

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

2015-2016 Annual Report

(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 (Dean, Faculty of Arts, 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.

A. APC Visiting Scholar Scheme

The CCK-APC launched its Visiting Scholar Scheme in 2015. This program aims at inviting renowned scholars in East Asian Studies to visit CUHK and give public lectures on Chinese Studies in Southeast Asia. This year, Professor Chih-yu Shih of National Taiwan University was invited to be the APC Visiting Scholar, and a lecture entitled "Cultural Chineseness, Ethnic Chineseness, and Post-Chineseness: The Chinese Studies in Southeast Asia Compared" was held on October 13, 2015.

B. The Twelfth Annual Graduate Seminar on China (GSOC)

Starting from its establishment in the early 1960s, the Universities Service Centre for China Studies (USC; formerly the Universities Service Centre) has been providing assistance and support for scholars to conduct research about contemporary China. Its unique and rich library collection, together with the liberal atmosphere for intellectual exchange, has attracted scholars from all over the world.

To promote the study of contemporary China and encourage academic exchanges among scholars at home and abroad, the USC and the CCK-APC jointly organized the Graduate Seminar on China (GSOC) beginning in 2004. This event has been successfully hosted for the past twelve years.

The Twelfth Graduate Seminar on China (GSOC) was held on January 6-9, 2016. During the meeting, five distinguished scholars and experts (Professor Deborah Davis, Professor Jae Ho Chung, Professor Kevin O'Brien, Mr. Fayun Hu and Mr. Gang Qian) were invited as keynote speakers. Due to urgent health issues, Professor O'Brien could not come to the conference in person, so Professor Lianjiang Li delivered his speech in Chinese instead. An additional 13 local and overseas scholars were invited as panel chairs or discussants, while 43 local, Chinese and overseas Ph.D. students gave presentations.

C. 2016 Young Scholars' Forum in Chinese Studies

The 2016 Young Scholars' Forum in Chinese Studies was held on May 19-21, 2016, at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Forum aims to nurture young scholars in Chinese Studies and strengthen networks they can utilize in the future.

This year, the Forum invited 28 young scholars to present their recent research output on any aspect of Chinese Studies, drawing on but not limited to the disciplines of history, literature, religion, art, and thought. Proposals (in Chinese or in English) related to the theme of "Late Imperial China: Chinese Culture and Society", with conference papers being divided into 9 panels scheduled over a period of 3 days.



Participants at the Twelfth Annual Graduate Seminar on China at The Chinese University of Hong Kong

D. Public Lecture by Professor Hon-wai Ho -- The Development of Territorial Monetary System in Colonial Hong Kong: An Analysis of the Struggle over Silver Subsidiary Coins (1883–1919)

The CCK-APC invited Professor Hon-wai Ho, Adjunct Research Fellow of the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, to deliver a public lecture entitled “The Development of Territorial Monetary System in Colonial Hong Kong: An Analysis of the Struggle over Silver Subsidiary Coins (1883-1919)” on April 11, 2016. During the lecture, Professor Ho shared his recent research findings with staff and students at CUHK.

(4) European Research Centre 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. During the past year, it has sponsored the following events:

A. Visiting Scholars

During the 2015-2016 term the CCKF-ERCCT hosted six visiting scholars:

- a. Prof. Maté Szabó (Institute of Political Science, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary) visited the CCKF-ERCCT from November 16 to 20, 2015 and held a public lecture on the topic of “Sunflower Movement under Western Eyes: from the Perspective of Social Movement Research” on November 17, as well as one entitled “Transition to Democracy: Taiwan/South East Asia – Hungary/Eastern Europe -- A Comparison” on November 19.
- b. Prof. Te-sheng Chen (Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taiwan) visited the CCKF-ERCCT on December 1-15. He gave a public lecture on “Cross-strait Economic Relations: Opportunities, Impacts and Challenges” on December 10, and attended a session of the Taiwan Colloquium to present his research about “Institutional Innovation and Economic Cooperation: A Case Study of Cross -- strait Economic Development” on December 11.
- c. Prof. Paul R. Katz (Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica) visited the CCKF-ERCCT from December



Poster for “The Development of Territorial Monetary System in Colonial Hong Kong: An Analysis of the Struggle over Silver Subsidiary Coins (1883-1919)”