



On January 1, 2022, Stanford University Library announces its collaboration with NCL was completed.



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■ Professor Ken-yao Liang Donates Their Family Collection and Manuscripts, Benefiting Everyone and Enriching NCL's Collection

On January 13, 2022, National Central Library was notified of Prof. Ken-yao Liang, Ken-yin Liang, and Ken-chen Liang's intention of donating their family collection and manuscripts to NCL, with the good motivation to benefit everyone and enrich NCL's collections. Moreover, the public would also be possible to use the resources.

NCL Director-General Tseng stated that for many years NCL has been striving to have diversified collaborations and exchanges with scholarly institutions, and to acquire scholars' collections, materials, letters, and manuscripts as possible. Prof. Ken-yao Liang is a famous historian in Taiwan. His research area was centered on the *Song* dynasty, but extended to *Tang* and

Song socioeconomic history, *Song* and *Yuan* education and cultural history, and the study of modern Chinese socioeconomic history. He is such an important scholar that his personal collection is among the targets that NCL wanted to acquire earnestly. This donation includes more than 10,000 items (including books and manuscripts) collected by two generations from his parents, Prof. Chao-kang Liang and Prof. Pei-chiung Chung. Major themes include philosophy and education. Many are publications from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong before 1949. Of these, the rarest and most valuable ones are the handwritten teaching materials left behind by his parents that they wrote when they were teaching, personal letters of the family, and Chao-kang's handwritten master's thesis from the time when he was in the education department at National Sun Yat-sen University. Chao-kang and his wife resettled from Hong Kong to Taiwan. Although they moved many times and despite that the books and manuscripts have existed for a long time, they are well preserved and still in good condition. It is apparent that this family of professors treasures and adores books, something worthy of emulation from later generations.

On the day Director-General Tseng pay a visit to Prof. Liang's residence, Prof. Liang signed a "Letter of Intent to Donate Books and Manuscripts to National Central Library." Director-General Tseng stated that this is not an ordinary donation. Books with historical significance might be scattered or even destroyed if not conscientiously cared and preserved. That this family of professors is willing to donate their collection to NCL will ensure that these books and manuscripts will be well preserved and continue to benefit scholarly communities for generations.



Prof. Ken-yao Liang's family donate their family's collection and manuscripts.