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NCKU News (2012/04/13) Taiwan's first Research Center on Minnan culture set up recently by National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), southern Taiwan, aims to organize a transnational research team that will conduct interdisciplinary research on Minnan culture, President Hwung-Hweng HWUNG of NCKU said at the opening ceremony on April 9th.

According to President HWUNG, NCKU, located at Tainan, a city rich with Taiwan's history, the essence of Minnan tradition plays a key role in integrating the resources regarding Minnan or southern Fujian culture.

HWUNG expected the center to be developed into an international research center when experts around the world gather to engage in interdisciplinary studies.

Secretary-General Du YANG, on behalf of Chao-Shiuan LIU, president of the General Association of Chinese Culture (GACC), hailed the establishment of the center.

YANG said the 2012 World Minnan Culture Festival aiming to integrate the characteristics of Minnan culture collected from the world will be held by GACC and NCKU at the end of April.

Minnan culture originated from South Fujian and developed in Taiwan where the core values of Chinese culture have been preserved and the essence of Minnan culture is expected to be maintained by the establishment of the center, added Hsiao-Tse HSU, Professor of Taiwan Research Institute, Xiamen University who has conducted Taiwan Studies for more than 30 years.

The missions of the center include setting up Minnan literature database, exploring research topics of the Minnan culture, cultivating young scholars to conduct Minnan culture studies, and promoting Minnan culture courses.

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