tsai, postdoctoral fellow of the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica; Mr. Peng-chi Wu, PhD candidate of the Department of History, National Cheng Kung University; Dr. Kai-heng Lin, postdoctoral fellow of the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica; and Mr. Chao-hsuan Kuo, PhD candidate of the Department of Law, National Cheng Kung University.



Managing Director Stefan Braig (fourth from right) and visiting scholars at the CCKF-ERCCT

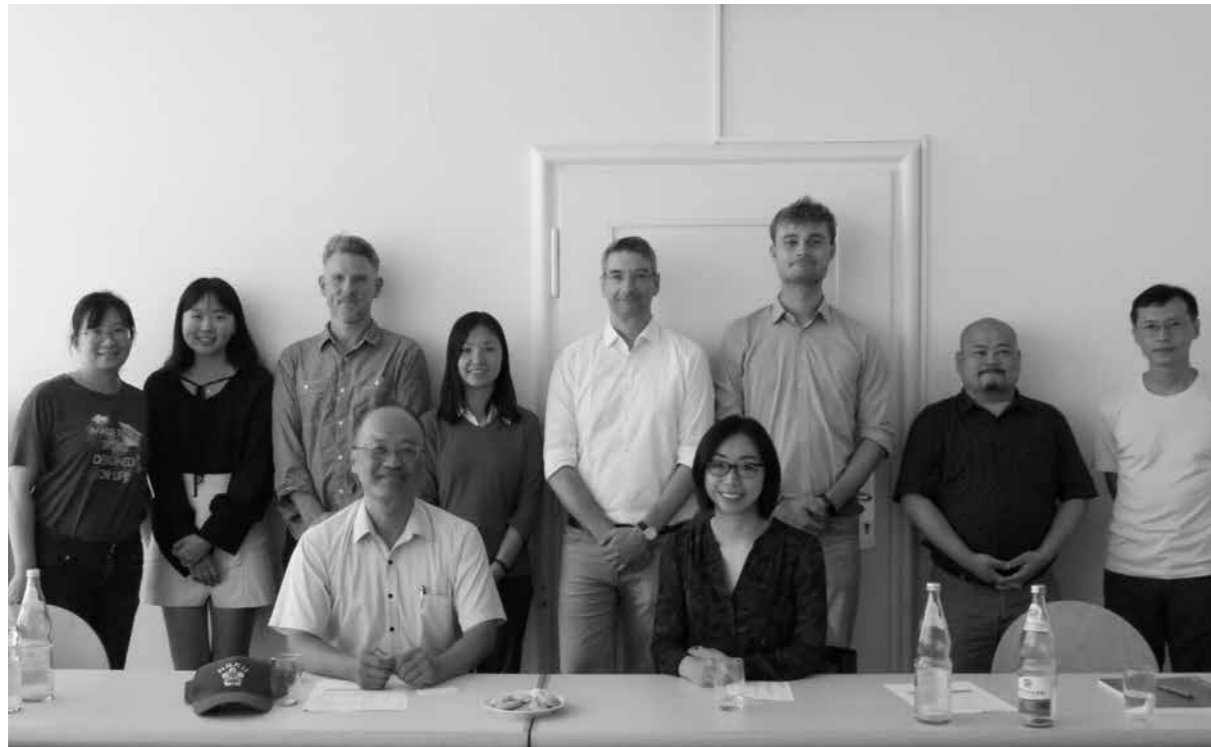
C. Short-Term Resident Fellows Program

The CCKF-ERCCT also hosts a Short-Term Resident Fellows Program, under which the Center invites up to two PhD students or postdoctoral fellows from Europe and Taiwan each semester to conduct research at the CCKF-ERCCT for a period of between three months and one year. Successful applicants are granted a monthly stipend of 350 Euros and a one-time travel grant of 500 Euros. During 2023–2024 term, the Center hosted Dr. Daniel Davies, who had just obtained his PhD degree from the Department of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University.

D. Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop

Since 2012, the Center has held an annual summer Young Scholars Workshop, in which doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows in the humanities and social sciences who are engaged in Taiwan Studies are invited to present their research projects, interact with senior scholars, and refine their knowledge and critical thinking skills. The workshop has contributed to the growth of the European Taiwan Studies community. Starting from 2022, the Young Scholars Workshop was renamed as the Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop, continuing to provide a space for young scholars engaged in Taiwan Studies to exchange ideas.

The Second Taiwan Europe Connectivity Workshop was held on July 17–21, 2023. It brought together eleven young Taiwan scholars based in Europe and Taiwan, as well as visiting fellows and scholars at the ERCCT. The



Co-Director Yu-chin Tseng (right, front row) and Professor Fu-zen Shaw (left, front row) at the CCKF-ERCCT

workshop was organized in four panels to present their studies. Apart from research project presentations, the workshop also featured Director Gunter Schubert's introduction to the objectives and programs of the ERCCT in the afternoon of the first day.

E. Other Activities

a. Professor Fu-zen Shaw, Dean of the College of Social Sciences, National Cheng Kung University visited the CCKF-ERCCT on July 4, 2023. On this occasion, the CCKF-ERCCT Co-Director Professor Yu-chin Tseng and Managing Director Stefan Braig hosted discussions to assess past and current academic exchange relations between the CCKF-ERCCT and the College of Social Sciences, National Cheng Kung University. They also deliberated on perspectives for the continuation and deepening of contacts.

b. The CCKF-ERCCT has positions for Associate Fellows. These scholars work and reside at other universities or academic institutions in Europe or Taiwan. They occasionally participate in the CCKF-ERCCT's activities, utilize its facilities during their stays, and are invited to share their research and give lectures. During 2023-2024, Associate Fellow Dr. André Beckershoff visited Tübingen on January 31, 2024, and gave a lecture on "The Dialectics of Hegemony and Resistance in the Re-Making of China-Taiwan Relations", which was organized by the CCKF-ERCCT in cooperation with the University of Tübingen's Institute of Political Science to present his monograph *Social Forces in the Re-Making of Cross-Strait Relations: Hegemony and Social Movements in Taiwan*.



Entrance to the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library

III. General Affairs

After 14 years of planning, the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park was finally unveiled to the people of Taiwan and the international community on January 22, 2022. Since its opening, the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park has received widespread acclaim for its spatial layout, architectural design, and exhibitions on the life of Chiang Ching-kuo. The Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park is an important platform to showcase Taiwan's modernization and connect Taiwan to the world.

During the initial planning of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park, the Foundation was inspired by Chiang Ching-kuo's indelible contribution to the development and modernization of Taiwan. During those critical years, thanks to his outstanding leadership, Taiwan successfully transformed its economy and moved from martial law and authoritarianism to democracy and openness, establishing the model of the "Taiwan Experience". The Foundation participated in the planning, funding, and construction of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park with the purpose of commemorating Chiang Ching-kuo and his important historical contributions, preserving Taiwan's historical and cultural assets, and providing a first-class cultural and leisure space in Taipei City. The Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park focuses on the preservation of the historical site of the Chi-Hai Residence, academic research, community education, and cultural exchange. The Foundation looks forward to developing and promoting these important historical and cultural assets in the future.



Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung and Ms. Tsung-tzu Huang (from left to right, standing) at the session on communication skills

1. Operation of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park

(1) Property Management and Landscape Maintenance

The Foundation and the Chinese Christian Faith and Love Foundation have entrusted Yellowstone Service Co., Ltd. to oversee the operations of the Park. Its responsibilities include managing ticket sales, visitor services, park cleaning, security, maintenance, and electrical and mechanical upkeep. This collaboration ensures a high standard and quality of service for all Park visitors. In addition, Yellowstone Service Co., Ltd. provides support for Park activities. To align with the Park's commitment to courteous service, we believe that continually improving our staff's interaction skills and attitudes will enhance the visitor experience. On January 16, 2023, the Foundation hosted a training session led by Tsung-tzu Huang from the Teacher Chang Foundation. This session focused on refining the service approach of our staff and property management secretaries, emphasizing key attitudes and practical techniques.

For maintenance of the grounds, the Foundation commissioned Yi Hsiang Landscaping Co., Ltd. to regularly perform tasks such as pruning, fertilizing, pest control, and replanting throughout the entire Park, in order to maintain its beautiful and serene environment.

(2) Venue Rental

To increase the utilization of Park space, revitalize the functionality of the library area, and increase Park revenue, the Foundation has designated several high-quality spaces available for rent. Renters can enjoy elegant venues for their events and have the option to use Park catering services or bring in outside catering. Additionally, they can request professional Park tours to enhance their activities. Venues available for rent in the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library include the first-floor Lobby, Atrium Stage, Special Collection Room, Meeting Room, Multimedia Auditorium, and the second-floor Multi-functional Meeting Room and Reading Hall. Venues available for rent in the Visitor Center include the second-floor Wave Restaurant multifunctional dining space, and the third-floor Sky Garden. These venues can be used for events such as meetings, seminars, lectures, book launches, and cultural and art exhibitions. They may not be used for religious, political, or inappropriate commercial activities.

Since its opening, the Park's venues have become increasingly popular and are now the preferred choice for various events, including public welfare, academic, cultural, artistic, and commercial activities. The following events were held during the second half of 2023: TVBS executive meeting, filming by Luc Besson's film crew, a press conference held by Dr. Chi-kao Hsu, Chanel's annual gala, the workshop "History of Chinese Literature of the Recent Three Hundred Years", special lectures organized by Taipei Veterans General Hospital, the 2023 Asia-Pacific Research Forum dinner hosted by the International Law Association and the American Society of International Law, the 2023 international conference of the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA) and Asia Pacific Ocean Law Institutions Alliance (APOLIA), the Young Presidents' Organization gala dinner, and the Lee and Li, Attorneys-at-Law partners' meeting and family gathering. The following events were held during the first half of 2024: the Harry Winston gala dinner, the workshop "History of Chinese Literature of the Recent



President Ing-wen Tsai (seventh from left) and Minister Shih-kuan Feng (seventh from right) at the launch of Minister Feng's memoir



Professor Li Chang (top) and Dr. Wei-chen Hu (bottom) at the volunteer training sessions



Cultural excursion for volunteers

Three Hundred Years”, No. 5 Film Studio event, the Welcome Clubs International annual meeting, a book launch by Minister Shih-kuan Feng of the Veterans Affairs Council, and a book launch for *Loyal Guards: A Century of Excellence, 1924–2024*. The rental income from the aforementioned activities has significantly benefited the Park’s operations.

(3) Volunteer Engagement and Service

In July 2023, the Foundation conducted the fourth phase of volunteer recruitment, selecting twenty-seven new volunteers and bringing our total number of volunteers to 155. These volunteers have played a crucial role in supporting various visitor services and guided tours. From July 2023 to June 2024, they collectively contributed 7,348 volunteer shifts, totaling 29,392 hours of service.

To express our gratitude for the service and dedication of our volunteers, in addition to giving gifts during important holidays, the Foundation also aims to enhance their professional skills and strengthen team cohesion. The Foundation organized on-the-job training for our volunteers on May 29, 2023, and a volunteer get-together on August 21, 2023. The Foundation also organized a training session for new volunteers and on-the-job training for our existing volunteers on October 2, 2023, inviting Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien, Foundation President

Chun-i Chen, Professor Fang-sang Lu, Senior Advisor Wei-chen Hu, Professor Li Chang, and Mr. Jonathan Yo-sung Chiang to deliver lectures. There were a total of 105 participants.

Volunteer get-togethers were held on March 25 and June 24, 2024. The first cultural excursion for volunteers took place on April 10, featuring visits to the Museum of the Institute of History and Philology and the Hu Shih Memorial Hall at Academia Sinica. A total of fifty-one volunteers participated in the excursion. Additionally, in the 2023 volunteer service performance evaluation, seventy-one volunteers each contributed over 160 service hours and passed the performance evaluation, earning the Outstanding Service Award. Furthermore, twenty-one volunteers contributed more than 300 service hours and achieved excellent performance evaluation results, earning the Distinguished Service Award.

(4) Marketing and Promotion

In order to encourage more visitors to visit the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park and increase revenues, the Park contacted the Taipei City Government's Department of Information and Tourism in the second half of 2023 to include the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park in the list of attractions and travel map on the Taipei Travel website. In collaboration with the Taipei City Government's Department of Social Welfare, starting from January 2024, visitors can redeem points on Senior EasyCards issued by Taipei City for Park entry. In addition, the Park is also included in the Taipei Fun Pass list of attractions. The former allows Taipei City seniors to use points on their Senior EasyCards to purchase tickets and enter the Park, while the latter offers domestic and international tourists an all-in-one card for transportation, attractions, and discounts, bringing more visitors to the Park.

The Foundation also negotiated with major domestic travel agencies to arrange discounted tour packages for group tours and distributed promotional brochures to nearby hotels. To facilitate tourist transportation to the Park, the Foundation has contacted the nearby Miramar Entertainment Park and Grand Hotel to discuss the possibility of their shuttle buses, which pass by MRT Jiantan Station, including a stop at the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park. Additionally, the Foundation has developed an off-campus education program that offers discounts to teachers, increasing their willingness to conduct off-campus education activities at the Park. The Foundation also offers more flexible reservation and guided tour arrangements to accommodate the needs of school visitors.

In 2024, the Foundation contacted the Taipei City Government's Department of Cultural Affairs to request assistance in contacting village offices across Taiwan, offering a 50% discount on entrance fees to encourage village heads to organize trips for residents to visit the Park. Additionally, in coordination with the initiatives launched by the Taipei City Government's Department of Information and Tourism for city infrastructure tours and senior citizen leisure activities, as of the end of June, a total of thirty-one groups have applied to visit the Park.

(5) Public Outreach

In order to fulfill our social responsibility and enhance the reputation and public image of the Ching-kuo Chi-

Hai Cultural Park, the Foundation focuses on social welfare and caters to the needs of diverse communities by organizing a variety of public outreach activities and Park admission programs. In April 2024, the Park co-hosted several public events with the Republic of China History and Culture Society, including the "Chiang Kai-shek Diaries" symposium and "The Chiang Diaries and the Politics of Republican China" international symposium. The Foundation also partnered with the National Chengchi University Libraries to organize the "Navigating the Future: AI Integration in Library and Information Services" symposium. These events were open to the public and free of charge.



Introductions of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park on the Taipei Travel website and the Taipei Travel Instagram



Poster for "The Chiang Diaries and the Politics of Republican China International Symposium"



Students of the Taipei Municipal Dazhi High School visit the Chi-Hai Residence

Starting from April 1, 2024, elementary schools in remote areas and social welfare organizations can apply for free Park admission. On April 10 and May 7, the Park welcomed over sixty disadvantaged elderly individuals and children from remote areas. These visits were organized by the ROC Double Happiness Elderly Education Promotion Association and the Chiaoyong Elementary School in Hengchun, Pingtung County. On June 23, the Life Vitality Association arranged for forty-nine visitors in wheelchairs to visit the Park. The visiting groups were impressed with the content of the exhibits, well-planned itineraries, and warm hospitality of the Park.

Starting from May 2024, the Park has placed advertising light boxes in Taipei Metro stations to promote its public outreach activities and Park admission programs. Advertising light boxes have now been installed at eight stations: Taipei Main Station, Nangang Station, Far Eastern Hospital Station, Zhongxiao Xinsheng Station, Xindian Station, Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall Station, Gongguan Station, and Dingxi Station. These installations not only boost the Park's public image but also increase its promotional reach.

(6) Visitor Services

Since the official opening of the Park to the public, twenty-two guided tours of the Chi-Hai Residence have been scheduled each day, with fifteen people per tour, all led by volunteer guides. Additionally, there are five daily scheduled tours of the exhibition halls. Between July 2023 and June 2024, there were a total of 4,820 tours, with a total of 43,427 participants.



Chi-Hai Lake cleaning



Chi-Hai Lake repairs

Between July 2023 and June 2024, there were a total of 205 group tours, with 13 tours conducted in English. A specially designed field trip program offers discounts for accompanying teachers, encouraging teachers to bring students to the Park for field trips. Schools such as National Chengchi University's Graduate Institute of Library, Information and Archival Studies, National Lo-Tung Commercial Vocational High School, the Language Center of National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, and the Junior High Division of Taipei Municipal Dazhi High School have visited the Park. Guided by volunteer tour guides using wireless tour guide systems, the tours are adapted to meet each group's needs. Sign language interpreters are provided to ensure an inclusive tour experience for groups with hearing-impaired members.

To complement our existing regular and group tours in Chinese, the Foundation is also planning to offer tours in English and Japanese. Additionally, the Foundation is acquiring personalized multimedia guide devices that support multiple languages for visitors to borrow. The Foundation highly values feedback from visitors, with staff members responding to feedback by compiling and categorizing the issues raised and responses offered each week. This information serves as a reference for future Park services and training. Additionally, the Foundation conducts visitor satisfaction surveys to understand the needs of our visitors.

The Foundation also offers a range of cultural and creative products at the gift shop, including notebooks, folders, binders, postcards, bookmarks, umbrellas, and books. Starting in 2024, the Foundation has teamed up with Cafe Astoria to sell their popular Russian soft candy and walnut cake gift boxes at the Park's restaurant and gift shop.



Architects from the Taipei City Cultural Heritage Platform conduct an on-site inspection of the Chi-Hai Residence

Moving forward, the Foundation plans to develop more cultural and creative products related to President Chiang Ching-kuo, offering visitors a wider variety of choices.

(7) Building Work and Repairs

As the Park has now been open to the public for two years, the Foundation has reviewed areas in need of repair, such as rest zones and exhibition halls, and has carried out minor adjustments and renovations. Since the completion of construction work in the Park, some defects are still being repaired. Li Jin Engineering and Grandsun Engineering are responsible and are continuously assisting with the repairs. Additionally, due to a leakage issue with Chi-Hai Lake, after consulting with architect Philip T. C. Fei and holding several discussions with hydraulic engineers, a decision was made to carry out restoration work on the lake in November 2024. The Foundation and the Chinese Christian Faith and Love Foundation have commissioned Ruentex Group to plan and design the dredging and landscape enhancement of the lake.

2. Preservation of the Chi-Hai Residence

In 2006, the Taipei City Government designated the Chi-Hai Residence as a municipal heritage site. The Foundation adheres to heritage preservation regulations to manage and maintain the property. The Foundation carries out regular daily inspections and record-keeping of the safety, changes in temperature and humidity, and performs routine maintenance of the gardens of the Chi-Hai Residence and its facilities in order to ensure the security of the



Reference Area of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library

residence and artifact storage facilities, interior and exterior environments, mechanical and electrical equipment, and artifacts on display or in storage. The Foundation also regularly reviews and enhances the security monitoring equipment of the Chi-Hai Residence.

In June 2023, architects from the Taipei City Cultural Heritage Platform conducted an on-site inspection, and recommended placing fire blankets next to key cultural relics so that they can be covered immediately in the event of a fire, thereby reducing damage. Fire blankets have been placed on the first and second floors of the Chi-Hai Residence for emergency use. On April 1, 2024, the Dazhi Fire Station conducted an annual historic site fire inspection and training at the Chi-Hai Residence. The exercise focused on the building's structure, interior layout, locations of significant cultural assets, prioritized protection for the most valuable artifacts, emergency contacts, and evacuation routes for visitors to enhance heritage preservation and disaster response strategies.

3. Planning of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library's Collections

The Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library is a digital library dedicated to the collection, display, and research of archives, artifacts, and documents related to Chiang Ching-kuo's public service. The library also houses materials and books related to Chinese culture, humanities, and social sciences, and features publications and digitization projects in Chinese Studies that were supported by the Foundation. The library is a member of the interlibrary loan system RapidILL and the Nationwide Document Delivery System (NDDS), helping readers to access items

that are not available in the library.

Scholars and PhD and master's degree students working in the humanities or social sciences at Taiwanese or overseas academic institutions are eligible for membership. There are currently 128 members (20 reading passes and 108 VIP passes). Members can use the library's resources remotely through the library portal or access the library's collections and facilities with their library card.

The library has a collection of over 2,500 books and periodicals in Chinese and foreign languages, 4,587 digital resources, and 191 electronic databases. In addition, 66,845 items in the Chiang Ching-kuo Digital Archive will be integrated into the library's automated system.

The reference service area currently displays the Exhibition of Historical Materials of General Hu Tsung-nan and the Collection of Signed Books. The Collection of Signed Books includes books given by former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, former CIA station chief in Taipei Ray S. Cline, the novel *Blue and Black* by Chiang Ching-kuo's friend Wang Lan, *The Moment of Crisis* gifted by Chiang Ching-kuo to his wife Faina, and *Springs in the Valley* gifted by Chiang Ching-kuo's eldest daughter Hsiao-chang. The library portal showcases four themes from the collection: the Exhibition of Historical Materials of General Hu Tsung-nan, the Collection of Signed Books, Selected Photographs of Chiang Ching-kuo, and Excerpts from Chiang Ching-kuo's Diaries.

The second-floor artifacts storage was completed in March 2024. It includes twenty mobile cabinets, ten storage cabinets, and two painting racks, along with a dedicated workspace for sorting and cataloging artifacts. The storage room is kept at a constant temperature and humidity, equipped with 24-hour air conditioning, surveillance cameras, security access control, and a fire detection system. The archival storage environment is strictly controlled, with regular checks on cleanliness, low ultraviolet light exposure, low illumination, and temperature and humidity levels to minimize the risk of damage to the artifacts. This space is intended not only for storing files and artifacts related to Chiang Ching-kuo but also for preserving important manuscripts and documents from notable figures of his era.

4. Patrons of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park and Friends of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library

In order to ensure the effective management and outstanding service quality of the Chi-Hai Residence and the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park, and help the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library fulfill its mission as a site for research, education, exhibitions, and international scholarly exchange, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation invites corporations that have stellar global reputations and are representative of Taiwan's economic strength and innovation capabilities, as well as outstanding entrepreneurs and professionals who are dedicated to public welfare and align with the Park's mission, to become Eminent Patrons and Patrons of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai



Patrons of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park and Friends of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library

Cultural Park, or Friends of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library. By doing so, they will help share some of the operational costs and collectively contribute to establishing a new cultural landmark in Taipei. Eminent Patrons, Patrons of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park, and Friends of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library can offset the costs of tickets and venue rentals against their annual contributions and have the option to reserve the entire Park for a day. They will receive top-tier hospitality when visiting the Park, including assistance with organizing meals, social gatherings, or public relations events. Many entrepreneurs have been moved by Chiang Ching-kuo's contributions to Taiwan's economic prosperity and impressed by the Foundation's dedication and perseverance in managing the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park and establishing the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library. Recognizing the Park's historical, cultural, and international significance, they are eager to join us in our efforts. The Foundation's current patrons include Hon Hai Technology Group, Delta Electronics Foundation, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, and Pegatron Corporation. Friends of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library include Jeffrey D. Schwarz, Benny Hu, Yu-lon Chiao, Shui-shu Hung, Chi-kaio Hsu, and Chi-hsiung Hsu.

In addition to expressing our gratitude to the entrepreneurs who are currently serving as Eminent Patrons, Patrons of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park, and Friends of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library for their generosity, the Foundation hopes that more entrepreneurs will join us in supporting the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park and the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library.

5. Contract Performance Management

In collaboration with the Chinese Christian Faith and Love Foundation, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation has remained committed to the preservation and effective utilization of Taiwan's historical and cultural assets. Furthermore, we aim to increase the understanding of both domestic and international audiences regarding the modernization experience of the Republic of China and the political career of Chiang Ching-kuo. On July 16, 2012, we submitted our plans to the Taipei City Government. Subsequently, on April 11, 2014, the Chiang



Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library

Ching-kuo Foundation and the Chinese Christian Faith and Love Foundation signed an agreement with the Taipei City Government to develop and operate the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park for fifty years, with a twenty-year priority renewal right.

The Park officially opened to the public on January 23, 2022. Following the Park's opening, the Taipei City Government has regularly conducted inspections. A financial audit for the 2022 fiscal year was conducted on November 30, 2023. On December 21, the Department of Finance and the Department of Cultural Affairs, along with other relevant units, held a meeting to understand the compliance and current operations of the Park. On January 31, 2024, the Department of Cultural Affairs, Traffic Engineering Office, and other relevant units conducted a traffic survey. The Department of Cultural Affairs also commissioned a film on the residences of notable figures. The architect Yu-chien Hsu, Professor Tai-chun Kuo, and Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien were interviewed for the film, which also features the Chi-Hai Residence, exhibition halls, and the Park. Once completed, the film will be available on the website of the Department of Cultural Affairs, serving both educational and promotional functions.

The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation and the Chinese Christian Faith and Love Foundation regularly conduct public safety inspections of buildings, elevator equipment checks, fire safety inspections, and electrical equipment certifications and reports. They also establish notification systems with nearby fire departments, medical facilities, public safety agencies, and police stations. In addition, the Park conducts biannual fire drills

on June 12 and November 20, 2023, and staff participated in fire safety seminars on May 27, 2024.

Regarding insurance coverage for buildings and facilities, we annually arrange comprehensive property insurance, fire insurance, earthquake insurance, typhoon insurance, flood insurance, public liability insurance, employer's liability insurance, and business interruption insurance as stipulated in the agreement.

6. Work on the Multimedia Auditorium

To optimize the functionality of library spaces, the Foundation reconfigured the original tiered multimedia auditorium into a versatile, multi-purpose area in December 2023. This adjustment aims to maximize the space's utility, making it more accessible and beneficial for users. The space maintains the library's serene ambiance, exuding a minimalist and humanistic quality. Equipped with a 270-inch LED screen and a high-end audio system, it is poised to attract more vibrant and outstanding cultural and artistic events to Chi-Hai. In the future, this space can host a wide range of events for the business, academic, and artistic communities, including concerts, film screenings, lectures, presentations, press conferences, and academic forums. We believe the new Multimedia Auditorium will significantly enhance the visibility of the Park. This project was carried out by Ruentex Interior Design Inc. and completed in June 2024.

7. Academic Exchange Activities

(1) Visit of Professor Ping-chen Hsiung, Secretary-General of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Professor Ping-chen Hsiung of The Chinese University of Hong Kong has recently assumed the position of Secretary-General of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH), an academic body under the auspices of UNESCO. On August 7, 2023, Professor Hsiung met with Foundation President Chun-i Chen and expressed her hope for closer academic exchanges with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation once pandemic restrictions were lifted. Since 2020, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation has been sponsoring advanced intensive seminars organized by CIPSH worldwide. Each year, these seminars focus on specific themes to foster academic dialogue between international scholars and the host country, while also attracting outstanding students from around the globe to participate in research. Professor Hsiung also invited Foundation President Chun-i Chen to attend the Third CIPSH Conference on Global Ethics on September 12, 2023, in Sweden. This conference focused on practical ethical issues in areas such as medicine, religion, and climate change.

(2) Foundation President Chun-i Chen Attended the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences Conference in Sweden

On September 12, 2023, Foundation President Chun-i Chen attended the Third CIPSH Conference on Global Ethics organized by the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH) in Sweden via



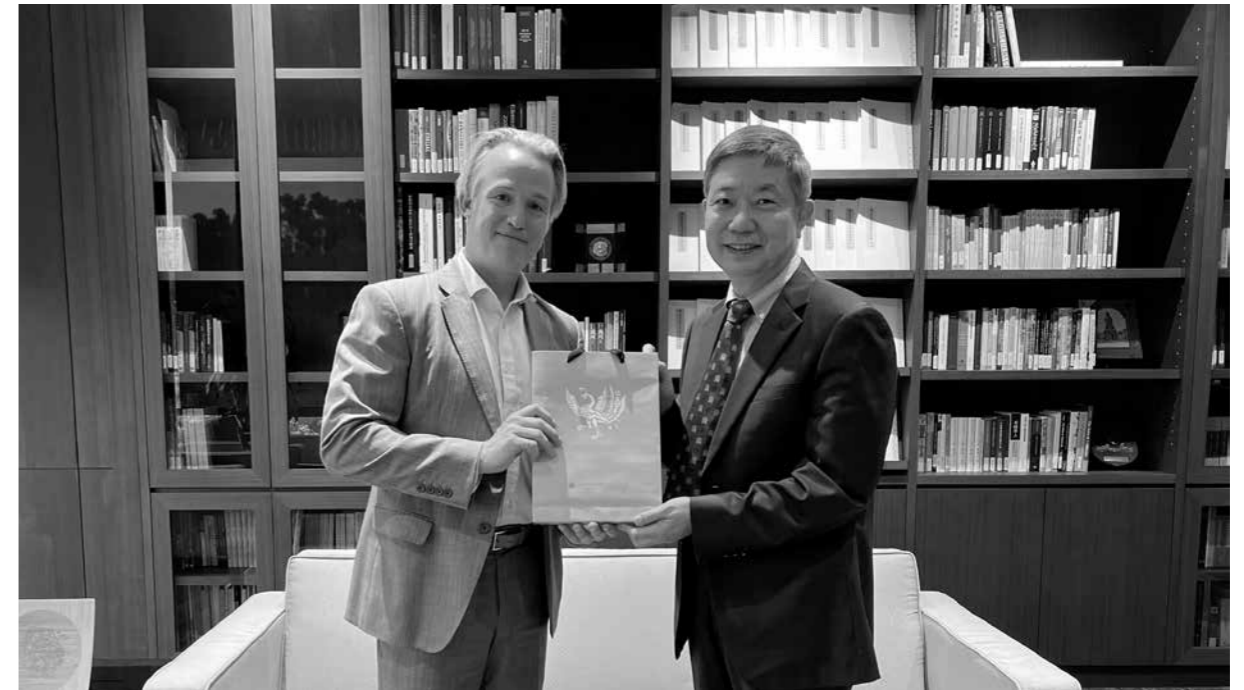
President Chun-i Chen, CIPSH Secretary-General Ping-chen Hsiung, and Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung (from right to left) at the Foundation

video link. During his opening remarks, President Chen introduced the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation's funding activities. President Chen also mentioned that during the pandemic, CIPSH could only hold online meetings. This was the second in-person meeting since the pandemic, and President Chen said that it was particularly gratifying to see so many scholars gathered together. He was particularly pleased to see Professor Hsiu-hsi Chen from the College of Public Health at National Taiwan University attending the conference and presenting a paper titled "Pandemic against SDG Zero-Poverty and Health Equity". Finally, he wished the conference a great success.

This conference covered a wide range of topics, including "What are the foundations of an ethics of peace and international security in moral traditions and how can they be applied in practice", "How can a global geoethics and a new technoethics grounded in various ethical traditions help us resist threats to a sustainable future", "How can an ethics of international solidarity and global justice grounded in various ethical traditions guide the present struggle against global threats of pandemics and poverty-related illnesses", and "How can world traditions/religions contribute to a global ethics". These topics were not traditional Sinology but rather new issues that combine medicine, religion, society, and technology. The Foundation hopes to support such interdisciplinary academic activities to enhance the diversity of its funding initiatives.

(3) Visit of Martin Laflamme, Director for Political and Cultural Affairs, Canadian Trade Office in Taipei

Martin Laflamme, Director for Political and Cultural Affairs, Canadian Trade Office in Taipei visited the Ching-



President Chun-i Chen and Director Martin Laflamme (left) of the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei at the Foundation

kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park on August 17, 2023, and met with Foundation President Chun-i Chen. President Chen began by introducing the Foundation's mission and its commitment to supporting research in Sinology. Director Laflamme highlighted the recent rise in Canada's academic capabilities. He also mentioned that due to international developments, the focus of Sinology research in Canada is gradually shifting from mainland China to Taiwan. The parties discussed the potential for future academic collaboration and expressed hopes for more exchange opportunities in the future.

(4) Visit of Professor Wen-chin Ouyang of SOAS, University of London

Wen-chin Ouyang, Professor of Arabic and Comparative Literature at SOAS, University of London, and Academician in the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences of Academia Sinica, visited the Foundation on August 23, 2023, and was received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen. In 2018, Professor Ouyang was elected as a Fellow of the British Academy, becoming the first Taiwanese scholar to receive this honor. Professor Ouyang's academic interests primarily focus on various disciplinary issues related to literary studies, including regional studies, comparative literature, and world literature. She looks forward to the opportunity to combine her expertise with the Foundation's long-term efforts in promoting Sinology and Taiwan Studies, generating fresh and unique academic insights.

(5) Visit of Professor Fang-shang Lu, President of the Republic of China History and Culture Society

The original copies of Chiang Kai-shek's diaries were preserved at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Since their release in 2006, they have attracted widespread interest from both scholars and the general public. In September 2023, the diaries were returned to Academia Historica. The Republic of China History and Culture Society obtained exclusive authorization from Academia Historica to be the first to publish the diaries of President Chiang Kai-shek from his first term (1948–1954), comprising a total of seven volumes. Professor Fang-shang Lu, President of the Republic of China History and Culture Society met with Foundation President Chun-i Chen on August 30, 2023. Professor Lu expressed his gratitude to the Foundation for its sponsorship of the Republic of China History and Culture Society's project to publish Chiang Kai-shek's diaries and reported on the project's progress.

(6) Foundation President Chun-i Chen Visited Members of the Foundation's Board of Directors and Supervisory Board in Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong—Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies

Accompanied by Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung, Foundation President Chun-i Chen visited Hong Kong between September 17 and September 19, 2023, to meet with Foundation Board Member Professor Lawrence Lau, Foundation Supervisory Board Member Professor Ambrose King, and member of the European Region Review Committee Professor Angela Ki Che Leung. The visit aimed to understand the latest academic developments in the Asia-Pacific region and the current research progress of mid-career scholars, in order to effectively plan the Foundation's future programs. During the visit, Foundation President Chun-i Chen also met with President of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Rocky Tuan, Director of The Chinese University of Hong Kong—Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies (CCK-APC) Professor Lai Chi Tim, Director of the CUHK Art Museum Professor Josh Yiu, as well as former directors of the CUHK's Institute of Chinese Studies Fong-ching Chen and Philip Yuen-sang Leung and the current director Max Xiaobing Tang. In addition to expressing gratitude to CUHK for its support for the CCK-APC, Foundation President Chun-i Chen discussed future collaboration between the Foundation and CUHK as well as the future positioning of the CCK-APC.

(7) Visit of Professor Pasha L. Hsieh of the Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University

Professor Pasha L. Hsieh graduated from the Department of Law at National Chengchi University. He later pursued a Doctor of Juridical Science at the University of Pennsylvania and obtained a license to practice law in New York State. Professor Hsieh has served at the World Trade Organization Secretariat and the law firm Shearman & Sterling LLP. In 2009, he joined the faculty of Singapore Management University. From 2020 to 2021, he also served as the Associate Dean of the School of Law. Professor Hsieh has received numerous research grants from the Singapore Ministry of Education, the EU, and various institutions in Korea and Japan, demonstrating extensive experience in securing academic funding. President Chun-i Chen invited Professor



President Chun-i Chen and Professor Pasha L. Hsieh (left) of the Singapore Management University at the Foundation

Hsieh to visit the Foundation on September 25, 2023, to share his experiences in applying for and managing grants with the research team. This visit will aid in evaluating our current grant management procedures.

(8) Professor Yao-chang Chen Visited Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien and Foundation President Chun-i Chen

Professor Yao-chang Chen has worked in the Division of Hematology and Oncology at National Taiwan University Hospital for over thirty years and is a pioneer in bone marrow transplantation in Taiwan. In addition to his medical practice, he is an acclaimed author of historical fiction. Professor Chen published *Puppet Flower: A Novel of 1867 Formosa* in 2016. The English translation of the novel received funding from the Foundation in 2022 and was published in April 2023. Professor Chen visited the Foundation on October 23, 2023, and was received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen and Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung. Professor Chen commended the Foundation's efforts in promoting Sinology and expressed gratitude for its support, which enabled the English translation of *Puppet Flower: A Novel of 1867 Formosa* to be published. Professor Chen also visited Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien on November 6 and presented him with a copy of the English translation.

(9) Visit of University Librarian of National Chengchi University Libraries Dr. Wen-hung Liao and Colleagues

A delegation, including University Librarian Dr. Wen-hung Liao and Associate University Librarian Dr. Chiao-min Lin of National Chengchi University Libraries visited the Foundation on December 7, 2023, and were



President Chun-i Chen, with Dr. Wen-hung Liao and Dr. Chiao-min Lin of National Chengchi University Libraries (from right to left), at the Chi-Hai Cultural Park

received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen. Since being entrusted with the management of the Kuomintang's (KMT) Party History Archives in 2018, the library has actively engaged in digital enhancement and promotional activities to maximize the value of these important historical documents.

Although National Chengchi University has established a search function for the KMT Party History Archives, it is currently only available within the library. Dr. Liao hopes to work with the Foundation to make the historical archives publicly accessible with the agreement of the KMT Party History Committee. Additionally, both parties can collaborate to organize themed exhibitions, such as those featuring Chiang Ching-kuo's signed documents and other significant events and figures from his era. By incorporating digital enhancements like augmented reality and artificial intelligence to recreate scenes, these exhibitions can capture the attention of younger audiences.

One of the goals of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library is to collect and preserve artifacts and documents related to Chiang Ching-kuo. However, opportunities to acquire original materials are currently limited. By collaborating with other institutions, the Foundation aims to enrich its collections and make historical materials related to Chiang Ching-kuo more accessible to researchers. This collaboration is expected to greatly benefit academic research, and both parties will continue to discuss and plan their initiative.



Professor Els van Dongen, President Chun-i Chen, Professor Taomo Zhou, Professor Michael Stanley-Baker, and Professor Florence Mok (third from left to right) at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore

(10) Visit of Professor Isabelle Cockel, Secretary-General of the European Association of Taiwan Studies

Professor Isabelle Cockel, Secretary-General of the European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS), visited the Foundation on January 11, 2024, and was received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen. Professor Cockel provided an update on the current activities of the EATS, research trends and developments in the European academic community, and the status of exchanges between the EATS and Taiwanese academic institutions. The two sides exchanged views on these topics.

Since 2006, the EATS has received funding from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation to organize its annual conference and sponsor the Young Scholar Award and the Taiwan Studies Dissertation Award. The EATS plays a crucial role in promoting academic exchanges between Europe and Taiwan and holds an important position in the European academic community.

The Foundation has consistently made every effort to promote Taiwan Studies in Europe. The goals of the EATS align with the Foundation's academic research directions, making their contributions particularly beneficial to our related research endeavors.

(11) Foundation President Chun-i Chen Visited Academic Institutions in Singapore

Foundation President Chun-i Chen led a delegation to Singapore between January 17 and January 19, 2024.



President Chun-i Chen and Dean Simon Chesterman (left) at the National University of Singapore

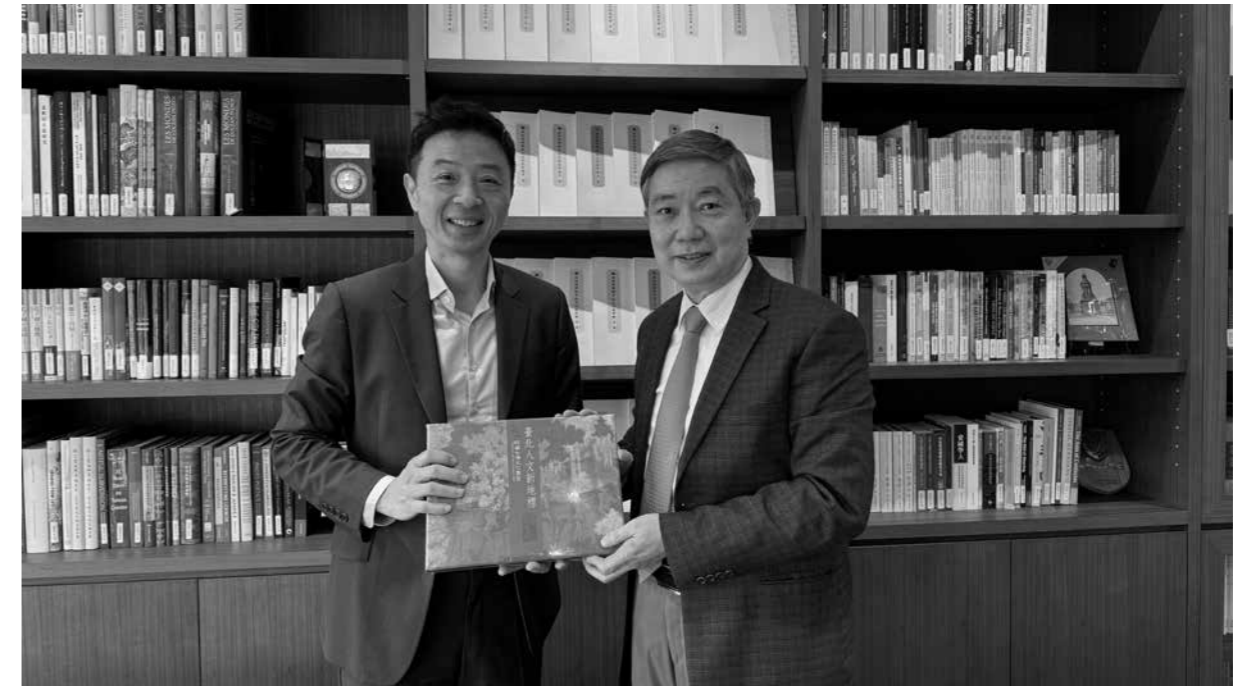
The Foundation is currently actively considering future academic expansion in the Asia-Pacific region. Given its strategic geographical location, Singapore is of particular importance. Therefore, Foundation President Chun-i Chen aims to gain a thorough understanding of Singapore's academic development policies and explore how to effectively allocate resources to support scholars in the humanities and social sciences in Singapore. This includes fostering interdisciplinary and cross-sector research collaboration between these scholars, the Foundation, and academic institutions in Taiwan.

(12) Visit of Director Bai-ku Wei and Visiting Professor Vladimir Maliavin of the Graduate Institute of Russian Studies, National Chengchi University

Director Bai-ku Wei and Visiting Professor Vladimir Maliavin of the Graduate Institute of Russian Studies, National Chengchi University, visited the Foundation on January 23, 2024, and were received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen. Professor Maliavin earned his PhD in History in 1973. He is proficient in Chinese

During the trip, the delegation met with academic institutions and scholars to gain insights into the latest academic trends in Singapore and discuss how to strengthen collaboration in Sinology and beyond.

The institutions and scholars visited during this trip included Dean Lee Pey Woan of the School of Law, Professor Pasha L. Hsieh, and President Lily Kong of Singapore Management University; Professor Weitseng Chen of the Faculty of Law, and Dean Simon Chesterman of NUS College at National University of Singapore; Associate Provost Ricky Ang of the Singapore University of Technology and Design; Chair Els van Dongen, Associate Professor Taomo Zhou, Assistant Professor Michael Stanley-Baker, and Assistant Professor Florence Mok of the Department of History at Nanyang Technological University; Executive Director of the Singapore International Foundation Ms. Jean Tan; and Taiwan's Representative Chen-yuan Tung in Singapore.



President Chun-i Chen and Professor Weitseng Chen (left) of the National University of Singapore at the Foundation

and specializes in Taoism and the philosophy of Laozi and Zhuangzi. Subsequently, he joined the Institute of Asia and Africa at Moscow State University as a faculty member. He has also translated classical texts such as *Caigentan* into Russian. After the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Professor Maliavin was invited to teach at the Department of Russian and the Graduate Institute of Russian Studies at Tamkang University. He is currently a visiting professor at the Graduate Institute of Russian Studies, National Chengchi University. After the meeting, Foundation President Chun-i Chen presented Professor Maliavin and Director Wei with the Foundation's annual report and a souvenir notebook.

(13) Visit of Professor Weitseng Chen of the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law

Professor Weitseng Chen of the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law visited the Foundation on February 1, 2024, and was received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen. In mid-January, Foundation President Chun-i Chen visited Singapore to attend an international conference and took the opportunity to visit the National University of Singapore (NUS). During the visit, Professor Chen proposed academic workshops and book publication projects, and the meeting provided a more focused discussion on these topics. Foundation President Chun-i Chen also proposed expanding or integrating research topics in international Sinology to promote academic exchanges between Taiwanese and Singaporean scholars on issues such as healthcare, technology, and society.

(14) Visit of Professor Alexander Pantsov of Capital University

Professor Alexander Pantsov of Capital University in the United States is a renowned Sinologist who recently published *Victorious in Defeat: The Life and Times of Chiang Kai-shek, China, 1887–1975*. Professor Pantsov was invited to speak at the 2024 Taipei International Book Exhibition to share his insights on Chiang Kai-shek and other key leaders in modern Chinese history. Linden Lin of Linking Publishing Company and his wife accompanied Professor Pantsov on a visit to the Foundation on February 23, 2024. They were received by Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung and also toured the Chi-Hai Residence and Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library. Professor Pantsov has extensive knowledge of the archives and materials on Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-kuo held by Russian academic institutions, and promised to assist the Foundation in collecting relevant information if needed.

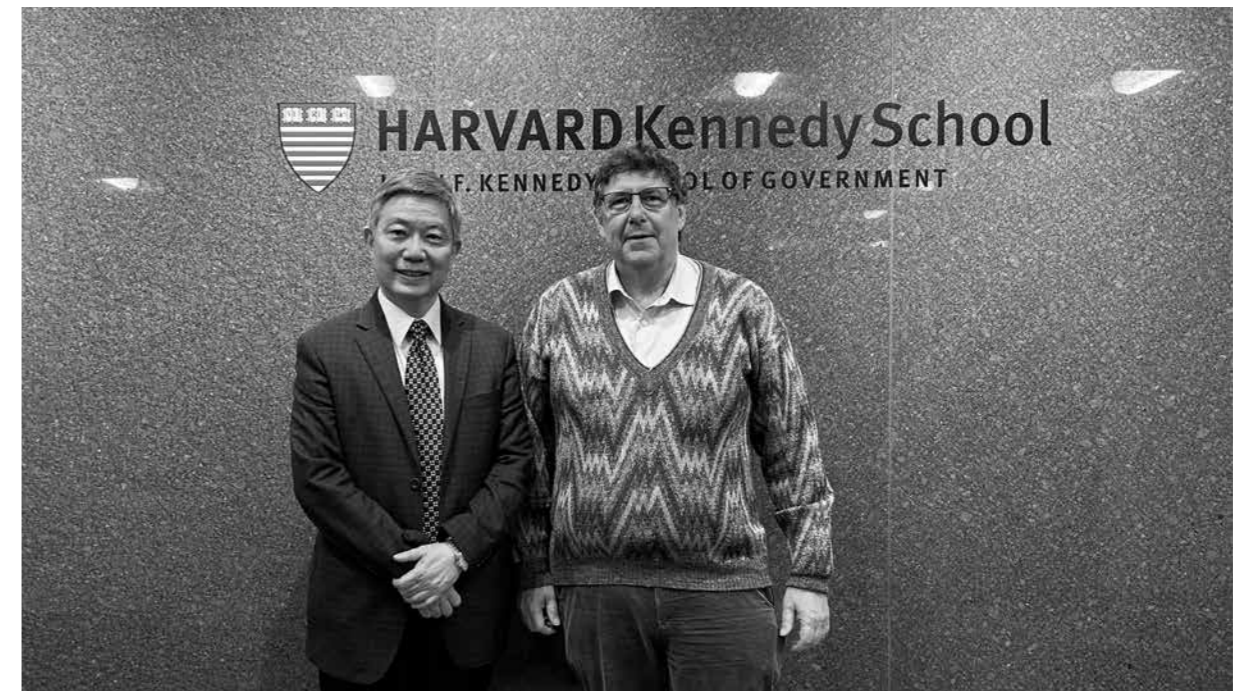
(15) Visit of Director Gunter Schubert of the European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan: A CCK Foundation Overseas Center (CCKF-ERCCT) at the University of Tübingen, Germany

Professor Gunter Schubert, Director of the European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan: A CCK Foundation Overseas Center (CCKF-ERCCT) at the University of Tübingen, Germany, visited the Foundation on March 18, 2024, and was received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen. The two sides exchanged views on future funding opportunities. The CCKF-ERCCT provides a platform for academic collaboration, enabling scholars and students from Europe and Taiwan to engage in academic exchanges focused on contemporary Taiwan Studies. It also invites scholars from Europe and Taiwan to give lectures or teach at the CCKF-ERCCT and hosts a summer workshop for young scholars every year. President Chen commended the achievements of the CCKF-ERCCT in promoting Taiwan Studies in Europe and fostering exchanges between European and Taiwanese scholars. The Foundation will continue to support its operations.

(16) Foundation President Chun-i Chen Traveled to the United States to Attend an Academic Conference and Visit Academic Institutions

Academic institutions on the East Coast of the United States are key partners and grant recipients of our Foundation. During his trip to attend the American Society of International Law conference, Foundation President Chun-i Chen visited the Foundation's American Regional Office and participated in the American Region Review Committee Meeting. He also visited several academic institutions, including Harvard University, between March 29 and April 11, 2024. Prior to that, he visited the wife of the late Professor Ying-shih Yu and the wife of the late Professor Hungdah Chiu.

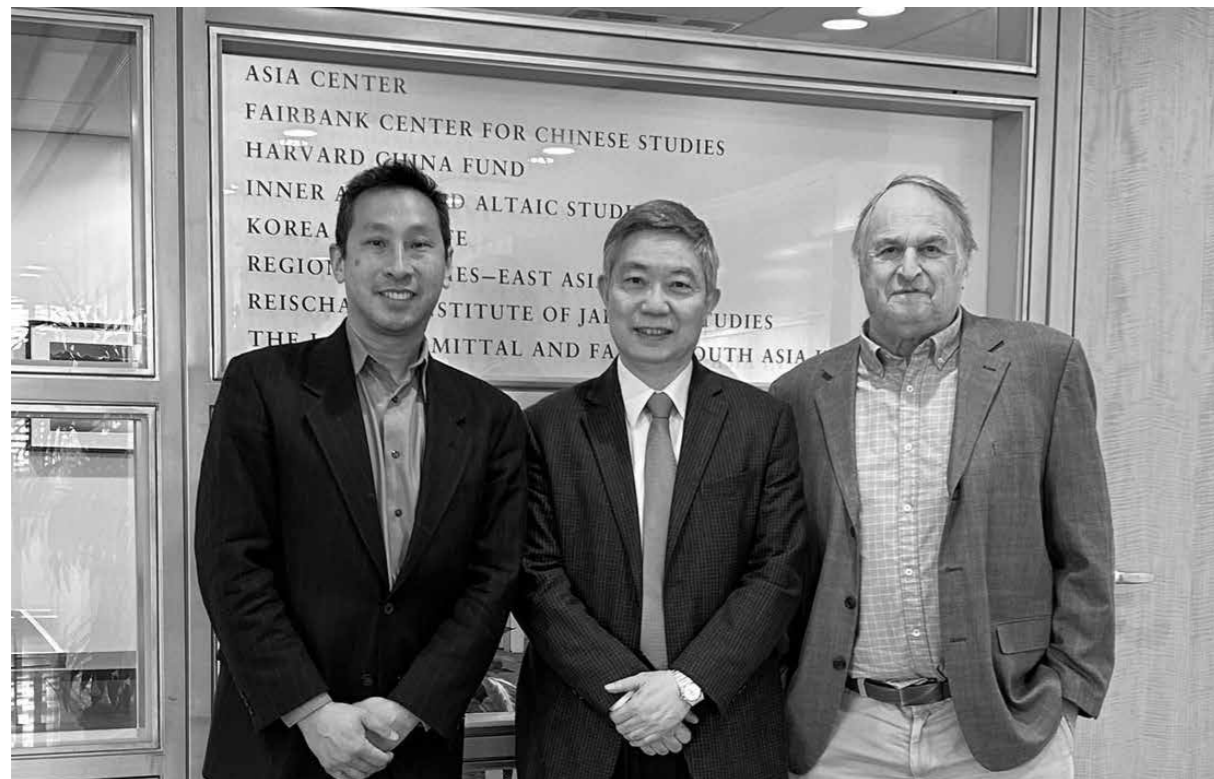
During his trip, Foundation President Chun-i Chen visited the following institutions and scholars: Director Feng Li of the Tang Center for Early China at Columbia University; Chief Dongfeng Shao of the Asian Division at the Library of Congress; Professor Ya-wen Lei of the Department of Sociology at Harvard University; Director James Robson and Associate Director Dr. Ruohong Li of the Harvard-Yenching Institute;



President Chun-i Chen and Director Anthony Saich (right) of the Ash Center at Harvard Kennedy School



President Chun-i Chen and Director Feng Li (right) at Columbia University's Tang Center for Early China



Director Mark Wu, President Chun-i Chen, and Professor Steven Goldstein (from left to right) at the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

Director Jidong Yang, librarian Xiaohe Ma, and librarian Sharon Li-shiuan Yang of the Harvard-Yenching Library; Director Anthony Saich of the Ash Center at Harvard Kennedy School; Director Mark Wu, Professor Steven Goldstein, and Executive Director Dorinda Elliott of the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies.

Thanks to the solid academic foundation established internationally by former Foundation President Yun-han Chu, the institutions visited this time have all forged long-term friendships with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. During this visit, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation reaffirmed its willingness to collaborate, including planning a workshop in partnership with the Harvard-Yenching Institute, celebrating the Harvard-Yenching Institute's centennial, and initiating a digital data exchange project with the Harvard-Yenching Library. The Foundation is actively planning these collaborations and have already confirmed the timelines for related projects.

(17) Visit of Director Olga Lomová of the Chiang Ching-kuo International Sinological Center at Charles University (CCK-ISC)

On April 2, 2024, Professor Olga Lomová, Director of the Chiang Ching-kuo International Sinological Center at Charles University in the Czech Republic, visited the Foundation and was received by Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung. Due to the impact of the pandemic, this was Professor Lomová's first visit to Taiwan for many years and also her first visit to the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park. Professor Lomová toured the Chiang Ching-kuo



Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung and Professor Olga Lomová (left) at the Foundation

Presidential Library, the Multi-Functional Meeting Room, and the Special Collections Room. She praised the library's elegant and tasteful architecture and decor. She also mentioned that on her next visit, she would bring a Czech craft piece that complements the Foundation's collection. During Professor Lomová's visit, she expressed her gratitude for the long-standing support for the CCK-ISC. She pledged to continue using the CCK-ISC as a bridge and academic platform to foster ongoing collaboration and exchange between scholars from Central and Eastern Europe and their counterparts in Taiwan as well as academic institutions in Western Europe.

(18) Visit of Professor Mingwei Song from Wellesley College

Professor Mingwei Song from the Department of East Asian Languages and Culture at Wellesley College in the United States visited on April 26, 2024, and was received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen. Professor Song received his PhD in East Asian Studies from Columbia University in 2005. His research expertise lies in modern and contemporary Chinese literature, with a particular focus on the development of contemporary Chinese science fiction. Professor Song received a Junior Scholar Grant from the Foundation's American Region in 2010, which enabled him to complete his first English monograph, *Young China: National Rejuvenation and the Bildungsroman, 1900–1959*. During his visit, he expressed his gratitude to the Foundation and exchanged views with Foundation President Chun-i Chen on the future direction of the Foundation's grant programs.



Professor Tse-kang Leng (center) with delegates from Malaysia and the Philippines at the Katara Cultural Village in Qatar

(19) Research Fellow Tse-kang Leng of Academia Sinica Attended the 9th General Assembly of the Global Public Diplomacy Network on behalf of the Foundation

The Foundation invited Research Fellow Tse-kang Leng of Academia Sinica to serve as a policy advisor. Between May 21 and May 23, 2024, Professor Tse-kang Leng led a delegation to attend the 9th General Assembly of the Global Public Diplomacy Network (GPDNet), organized by the Katara Cultural Village Foundation, on behalf of Foundation President Chun-i Chen. The meeting officially commenced on May 22 and was chaired by Secretary General Maryam Al Saad. The key discussion topics included strategies for enhancing cultural exchanges among member countries, leveraging social media to promote GPDNet activities, and identifying suitable cultural projects for collaborative exhibitions and online sharing. During the event, members were also invited to attend the photography exhibition “National Dress: Source of Pride and Heritage”, where they volunteered as guides or cultural ambassadors, embodying the true essence of public diplomacy.

The delegation visited Qatar University on May 21, where they met Dr. Abdulaziz Ali M. Al-Mannai, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Qatar University. Attending the meeting were several distinguished scholars, including Director Maryam Mohammed Al-kuwari of the Gulf Studies Center, Chair Bahaeldin Makkai Mohammed Gaily of the Department of International Affairs, Coordinator Saban Kardas of the Gulf Studies Program, and Research Coordinator Hicham Raiq for the Humanities and Social Sciences Cluster.



President Chun-i Chen (sixth from right, front row), President Luiz Oosterbeek (fifth from right, front row), and a delegation from CIPSH

During the visit, Professor Tse-kang Leng specifically explained the topics and grant programs that Middle Eastern countries could submit to the Foundation. After discussions, the two sides proposed focusing on energy security, sustainable development, food safety, and environmental protection as potential directions for future academic cooperation. Professor Leng also proposed to the scholars at Qatar University the idea of establishing contact between Qatar University and Middle East Studies programs at National Chengchi University. This could lead to future collaborations on research projects and the organization of small-scale workshops. This marks the Foundation’s first academic exchange with Qatar University, and we are honored to have the opportunity to facilitate this important academic collaboration.

(20) Visit of Delegation from the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH), UNESCO

A delegation from the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH) of UNESCO, led by President Luiz Oosterbeek and Secretary-General Professor Ping-chen Hsiung, visited the Foundation on May 22, 2024. The delegation included Professor David Goldberg from the United States, Professor Torbjörn Lodén and Professor Göran Collste from Sweden, Professor Zoltán Somhegy from Hungary, Professor Luisa Migliorati from Italy, and Professor Desmond Hui and Professor Mu-chou Poo from Hong Kong. The delegation was received by Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung and toured the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library. Following the visit, Foundation President Chun-i Chen hosted a banquet for the delegation members at the Grand Hotel.



President Chun-i Chen, Professor Joan Stanley-Baker, and Professor Michael Stanley-Baker (from right to left) at the Foundation

He also invited several local scholars to join an academic discussion with the delegation, including Director Jen-der Lee and Professor Li-chuan Tai of the Institute of History and Philology at Academia Sinica, Director Norman Y. Teng of the Institute of European and American Studies at Academia Sinica, Director Cheng-hwa Tsang of the Institute of Anthropology at Tsing Hua University, and Professor Wei-gong Liou from the Department of Sociology at Soochow University.

(21) Visit of Professor Michael Stanley-Baker from Nanyang Technological University

On June 18, 2024, Professor Michael Stanley-Baker from the School of Humanities at Nanyang Technological University visited the Foundation with his mother, Joan Stanley-Baker, Emeritus Professor at Tainan National University of the Arts. The visitors were received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen and toured the Chi-Hai Residence and Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library. At the start of the year, Foundation President Chun-i Chen led a delegation to visit the Department of History at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. During this visit, the delegation met with Professor Michael Stanley-Baker, who specializes in the history of medicine. Professor Stanley-Baker is currently collaborating with National Taiwan University to establish a medical and pharmaceutical document translation database. He was invited to Taiwan to attend an academic seminar and took the opportunity to visit Foundation President Chun-i Chen. During the meeting, the visitors exchanged views with President Chen on the ongoing document translation database and explored possibilities for future collaboration.

IV. Other Activities and Events

1. Congratulations to the Foundation's Emeritus Board Member Professor Cho-yun Hsu on Receiving the Sixth Tang Prize in Sinology

The Foundation's Emeritus Board Member Professor Cho-yun Hsu, who is also an Emeritus Professor at the University of Pittsburgh and Academician of Academia Sinica, was awarded the sixth Tang Prize in Sinology on June 20, 2024. Throughout his academic career, Professor Hsu skillfully blended social science methodologies with historical research. Recently, he has focused on writing comprehensive histories. His work connects past events with contemporary and future perspectives, making his scholarship both timeless and relevant. His contributions are widely acknowledged and respected. Professor Hsu's profound knowledge and broad vision transcend disciplinary boundaries. His innovative perspectives on ancient Chinese society are highly influential and have paved the way for Sinology to engage in dialogue with various fields within the humanities and social sciences, fundamentally impacting the discipline. Professor Hsu, with his deep compassion for humanity, exemplifies the ideals of the liberal arts and commitment to service.

While Professor Hsu has been dedicated to his writing, he has also tirelessly supported the Foundation in promoting Sinology research around the globe for many years. Today, as the Foundation earns recognition and respect in the international academic community, we owe much of our success to Professor Hsu's invaluable contributions.

2. Professor Gang Shyy Appointed as Foundation Vice-President

In recent years, the Foundation has faced challenges due to the global pandemic and fluctuations in the investment market, resulting in less-than-ideal investment performance. To address this, the Foundation has appointed Professor Gang Shyy as the Vice-President of the Foundation, effective October 1, 2023. Professor Gang Shyy graduated from the Department of Economics at National Taiwan University and holds a PhD in Economics from the City University of New York. He taught in the Department of Finance at National Central University from 1989 to 2006. He served as Foundation Vice-President between 2002 and 2015, a period marked by excellent investment performance. Foundation President Chun-i Chen hopes that Professor Gang Shyy will support the Foundation's international academic research and exchange initiatives, while also overseeing the investment activities of the Finance Division.

3. Member of the Foundation's European Region Review Committee Professor Kwang-kuo Hwang Passed Away

Professor Kwang-kuo Hwang, a member of the Foundation's European Region Review Committee, passed away



Professor Kwang-kuo Hwang

peacefully in his sleep on July 30, 2023, at the age of 78. Professor Kwang-kuo Hwang was an Emeritus Professor at National Taiwan University's Department of Psychology, a National Chair Professor, a National Policy Advisor to the President. He devoted his life to upholding the integrity of a scholar, showing deep concern for the political and educational development of the nation, and consistently contributing to academic and public discourse. Building on the foundation of the philosophy of science, he was dedicated to promoting the localization of social sciences and the ideals of Cultural China. His academic research was highly acclaimed, and he consistently demonstrated a deep concern for public affairs, actively engaging with society. Though the philosopher has passed, his legacy endures. Professor Hwang served as the Foundation's committee

member for many years, significantly contributing to grant application reviews. Everyone at the Foundation deeply mourns the loss of Professor Hwang and cherishes his memory.

4. Launch of Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien's Book *The Memories of Fredrick F. Chien (Volume 4: 2005–2023)*

The launch of Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien's book, *The Memories of Fredrick F. Chien (Volume 4: 2005–2023)*—*Retired but Still on a Mission* was held by Commonwealth Publishing on September 20, 2023. The event was attended by notable figures, including Supervisory Board Member Fai-nan Perng, Board Member David T. Lee, Foundation President Chun-i Chen, Foundation Vice-President Siao-chen Hu, Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung, Chairman Chien's wife and family, as well as political and business dignitaries. Chairman Chien published the first two volumes of his memoirs through Commonwealth Publishing in 2005. The third volume was published in 2020, and this year marked the publication of the fourth volume. This volume documents Chairman Chien's dedication to public welfare, his profound involvement in charitable work, and his innovative and far-reaching contributions in areas such as support for new immigrants and children's education. At the book launch event, a special initiative was launched to donate 10,000 books to charity. Professor Min-hua Huang, Chair of the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, accepted the donation on behalf of the recipients. This initiative aims to convey Chairman Chien's spirit of "integrity" to the future pillars of our nation, helping the younger generation learn and grow.



Foundation Board Director James C. Y. Soong at his book launch

5. Launch of Foundation Board Director James C. Y. Soong's Book *The Art of Public Service*

On October 25, 2023, Foundation Board Director James C. Y. Soong launched his book *The Art of Public Service* at the Howard Civil Service International House. Foundation President Chun-i Chen and Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung were present to offer their congratulations. This book shares Foundation Board Director Soong's valuable experiences of the provincial government, highlighting his practical work during his time as Governor of Taiwan Province. Foundation Board Director Soong hopes that by sharing these insights, today's political workers will be inspired to restore public trust in the government and boost confidence in Taiwan. He also wants the public to understand the government's approach to problem-solving and to develop a realistic perspective on global changes and how to respond to them.

6. Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien Attended the Book Launch for the *Diaries of Chiang Kai-shek (1948–1954)* at Academia Historica

Academia Historica organized the book launch and discussion forum in collaboration with the Republic of China History and Culture Society and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation on October 31, 2023. Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien was invited to deliver a speech, and he was accompanied by Foundation President Chun-i Chen and Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung.

In his speech, Chairman Chien said that he had the honor of working for President Chiang Kai-shek starting in 1965 for a period of ten years. He remembered that during this time he would be given a diary every year, which encouraged him to emulate President Chiang and always keep a diary himself. Academia Historica oversees the collection, management, and research of artifacts related to presidents and vice presidents, and has long been committed to the effort of bringing the diaries of Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-kuo back to the country for preservation. The Chiang family has generously donated parts of the diaries over the years. In addition, following a decade of litigation concerning the nature and ownership of the diaries, in 2023 courts in Taiwan and the United States ruled that the diaries and other artifacts of Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-kuo are national properties to be managed and preserved by Academia Historica. Now that this controversy has been resolved, the publication of the diaries can begin. Given the strong public interest in the release of the Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-kuo diaries, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation fully supports the initiative of Academia Historica and the Republic of China History and Culture Society to publish these diaries, which represent some of the most crucial and valuable historical documents for studying the history of the Republic of China.

7. Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien Attended the Symposium “Finding Your Own Chiang Kai-shek”

On November 12, 2023, the Republic of China History and Culture Society held a symposium titled “Finding Your Own Chiang Kai-shek” in the Multi-functional Meeting Room. The event invited senior and mid-career scholars specializing in modern Chinese history to share their insights after reading the *Diaries of Chiang Kai-shek (1948–*



Chairman Fredrick F. Chien (first from right) at “Finding Your Own Chiang Kai-shek” Symposium

1954). Participants discussed how they related the diaries to their own experiences or research findings and even reflected on their personal encounters with President Chiang. Their goal was to understand Chiang’s introspections and state of mind, ultimately forming their own perspectives on President Chiang’s persona.

The event was divided into morning and afternoon sessions. It began with the President of the Republic of China History and Culture Society Fang-sang Lu hosting a discussion on “The Chiang Kai-shek I Knew”. Panelists included Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien and Academician of Academia Sinica Yu-fa Chang. Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien shared his observations while working with President Chiang Kai-shek, highlighting President Chiang’s unwavering adherence to important principles, his persistent efforts in securing foreign aid, and his accurate judgment of international affairs. President Chiang lived a disciplined and modest lifestyle, and he treated the people around him with kindness. Chairman Chien concluded that even in his final days, President Chiang remained deeply committed to the nation’s strength and the improvement of its people’s lives. Chairman Chien has had a lifelong admiration for President Chiang and felt deeply honored to have had the opportunity to serve this great leader for ten years.

The afternoon session was chaired by Professor Wei-kai Liu with the theme “Finding Yourself in the *Diaries of Chiang Kai-shek— The Reconfiguration of the Political Landscape from 1948 to 1954*”. The discussants were Professor Tung-fa Lin, Professor Liang-ching Wang, Professor Chun-shan Li, Professor Yu-te Jen, and Professor Li-wen Chen.

8. Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien Delivered Remarks at the *Chiang Ching-kuo Diaries (1970–1979)* Book Launch and Symposium at Academia Historica

After a decade-long legal battle, the diaries of Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-kuo have finally returned to Taiwan and are now housed at Academia Historica. On December 30, 2023, Academia Historica held a book launch and symposium for the newly published *Chiang Ching-kuo Diaries (1970–1979)*. Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien had been invited to attend and give a speech in person, but due to a minor illness, he delivered his speech via a pre-recorded video instead. The President of Academia



President Chun-i Chen and President Yi-shen Chen (right) of Academia Historica at a book launch and symposium for the newly published *Chiang Ching-kuo Diaries (1970–1979)*

Historica Yi-shen Chen also presented a book to the Foundation, which was received on behalf of the Foundation by Foundation President Chun-i Chen.

9. Foundation President Chun-i Chen Led Colleagues from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation to Pay Respects at the Touliao Mausoleum

January 13, 2024, marked the thirty-sixth anniversary of the passing of the late President Chiang Ching-kuo. To honor his memory and his outstanding contributions to the Republic of China, Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien and Foundation President Chun-i Chen, together with the entire staff of the Foundation, sent a floral tribute to the Touliao Mausoleum. Additionally, on January 11, Foundation President Chun-i Chen and Vice-President Gang Shyy led a delegation of staff to pay their respects at the Touliao Mausoleum.

10. Foundation President Chun-i Chen Attended an Academic Symposium on “Navigating the Future: AI Integration in Library and Information Services”

In collaboration with the National Chengchi University Libraries, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation organized the “Navigating the Future: AI Integration in Library and Information Services” symposium on April 25, 2024, in the Multi-functional Meeting Room of the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library. The symposium was co-organized by FlySheet Information. Foundation President Chun-i Chen delivered the opening remarks on



President Chun-i Chen delivers the opening remarks at the “Navigating the Future: AI Integration in Library and Information Services” Symposium

behalf of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. He emphasized that the Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library is envisioned as a digital library, reflecting the advent of the digital era. He discussed the application of AI technology in the library and information services sector, seeking advanced and innovative solutions to enhance the efficiency of library staff and accelerate the digital transformation of library and information services. President Chen expressed his hope that through collective wisdom, we can jointly achieve milestones in library and information services empowered by AI.

11. Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien Delivered Remarks at “The Chiang Diaries and the Politics of Republican China” International Symposium

In collaboration with the Republic of China History and Culture Society, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation organized “The Chiang Diaries and the Politics of Republican China” international symposium in the Multi-functional Meeting Room between April 27 and April 28, 2024. Mid-career scholars from both Taiwan and abroad were invited to mentor the next generation of researchers. Participants presented new studies inspired by a re-examination of the diaries of Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-kuo. This initiative aims to spark innovative thinking and deepen the younger generation’s understanding of the diaries’ significance in the history of the Republic of China.

During his opening remarks, Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien shared his insights on reading the diaries of Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-kuo. He noted President Chiang Kai-shek’s meticulous approach to diary writing and pointed out that many of Chiang Ching-kuo’s entries expressed his personal feelings, suggesting that the diary’s contents could be analyzed from a psychological perspective. The symposium also featured a keynote speech from Wen-hsin Yeh, a Distinguished Professor of History at the University of California, Berkeley, on the subject “Why Can’t Western and Eastern Historiography Be Integrated? Rethinking Research on Historical Figures”. The six panels featured presentations from fifteen scholars, including President Yi-shen Chen of Academia Historica, Professor Fang-sang Lu, Research Fellow Ko-wu Huang, Professor Wei-kai Liu, Professor Tung-fa Lin, Professor Sao-yang Hong, as well as Professor Kyoungan Bae from Pusan National University in South Korea, Professor Ruicong Duan from Keio University and Professor Nobu Iwatani from Hokkaido University in Japan, Professor Emily M. Hill from Queen’s University in Canada, and Professor Qi-hua Tang from Fudan University. Former Minister David Lin of Foreign Affairs, Research Fellow Wan-wen Chu from the Research Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at Academia Sinica, Professor Chi-an Weng from the Department of History at National Chi Nan University, and Professor Naoki Maeda from the Graduate Institute of Taiwan History at National Chengchi University participated in a roundtable discussion. In total, approximately one hundred scholars attended this symposium.

12. Orientation of the National Committee on United States–China Relations’ Professional Fellows Program

The National Committee on United States–China Relations’ Professional Fellows Program (PFP) primarily



President Chun-i Chen and the Lee Teng-hui Foundation Chairperson Annie Lee (left) at the Foundation

invites young leaders aged 25 to 40 working in fields such as environmental protection, philanthropy, legal aid, and community building to participate in short-term work with nonprofit organizations in the United States. In 2017, the National Committee on United States–China Relations invited the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation to act as the Taiwan liaison for the PFP, assisting with recruitment and organizing pre-departure briefings for the award recipients. The Foundation organized pre-departure briefings on August 30, 2023, and May 3, 2024. The fall briefing was chaired by Foundation Vice-President Siao-chen Hu and attended by three award recipients. The Foundation also invited program alumni Sebastian Lin from the Taiwan Equality Campaign and Rachel Huang from the Junyi Academy to share their experiences. The spring briefing was chaired by Foundation President Chun-i Chen and attended by three award recipients. The Foundation also invited program alumni Yuan-yu Wu from Citizen of the Earth, Taiwan, and Yu-ching Ko from the Taiwan Innocence Project to share their experiences.

13. Former Singapore Foreign Minister George Yong-Boon Yeo and Mrs. Jennifer Yeo Visited Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien

Former Singapore Foreign Minister George Yong-Boon Yeo and his wife Mrs. Jennifer Yeo visited Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien on September 14, 2023. During the meeting, Mr. Yeo and Chairman Chien reminisced about Chairman Chien's visits to Singapore and meetings with Former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and also exchanged views on the latest developments in international affairs. Following the meeting, the visitors toured the Chi-Hai Residence and exhibition halls. Due to the close and friendly relations between the governments of the Republic of China and Singapore, Chiang Ching-kuo and Lee Kuan Yew were also close



Chairman Fredrick F. Chien and Director Sandra Oudkirk (left) of AIT at the Foundation

friends. Mr. Yeo felt a deep sense of warmth and familiarity when viewing the exhibits and photographs of Chiang Ching-kuo and Lee Kuan Yew. He also praised the Park's elegant architecture and beautiful landscape.

14. Visit of Lee Teng-hui Foundation Chairperson Annie Lee

Chairperson Annie Lee and Executive Director Mu-chun Cheng of the Lee Teng-hui Foundation visited the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation on September 21, 2023, and were received by Foundation President Chun-i Chen and Chief Secretary Tsui-yin Sung. In addition to visiting the Chi-Hai Residence and the exhibition halls, Chairperson Lee also sought advice from President Chen on the planning and construction of a presidential library and shared her experiences in the planning of the Lee Teng-hui Presidential Library. President Chen detailed the numerous challenges encountered during the Park's planning. He also promised that the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation could provide relevant information for the Lee Teng-hui Presidential Library. Additionally, President Chen expressed hope for the early completion of the Lee Teng-hui Presidential Library, envisioning future collaboration and exchanges between the two libraries.

15. Visit of the American Institute in Taiwan Director Sandra Oudkirk

American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Director Sandra Oudkirk and Political Chief Richard Jao visited Foundation Chairman Fredrick F. Chien on March 6, 2024. Foundation President Chun-i Chen, Vice-President Siao-chen Hu, and CEO of J. P. Morgan Taiwan Carl Chien were also present during the meeting. Chairman Fredrick F. Chien

shared experiences from his career as a diplomat and the development of the Ching-kuo Chi-Hai Cultural Park. Director Sandra Oudkirk also toured the Chi-Hai Residence and Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library and expressed her admiration for the elegance and grandeur of the Park's architecture.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grant Applications for the American Region

Unit: US\$

No.	Grant Category	Cases	Funding Requested
1	Research Grants	14	490,209
2	Scholar Grants	27	900,674
3	Conference/Seminar/Workshop Grants	8	152,965
4	Publication Subsidies	18	110,000
Total		67	1,653,848

Grant Applications for the European Region

Unit: US\$

No.	Grant Category	Cases	Funding Requested
1	Lecture Series Grants	0	0
2	Research Grants	10	1,036,571
3	Database Grants	5	530,486
4	Conference and Seminar Grants	11	207,705
5	Publication Subsidies	4	36,998
Total		30	1,811,760

Grant Applications for Developing Regions

Unit: US\$

No.	Grant Category	Cases	Funding Requested
1	Lecture Series Grants	0	0
2	Research Grants	3	64,900
3	Conference and Seminar Grants	1	6,600
4	Library Acquisition Grants	0	0
5	Mobility Grants	2	2,300
Total		6	73,800

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Jan. 1, 2023-Dec.31, 2023

Anticipating that the Fed was likely nearing the end of its rate hike cycle, we increased the exposure to long-term government bonds for seeking higher yields. Meanwhile, we allocated inflation-linked bonds and real estate investment trusts into our portfolio as a hedge against inflation and source of stable income. Since corporate earnings and economic outlook showed signs of recovery, we hence gradually increased the equity position.

By the end of 2023, the total assets of the Foundation were US\$146,628,338, including US\$89,268,975 in current assets, US\$22,458,312 in funds and long-term investments, US\$5,140,920 in fixed assets, US\$29,151,245 in intangible assets, and US\$608,886 in other assets (see Balance Sheet).

Table 1: Balance Sheet

Dec. 31, 2023

NTD/USD: 30.705

Assets	Subtotal	Total	Liabilities and Net Worth	Subtotal	Total
Current Assets		89,268,975	Current Liabilities		5,423,348
Revolving Funds	32,252		Accrued Expenses	5,415,265	
Currency Deposits	1,116,394		Unearned Receipts	7,698	
Time Deposits	233,329		Other Current Liabilities	385	
Current Financial Assets	82,309,362		Other Liabilities		24,426
Accounts Receivable	99,580		Deposits Received	24,426	
Other Receivables	5,353,533				
Inventories	24,158				
Prepayments	70,932				
Other Current Assets	29,435				
Funds and Long-term Investments		22,458,312			
Non-current Financial Assets	22,458,312				
Fixed Assets		5,140,920	Net Worth		141,180,564
Land	2,468,393		Capital	117,896,108	
Office Space	1,856,850		Other Funds	19,620,165	
Transportation Equipment	13,337		Accumulated Income	1,726,548	
Other Equipment	1,726,715		Other Net Worth Items	1,937,743	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,498,207)				
Construction in Progress	573,832				
Intangible Assets		29,151,245			
Operating Concessions	29,074,509				
Royalty	21,686				
Computer Software	55,050				
Other Assets		608,886			
Deferred Assets	314,797				
Guaranteed Deposits	294,089				
Total Assets		146,628,338	Total Liabilities and Net Worth		146,628,338

For 2023, total revenue was US\$6,680,643, while expenses (including income tax) were US\$6,323,334 (see Income Statement).

Table 2: Income Statement

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2023

NTD/USD: 30.705

Items	Subtotal	Total
Previous Accumulated Income		2,234,918
Donation Income	757,369	
Interest Revenue	3,146,763	
Investment Income	1,673,660	
Miscellaneous Income	12,923	
Rent Income	141,469	
Operating Revenue of Chiang-kuo Chi-hai Cultural Park	948,459	
Total Current Revenue		6,680,643
Operating Expenses		4,692,534
Committee Meeting Expenses	143,513	
American Region	999,117	
European Region	766,152	
Asia-Pacific Region	220,900	
Domestic Region	268,642	
Developing Regions	13,025	
Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library	2,427,023	
Less: Grant Funds Returned	145,838	
Administrative Expenses		1,094,739
Board of Directors	163,583	
Headquarters	875,828	
American Regional Office	55,328	
Non-operating Expenses		536,061
Investment Loss	298,639	
Foreign Exchange Loss	183,183	
Custodian Fee	54,239	
Total Current Expenditures		6,323,334
Current Income Before Tax		357,309
Income Tax		-
Current Income		357,309
Losses on Disposals of Non Current Equity Investments Measured at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income		(865,679)
End Accumulated Income		1,726,548

Operating expenditures included grants to the American, European, Asia-Pacific, Domestic and Developing Regions for various grant and fellowship categories. In 2023, US\$977,956 was allocated to the American Region, US\$734,634 to the European Region, US\$211,169 to the Asia-Pacific Region, US\$2,755,550 to the Domestic Region, and US\$13,225 to Developing Regions (see Details of Operating Expenses).

Table 3: Details of Operating Expenses

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2023

NTD/USD: 30.705

Items	American Region	European Region	Asia-Pacific Region	Domestic Region	Developing Regions	Total
Subtotal Grants	999,117	766,152	220,900	2,695,665	13,025	4,694,859
Research Grants (RG)	73,293	140,518	120,742	156,286	13,025	503,864
Conference and Seminar Grants (CS)	85,997	37,494				123,491
Publication Subsidies (SP)	40,467	6,376	19,067	9,770		75,680
Lecture Series Grants (LS)			5,413			5,413
Database Grants (DB)		108,358				108,358
Scholar Grants (GS)	182,928					182,928
Doctoral Fellowships (DD)	354,089	184,297				538,386
Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (PD)		45,628				45,628
Dissertation Fellowships for ROC Students Abroad (DF)	91,418	37,113				128,531
Summer Institutes (SI)				3,127		3,127
Special Projects (XP)	121,606	79,649	75,678	99,459		376,392
Overseas Sinological Centers	49,319	126,719				176,038
Chiang Ching-kuo Presidential Library				2,427,023		2,427,023
Review Committees	31,713	20,658	14,039	76,903	200	143,513
Less: Grant Funds Returned	52,874	52,176	23,770	17,018	-	145,838
Total	977,956	734,634	211,169	2,755,550	13,225	4,692,534

Administrative costs in 2023 included expenses for the Board of Directors, which totaled US\$163,583. Expenses for the Taipei Headquarters were US\$875,828, while expenses for the American Regional Office in McLean, Virginia, were US\$55,328 (see Details of Administrative Expenses).

Table 4: Details of Administrative Expenses

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2023

NTD/USD: 30.705

Items	Board of Directors	Headquarters	American Regional Office	Total
Personnel	45,329	669,827	29,058	744,214
Office Expenses	23,952	119,477	18,455	161,884
Equipment	51,173	31,499	2,360	85,032
Other	43,129	55,025	5,455	103,609
Total	163,583	875,828	55,328	1,094,739

獎助名單 GRANT RECIPIENTS, 2023-2024

美洲地區 RECIPIENTS IN THE AMERICAN REGION

Unit: US\$

A. 研究計畫類 Research Grants

1. Rachel Core (郭瑞琪), Stetson University (史丹森大學)
Food Markets, Street Vending, and the Post-Pandemic Cosmopolitan Canopy in Taiwan
(US\$23,175/ 2 years)
1. James Lin (林子翔), University of Washington, Seattle (西雅圖華盛頓大學)
Pioneering Taiwan Studies: Workshop with Early Generation Taiwan Studies Scholars (US\$15,000/ 6 months)
2. Tarryn Li-min Chun (陳琍敏), University of Notre Dame (聖母大學)
Technology in Contemporary East Asian Performance: An International Symposium (US\$10,000/ 6 months)
3. Yung-ying Chang (張詠瑛), North American Taiwan Studies Association (北美臺灣研究學會)
North American Taiwan Studies Association 29th Annual Conference -- Taiwan Studies Matters: Worlding the Contested Frontier (US\$20,000/ 6 months)
4. Joshua Fogel (傅佛果), York University (Canada) (加拿大約克大學)
Translation within a World of Chinese Characters: China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam (US\$20,000/ 6 months)

C. 出版補助類 Publication Subsidies

1. Christine Dunbar, Columbia University Press (哥倫比亞大學出版社)
Elephant Herd: A Novel, by Zhang Guixing, translated by Carlos Rojas (US\$5,000/ 1 year)
2. Randy Schmidt, University of British Columbia Press (Canada) (加拿大英屬哥倫比亞大學出版社)
Chiang Kai-shek: The Critical Years, 1935–1950, edited by Emily Hill (US\$5,000/ 1 year)
3. Kim Robinson, University of California Press Foundation (加州大學出版社)
Reinventing Art History: Forgery and Counterforgery in Early Modern China, by J. P. Park (US\$5,000/ 1 year)

4. David Armstrong, Cambria Press (坎布里亞出版社)
Facets of the Self in Early Modern China: Escape from Authoritarian and Moralistic Predicaments, by Paolo Santangelo (US\$5,000/ 1 year)
5. Beth Fuget, University of Washington Press (華盛頓大學出版社)
Good Wife, Wise Mother: Educating Han Taiwanese Girls under Japanese Rule, by Fang Yu Hu
(US\$5,000/ 1 year)
6. Beth Fuget, University of Washington Press (華盛頓大學出版社)
The Dong World and Imperial China's Southwest Silk Road: Trade, Security, and State Formation, by James Anderson (US\$5,000/ 1 year)
7. Randy Schmidt, University of British Columbia Press (Canada) (加拿大英屬哥倫比亞大學出版社)
Not Just a Man's War: Chinese Women's Memories of the War of Resistance against Japan, 1931–45, by Yihong Pan (US\$5,000/ 1 year)
8. Amanda Todd, University of California Press Foundation (加州大學出版社)
In the Global Vanguard: Taiwan, Agrarian Development, and the World, by James Lin (US\$5,000/ 1 year)
9. Beth Fuget, University of Washington Press (華盛頓大學出版社)
Chinese Characters Across Asia: How the Chinese Script Came to Write Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese, by Zev Handel (US\$5,000/ 1 year)

D. 學者補助類 Scholar Grants

1. Stacey Van Vleet (範靜心), University of California, Berkeley (加州大學柏克萊校區)
The World the Medicine Buddha Built: Tibetan Medical Governance in Qing Inner Asia (US\$27,579/ 1 year)
2. Rivi Handler-Spitz (韓若愚), Macalester College (麥卡萊斯特學院)
Savage Script: How Chinese Writing Became Barbaric (US\$26,000/ 1 year)
3. Dalton Lin (林坤達), Georgia Institute of Technology (喬治亞理工學院)
The Political Economy of China's Belt and Road Initiative (US\$17,000/ 1 year)
4. Huijun Mai (麥慧君), University of California, Los Angeles (加州大學洛杉磯校區)
Poets in the Kitchen: Food Literature and the Birth of a Gustatory Epistemology in Song China (960–1279)
(US\$26,000/ 1 year)
5. Jianqing Chen (陳劍青), Washington University in St. Louis (聖路易華盛頓大學)
Touchscreen Media: The Touch and its Users in Contemporary China (US\$28,859/ 1 year)

6. Thomas Kelly, Harvard University (哈佛大學)
The Unfinished Book, c. 1644: Memory and Manuscript Culture in the Ming-Qing Transition
(US\$25,000/ 1 year)
7. Najung Kim (金娜廷), University of Richmond (里奇蒙大學)
Displaced Landscapes: The Art of Ni Zan (1301/06–1374) and Voices of the Marginalized (US\$16,961/ 1 year)

E. 專案補助類 Special Project Grants

1. Hilary Finchum-Sung, Association for Asian Studies (美國亞洲研究學會)
CCKF-EIAC Small Grant Program and CCKF Graduate Student Paper Award (US\$129,000/ 3 years)
「蔣經國基金會『美洲校際漢學研究中心』」

F. 博士論文獎學金類 Doctoral Fellowships

1. Marc Lagace, McMaster University (Canada) (加拿大麥克馬斯特大學)
Harui Kuishina! Devotional Yoga in the People's Republic of China (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
2. Christopher Hu (胡凱恩), University of Virginia (維吉尼亞大學)
The New Gold Mountain: Education, Ethnicity, and Privilege in the New Jersey Chinese Ethnoburb
(US\$20,000/ 1 year)
3. Yi Lu (盧逸), State University of New York, Albany (紐約州立大學奧本尼校區)
Parenting "Model Minority": Class, Gender, and Family Life of Chinese Immigrants (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
4. Teng Ge (葛藤), University of Chicago (芝加哥大學)
There is no I in Team: How Chinese Basketball Prodigies Failed to Become Champions (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
5. Weizheng Lai (賴璋錚), University of Maryland, College Park (馬里蘭大學學院市校區)
China's Trade Liberalization and State-Owned Enterprises (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
6. Man Ning Chan (陳文寧), University of California, Santa Cruz (加州大學聖塔克魯茲校區)
Music, Tradition, and Politics: A History of Qin-zither in Early Modern China (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
7. Benjamin Kletzer, University of California, San Diego (加州大學聖地牙哥校區)
China's Dream of the Red Railway: Professional Railroaders and the Making of an Industrial Power
(US\$20,000/ 1 year)

8. Maī-Lan Marine Thaler (任梅蘭), University of Ottawa (Canada) (加拿大渥太華大學)
Buddhism as an Instrument of Diplomacy for the People's Republic of China, under Xi Jinping (2012): New Strategies of Influence Aimed at Southeast Asian Countries, including Taiwan (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
9. Xiao Schutte Ke (柯曉), University of Pennsylvania (賓州大學)
More-than-human Governance Beyond the State: Grassroots Science, Highland Expertise, and the Politics of Conservation in Amdo Tibet (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
10. Wandi Wang (王婉迪), University of California, Santa Barbara (加州大學聖塔芭芭拉校區)
Taste and Gastropoetics in Traditional China, 9th–17th Century CE (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
11. Yedong Chen (陳也東), Harvard University (哈佛大學)
Videogaming China: Performance, Pleasure, and the Politics of Play (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
12. Yang Qu (曲洋), Harvard University (哈佛大學)
Obsession with India: Literature, Spirituality, the Quest for Alternative Modernity in Early Twentieth Century China (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
13. Keyun Tian (田可耘), Cornell University (康乃爾大學)
Troublesome Bodyminds: Sexuality and Debility in Contemporary Sinophone Cultures
(US\$20,000/ 1 year)
14. Matthew Douthitt, Pennsylvania State University (賓州州立大學)
Clandestine China: Extraterritorial Violence and the National Revolution Abroad, 1895–1917
(US\$20,000/ 1 year)
15. Jiaqi Yao (姚佳琪), University of British Columbia (Canada) (加拿大英屬哥倫比亞大學)
Journeying to the Authentic Borderlands: Chinese Travel Narratives in the Era of National Crisis, 1931–1945 (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
16. Christopher Chan (陳江浩), University of California, Berkeley (加州大學柏克萊校區)
Crafting for the Enemy to Come: The Production of Techno-Aesthetic Security, Infrastructural Imaginaries, and the Cultural State Apparatus in the Taiwan Strait (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
17. Tsz Ching Joy Zhu (朱芷晴), University of California, Los Angeles (加州大學洛杉磯校區)
Geology as Antiquity: The Invention of Hong Kong's Prehistory (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
18. Yajie Wang (王亞傑), Yale University (耶魯大學)
The Fiscal Politics of Economic Openness in Contemporary China (US\$20,000/ 1 year)

19. Yvonne Lin (林以凡), University of California, Berkeley (加州大學柏克萊校區)
The Aestheticization of Pastness in Postsocialist Chinese Media (US\$20,000/ 1 year)

20. S. J. Zanolini, Johns Hopkins University (約翰霍普金斯大學)
Everyday Medicines: Prescribed Foods in Early Modern China (US\$20,000/ 1 year)

21. Ruoxuan Wen (文若暄), McGill University (Canada) (加拿大麥基爾大學)
Echoes of Mid-Eastern Han Changsha: A Rediscovery of the City's Administrative, Family, and Social Dimensions in the Light of Excavated Documents (US\$20,000/ 1 year)

22. Kaho Yasuda (安田香帆), University of Pennsylvania (賓州大學)
Soldiering Through Time and Space: Taiwanese Mobilizations in the Mid-Twentieth Century (US\$20,000/ 1 year)

G. 中華民國留學生博士論文獎學金類 Dissertation Fellowships for ROC Students Abroad

- Chiao-wen Chiang (江巧雯), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa (夏威夷大學馬諾瓦校區)
Making (K)new Knowledges and Performing Indigeneity: The Politics of Music and Environment in the Indigenous Yami/Tao Community, Lanyu, Taiwan (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
 「創新 / 創舊知識與原民性的展現：臺灣蘭嶼雅美 / 達悟族音樂與環境的政治議題研究」
- Shih-an Wang (王世安), University of Chicago (芝加哥大學)
Judicial Strategies under Geopolitical Distress: A Comparative Study of the Constitutional Courts of Taiwan, South Korea, and Lithuania (US\$20,000/ 1 year)
 「緊張地緣關係下的司法策略：臺灣、南韓與立陶宛憲法法院的比較研究」

歐洲地區 RECIPIENTS IN THE EUROPEAN REGION

Unit: Euros

A. 研究計畫類 Research Grants

- Angela Schottenhammer (蕭婷), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium) (比利時荷語天主教魯汶大學)
The Spread of Disease across the (South-)East Asian Seas: Environment, Health, and Medicine (1560 to 1850) (€65,000/ 3 years)
- Ruben Gonzalez Vicente, University of Birmingham (UK) (英國伯明罕大學)
Development at the Final Frontier: China and Taiwan in the Caribbean (€21,000/ 3 years)
- Beatrice Zani (貝愛琪), Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France) (法國國家科學研究院)
Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Migrant Fishers, Seafarers and Farmhands and the Impact of Digitality on their Work, Life and Activism (€70,000/ 3 years)

B. 資料庫建置類 Database Grants

- Mary Brazelton (白瑪麗), University of Cambridge (UK) (英國劍橋大學)
Lu Gwei-Djen as Biochemist and Historian of Chinese Science: Recovering a Major Archive (€60,000/ 2 years)

C. 學術研討會類 Conference and Seminar Grants

- Sebastian Veg, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (France) (法國社會科學高等研究院)
Knowledge, Ideology and Public Discourse in Contemporary China (€18,000/ 6 months)
- Christian Henriot (安克強), Aix-Marseille University (France) (法國艾克斯馬賽大學)
Rethinking Modern Chinese Elites: From Print to Computational Methods: Sources, Languages, and Interdisciplinarity (€18,000/ 6 months)
- Lama Jabb, University of Oxford (UK) (英國牛津大學)
Seventh International Seminar of Young Tibetologists: A Platform for Global Dialogue and Collaboration (€16,000/ 6 months)

D. 出版補助類 Publication Subsidies

- Patricia Radder, Brill Publishers (The Netherlands) (荷蘭博睿出版社)
The Dynamic Spread of Buddhist Print Culture: Mapping Buddhist Book Roads in China and its Neighbors, by Shih-shan Susan Huang (€7,000/ 1 year)

- Jana S. Rošker (羅亞娜), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) (斯洛維尼亞盧布亞那大學)
Chinese Philosophy in Transcultural Contexts: Comparative Approaches and the Method of Sublation, by
Jana S. Rošker (€5,000/ 1 year)

E. 專案補助類 Special Project Grants

- Isabelle Cockel (程念慈), European Association of Taiwan Studies (UK) (歐洲臺灣研究學會)
European Association of Taiwan Studies -- Application for Continued Funding from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (2024–2026) (€35,700/ 3 years)
- Laura De Giorgi, European Association for Chinese Studies (Italy) (歐洲漢學學會)
EACS 25th Biennial Conference and EACS Young Scholar Award (€15,000/ 1 year)

F. 博士論文獎學金類 Doctoral Fellowships

- Yiqiao Yan (延易橋), École Pratique des Hautes Études (France) (法國高等應用研究學院)
Charity, Ritual, and Spiritual Work in Wartime Chengdu and Chongqing, 1938–1946 (€16,800/ 1 year)
- William Blythe (馬廉), University of Oxford (UK) (英國牛津大學)
Speak Mnemosyne: A Genetic Study of Qian Zhongshu's *Limited Views* (€16,800/ 1 year)
- Laura Boyer (柏露荷), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (France) (法國社會科學高等研究院)
Saving Animals: A History of *fangsheng* 放生 (“releasing life”) in China, from the 18th to the 20th Century, through the Study of Jiangnan Charitable Societies and the Study of Books, Images and Proselytizing Discourses Exhorting People to Practice *fangsheng* (€16,800/ 1 year)
- Yuqing Sun (孫於清), Charles University (Czech Republic) (捷克查理斯大學)
Deconstructing the Artist's Image: A New Perspective on Tang Yin's Art (€16,800/ 1 year)
- Georgijs Dunajevs (葛思語), University of Würzburg (Germany) (德國烏茲堡大學)
Ordering the Extraordinary: A Study of Textual History, Thematic Structure, and Sources of the *Tai ping guangji* (€16,800/ 1 year)
- Stefan Kukowka (顧頡鋒), Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (France) (法國國立東方語言文化學院)
Aspiring World Peace Through Education: Pure Land Societies and the Global Promotion of Traditional Chinese Culture (€16,800/ 1 year)

- Yaojing Wang (汪堯敬), The University of Edinburgh (UK) (英國愛丁堡大學)
Unsettling Desire for Gaming Among Working Adults in China: Digital Technology, Play, and Work (€16,800/ 1 year)
- Xu Peng, University of London (UK) (英國倫敦大學)
The Rise and Fall of Two Chinese-impacted Rebel Groups in the China-Myanmar Borderland: Wa and Kokang (€16,800/ 1 year)
- Alexandra Nachescu (蘇雅麗), University of Vienna (Austria) (奧地利維也納大學)
Funerary Couches in Fifth Century Datong (€16,800/ 1 year)
- Simon Lam (林思行), University of Oxford (UK) (英國牛津大學)
Shunde County from Post-war to Civil War: The Political Reconstruction of Guangdong, 1944–1949 (€16,800/ 1 year)

G. 博士後研究獎助金類 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

- Agathe Lemaitre (陸濠杉), Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (France) (法國國立工藝學院)
From Conservation to Survivance, Itinerary of a Liminal Disappearance in the Paiwan Relationship to Wildlife (€42,000/ 2 years)
- Laetitia Chhiv (周麗慧), Centre de Recherche sur les Civilisations de l'Asie Orientale (France) (法國東亞文明研究院)
The Transmission of Confucius' Words, from the Warring States to the Han Period (€42,000/ 2 years)

H. 中華民國留學生博士論文獎學金類 Dissertation Fellowships for ROC Students Abroad

- Chunhan Michelle Hsu (許淳涵), University of Oxford (UK) (英國牛津大學)
Gender and Empire in Turn-of-the-Century French Literature on China (€16,800/ 1 year)
「性別與帝國：關於中國的世紀末法國文學」
- Meng-hao Li (李孟豪), University of Zurich (Switzerland) (瑞士蘇黎世大學)
Taiwan's White Terror Perpetrators in Fiction and Film (€16,800/ 1 year)
「臺灣白色恐怖時期加害者群像：小說及電影文本的再現」
- Tzu-yi Hsu (徐子懿), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (The Netherlands) (荷蘭阿姆斯特丹自由大學)
“Trade of No Use to Us”?: Taxation and Non-VOC Commerce in the Dutch Taiwan, 1624–1662 (€16,800/ 1 year)
「『對我們無用的貿易』?：荷蘭臺灣的稅收與非 VOC 商業，1624–1662 年」

4. Pang-yen Chang (張邦彥), University of Oxford (UK) (英國牛津大學)
Measuring Chinese Minds: Intelligence, Race, and Nationalism in Modern China (€16,800/ 1 year)
 「測量中國人的心靈：智力、種族與國族主義在近代中國的歷史」

新興地區 RECIPIENTS IN DEVELOPING REGIONS

Unit: US\$

A. 研究計畫類 Research Grants

1. Téa Semelj (沙德亞), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) (斯洛維尼亞盧布亞那大學)
The Problem of Freedom, Humanism and the Human Subject in Intercultural Perspective: Europe and Taiwan (US\$10,000/ 3 years)
2. Ute Wallenböck, Masaryk University (Czech Republic) (捷克馬薩里克大學)
Tibetans in Taiwan: Food and Identity in a Historical and Contemporaneous Context (US\$10,000/ 3 years)

B. 移地研究類 Graduate Student and Faculty Mobility Grants

1. Ivana Buljan, University of Zagreb (Croatia) (克羅埃西亞薩格勒布大學)
Presenting a Paper “Attuning One’s Ears or Becoming ‘The Single Individual’? Confucius and Kierkegaard on the Concept of Self” at the XXV World Congress in Philosophy “Philosophy across Boundaries”, from August 1 to August 8, Rome, 2024 (US\$1,500/ 6 months)