



## Press Release

### **Tübingen's Taiwan Center receives two major honors**

#### **European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan gets special status, wins French-Taiwan Cultural Award for services to research**

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Tübingen University's European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT) has been raised to the status of an Overseas Center by the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for Scholarly Exchange, a respected Taipei-based organization promoting China and Taiwan studies. Worldwide there are only four such Overseas Centers; the other three are at Harvard, the Charles University in Prague, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The new status guarantees funding from the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for at least five years. "This is a milestone for European Taiwan research and an important step towards long-term training of junior researchers," said Professor Gunter Schubert, ERCCT director and Professor of Greater China Studies at Tübingen's Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies. Foundation President Professor Chu Yun-han will sign the cooperation agreement in Tübingen on 14 July.

#### **French-Taiwan Cultural Award**

The ERCCT also receives the 2014 French-Taiwan Cultural Award in recognition of its services to Taiwan research in Europe. The award is made annually by the Fondation culturelle franco-taiwanaise de l'Académie des sciences morales et politiques and comes with €25,000 prize money. ERCCT director will officially receive the honor at an October ceremony in Paris.

The ERCCT was founded on 1 July 2008 as a joint venture between the University and the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation and is unique in Europe. The Center supports the work of junior researchers and promotes academic dialogue between Europe and Taiwan.

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