

# National Central Library

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## Special Features

### ■ *The NCL 80th Anniversary Celebration*

The National Central Library was established in Nanjing in 1933. Since its beginning, it has gone through waves of vicissitudes and setbacks forcing it eventually to be transferred to Taiwan. This year, 2013, marks the 80th year of the Library's existence.



To celebrate the 80th year of the Library, a series of activities are organized around the theme: "Going Strong Beyond 80th: Preserving the Past, Pioneering the Future." Besides the 80th anniversary blog page, we have the online voting for the best new books, posters, special collections, and systems. The NCL also hosts an international conference on the theme: "A New Paradigm for Globalized Knowledge and Library Development."

To keep our memories alive, we have the video on the history of NCL as well as a brief introduction of our Library. The professional norms and regulations of libraries can give an insight into the framework of our library structure. We also thought that many will be interested in our publications and their scope of diffusion. Another important item is the special exhibitions around three subject exhibitions: "Extract---Special Exhibit of 80 Years History of National Central Library," the "Tour of National Libraries in the World," and the "Evolution---History of Books."

The history of National Central Library will present the important events since its opening in 1933, displaying library collections in early age, for example, the wooden tablet hanging in the special room at old Library, lead type-setting typewriter, and etc. In addition, the exhibition will include audio-visual materials related to NCL history.

The tour of national libraries in the world exhibit will focus on the introduction to national libraries in the world, presenting NCL communications with foreign libraries, and promoting reading programs among all libraries. The history of books exhibit introduces the evolution of books, presenting the development of printing in the eastern and western countries, and the selection of collections at National Central Library, all introduce the classics to the public by way of appealing their interests. Contents of three subject exhibits include the materials both of Chinese and Foreign, from old time and present age, i.e., all inclusive. Date of exhibition starts from April 18 to June 16, 2013.

### ■ *The NCL 80th Anniversary Logo*

Integrating time immemorial Chinese calligraphy and electronic digitization to visualize “Going Strong Beyond the 80s” symbolism; communicates NCL’s continuous ongoing efforts to preserve the Chinese classics while going into electronic digitization facilitating service to the general public.

The use of the golden color symbolizes to the highest degree the presence of the NCL in the land of Taiwan. It also expresses the solemnity of the 80th anniversary celebration.



### ■ *Conference on “A New Paradigm for Globalized Knowledge and Library Development”*

On the 18th of April 2013, Thursday, to the 19th, Friday, an international conference will be held on “A New Paradigm for Globalized Knowledge and Library Development.” National library directors from all over the world are invited to participate and give lectures. This is a great opportunity to understand the latest trend of library information from different countries.

It is also a good occasion to share our present library situation and development as well as the NCL’s services and our experience of rare collection innovative use. These will deepen the exchange and communication between scholarly learning and the actual situation.

### ■ *Eighty years: Time to Celebrate, Reflect, Plan a Future.*

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I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to congratulate the National Central Library, Taiwan, (NCL) on its 80th anniversary. Eighty years of success is a great achievement for any organization and the Library should be well and truly proud of its longevity and its contributions to society at large.

As a major research library, the National Central Library is not merely a repository of research materials. It is, in my opinion, very much a “people’s library” with its open doors welcoming all manner of users, its services providing the necessary support for those users and its outstanding collections that have contributed to Taiwan society and the world at large. The National Central Library has also set very high standards in terms of its use of technology, particularly as a tool for improving access as well as ensuring long term preservation of library resources.

The Library’s preservation and conservation efforts, through manual upkeep as well as microform creation, have ensured the long term