



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

2014-2015 Annual Report

D. CCK-IUC Sponsored Publications

The Global Chinese Culture series at Columbia University Press, which is supported by CCK-IUC, published *Shanghai Homes: Palimpsests of Modern Life* by Professor Jie Li (Harvard University) in November 2014. In this account (part microhistory, part memoir), Professor Li salvaged intimate recollections by successive generations of inhabitants of two vibrant, culturally mixed Shanghai alleyways from the Republican, Maoist, and post-Mao eras.

(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 Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies (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. Apart from the focus projects described below, 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 most recent results.

A. 2015 Young Scholars' Forum in Chinese Studies

The 2015 Young Scholars' Forum in Chinese Studies, organized by the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) and the CCK-CUHK Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies (APC), was held on May 7-9, 2015, at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Forum aims to nurture young scholars in Chinese Studies and strengthen the networks they can utilize in the future. The Forum covered round-trip transportation and lodging expenses for all of the participants. Conference papers were selected by a review committee from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Local faculty served as discussants for the selected papers at the Forum, with the best papers being considered for publication.

B. Focus Project -- Language and Society

On 27 September 2014, Language and Society organized the "International Conferences on Periodization of Syntactic Changes in Classical Chinese", with invited speakers from Peking University, École Française d'Extrême-Orient (France) and The Chinese University of Hong Kong. In addition, the "Conference on a Series of Books on



Participants of the USC 50th Anniversary International Conference at The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Prosody -- Grammar” and “Workshop on Issues of Chinese Morphology” were held in November 2014.

C. Focus Project -- Ancient Chinese Society and Religion

The project staged a “Symposium on Warfare in the Ancient World: Egypt, Greece, and China”, which was meant to enhance interest and encourage students to know more about the warfare in the ancient world. The project invited Professor Michael Flower of the Department of Classics at Princeton University, as well as Professor Wingkin Puk of CUHK together with Professor Mu-chou Poo to hold a session on September 15, 2014, which was open to students and faculty.

D. Focus Project -- Local Governance

Together with the Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK and the Universities Service Centre for China Studies, CUHK, this project organized the “Local Governance in China: Frontiers of Research and Future Development” Workshop on November 27-28, 2014, at the Conference Room of the Universities Service Centre for China Studies, CUHK. A total of ten Chinese scholars, five CUHK colleagues and one visiting scholar from University of California, Irvine, took part.

E. The Eleventh Annual Graduate Seminar on China (GSOC)

Since its establishment in the early 1960s, the Universities Service Centre for Chinese Studies (USC; formerly the Universities Service Centre) has been providing assistance and support for scholars to conduct research about contemporary China. To promote the study of contemporary China, as well as encourage academic exchanges among scholars at home and abroad, the USC and the CUHK-Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies (APC) have jointly organized the Graduate Seminar on China (GSOC) since 2004. The

Eleventh Graduate Seminar on China (GSOC) was held on January 6-10, 2015, coinciding with the USC 50th Anniversary International Conference "Ideology, Power and Transition in China". A total of 44 graduate students participated, with 12 established researchers invited to serve as chairs or discussants. The seminar proved to be a great opportunity for the younger generation to learn from the recognized scholars, broaden their visions, and build up their academic networks.

F. Focus Project -- Regional History and Heritage

In the second half of 2014, the Regional History and Heritage Group organized a total of 9 lectures, 1 workshop, 1 meeting for field investigations of local communities, 1 graduate student seminar, and 2 conferences. Topics covered centered on the history of local societies in the Yangtze Delta, Northern China, and Southwestern China from late imperial period through the second half of the twentieth century, especially the interaction between rural and urban areas, all of which demonstrated the dynamism of this field. The Group also celebrated the publication in November 2014 of *Constructed Space in Chinese Village and Market Town: The Role of the Sacred*, edited by John Lagerwey and David Faure.

(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. During the past year, it has sponsored the following events:

A. Symposium Celebrating the Inauguration of the CCKF-ERCCT

On July 14, the CCKF-ERCCT held a symposium celebrating its inauguration as a CCK Foundation Overseas Center at the Castle of Hohentübingen. The symposium was attended by CCK President Professor Yun-han Chu, as well as renowned scholars in Taiwan Studies from Europe and the United States. During the ceremony, President Chu, representing the Foundation, and Professor Bernd Engler, President and Vice-Chancellor of the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, signed an agreement formally establishing the CCKF-ERCCT as a CCK Foundation Overseas Center.

The symposium also included a number of presentations by established Taiwan Studies scholars focusing on different aspects of contemporary Taiwanese politics, society and culture, including (in alphabetical order) Fiorella Allio (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris), Gordon Cheung (School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham), Yun-han Chu, Thomas B. Gold (Sociology Department, University of California, Berkeley), Françoise Mengin (Centre d'Études de Relations Internationales), Gary Rawnsley (Department of International Politics, University of Aberystwith), Jonathan Sullivan (School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham), and Hung-jen Wang (Department of Political Science, National Cheng Kung University).