

■ The 2020 Memorial Edition of Complete Works of Master Sheng Yen of Dharma Drum Donated to NCL and TRCCS

On 1 December, at “The 2020 Memorial Edition of Complete Works of Master Sheng Yen” Donation Ceremony, Dharma Drum Mountain abbot and monk Master Guohui donated the Complete Collection of Dharma Drum to the National Central Library’s collection.

The 2020 Memorial Edition of Complete Works of Master Sheng Yen, which brings together the life wisdom and essence of Dharma Drum Mountain founder Master Sheng Yen, was published in October, 2020. This comes after ten years of diligent and complete revision, rearrangement and editing by the Master’s disciples, commencing after his death in 2009.



Director-General Tseng gives remarks.

To date, since its first publication in 1993, The Complete Collection of Master Sheng Yen has undergone four processes of supplementation and revision. It was published in seven series and 41 volumes. In 1999, it was reissued and revised, restructured into nine series, expanded to 70 volumes. In 2005, a further 32 volumes were added, giving it a total of 102 volumes (including two tables of contents). The new 2020 edition contains nine series and 108 volumes (including one table of contents).

Delivering remarks, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng said that it was a great honor to

be able to accept these complete works of Dharma Drum donated by Dharma Drum Mountain. She said that what was most moving was that, apart from the additions and revision, sources of literary allusions had been indicated, allowing the reader to make extended use of more information; this was an enormous and deeply significant project, demonstrating that the process of publication of the new edition had been extremely rigorous.



The 2020 Memorial Edition of Complete Works of Master Sheng Yen of Dharma Drum are donated to the National Central Library and Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies, established with global cooperation.

As well as receiving the donated publication, the National Central Library will also assist in disseminating The Complete Collection of Master Sheng Yen to many important libraries in many important countries. The National Central Library has interactive networks in more than 600 libraries in more than 80 countries around the world, including academic libraries and public libraries. It has also established 34 Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies throughout the world. The sending of The Complete Collection of Master Sheng Yen via these networks on this occasion, can enable our friends who are researching Chinese studies or are interested in Master Sheng Yen to make very convenient use of the publication. Director-General Tseng also said that the National Central Library has developed a deep relationship with Dharma Drum Mountain and hopes that there will be yet more interaction between the two in the future.

In his remarks, Ven. Guo Huei expressed his

thanks to the National Central Library for assisting with the sending of these complete works of Master Sheng Yen to the library itself and to the Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies established around the world, as well as to international publications exchange organizations that cooperated closely with the National Central Library. He hoped that, through these complete works of Master Sheng Yen, Master Sheng Yen—in diligently promoted Pure Land and Chinese Buddhist thinking—might be disseminated to all corners of the world, so that figures around the world who understand Chinese might read and research him.



The donation ceremony and all participants.

President Chi-chun Tseng of Dharma Drum Mountain Community University thanked Director-General Tseng for her long promotion of the establishment of resource centers for Chinese studies at important overseas universities and research centers, which, he said, had actively facilitated the day's opportunity for cooperation. President Tseng also specifically mentioned the winning by Taiwan Reading Festival—an event initiated by the National Central Library—of the 2020 ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects, which affirmed the National Central Library's efforts in the promotion of reading. The well-known anchor, Mr. Chung-chi Liu, who is also the audio book narrator for this complete collection, also shared in the meeting that in the face of the current world political and economic situation and the epidemic, the environment and our states of

mind are facing challenges. He hoped, he said, that everyone might, through the study of Buddhism, Zen and Master Sheng Yen, settle their minds, and learn compassion and wisdom together.

■ Igniting the Public's Passion for Reading: Taiwan's Most Extravagant Reading Festival Starts with a Bang

In 2020, the Taiwan's most extravagant reading activity—the Taiwan Reading Festival—was held on December 5 at Freedom Square park area. Under the direction of the Ministry of Education, National Central Library hosted the carnival and started the opening ceremony with a lively performance by the Lungyun Drum Troupe from Lunghwa University of Science and Technology. Administrative Deputy Minister of Education Teng-chiao Lin and Deputy Minister of Culture Kevin Peng both spoke. The opening ceremony attracted close to three hundred adults and children. There was a lot of happiness on site, and those in attendance were warmed on the cold winter day by their passion for reading.



Administrative Deputy Minister of Education Teng-chiao Lin gives remarks.

Deputy Minister Lin stated, lifelong learning is the key to increasing public literacy and strengthening Taiwan's competitiveness in the age of knowledge economy. "Reading" is the foundation of lifelong learning. Through reading, one can cultivate language ability, learning ability, thinking skills, and improve one's ability to react, to image, and to create. Therefore, reading promotion is critical. The cultivation of a public reading atmosphere