

■ LDT @ Library System Announced

National Central Library and National Taiwan University Library created LDT @ Library (Linked Open Data Taiwan) jointly, as announced on March 18, 2022 at National Taiwan University Library. Director-General Tseng and University Librarian Kuang-hua Chen announced its launch together. This database system is an important collaboration outcome from an MOU signed on October 21, 2020. The aim is to promote the cocreation and sharing of Chinese authority data, as well as value-added application developments and expand the influence and international visibility of Taiwan authority resources.

During Director-General Tseng's remarks she said that in the past the creation of library information records relied on MARC standards. Emphasis was placed on the information records and the format of their recording, but little attention was given to the relationship between individual records and others. As such, they were difficult to understand and be accepted by information organizations that were not libraries. This, in turn, influenced the limitations of library information being able to synthesize across disciplines. In recent years, linked data, linked open data, knowledge ontology, and semantic web have all appeared with the aim of linking together library information with web resources (such as Wikidata, ISNI, ORCID, VIAF, etc.). This development will allow patrons or catalog users to search information from a single click to generate considerable information about books on the internet. No longer will one be limited to just one library but will be able to pull together related information in a comprehensive manner for reference or use. In order to achieve this goal, important national libraries throughout the world have made much effort in recent years in developing library linked data services, including the US Library of Congress's LC Linked Data Service, the Bibliothèque nationale de France's BnF Data, and LD4P and ShareVDEmany produced by many university libraries under a collaborative linked data project.

In 2018, NCL began implementing RDA cataloging for Chinese books, and before that in 2015 it had organized Chinese subject standards and authority data, in addition, created the National Central Library Linked Data System. However, it was only for doing searches.

It was not yet possible to fully link with the Internet. Over the past few years, NCL has continued to watch worldwide data organization and development trends in the semantic web world. Given that many university libraries in Taiwan began using automated cloud systems, this brought about the rapid development of knowledge organization and linked data in Taiwan; as such, in the beginning of 2021 NCL formally began its collaboration with National Taiwan University Library to create LDT @ Library.

National Taiwan University Library has long been an amazing collaborative partner of National Central Library and has an outstanding information systems team. LDT @ Library brings together NCL's rich and complete Chinese subject classification standards and Chinese authority data, with National Taiwan University Library developing the system, writing the program, transferring and linking data, using NCL's ld.ncl.edu.tw web address as the link resource URI, then both parties decided about the standards for authority and catalog linked resources. Lastly, Director-General Tseng sincerely thanked University Librarian Kuang-hua Chen for his proposal and support, and the assistance of the team at National Taiwan University Library. She appreciated that they ensured the smooth proceed of the project, and hoped that this linked data project could be moved forward soon, having more university libraries join and use the resources provided by this LDT @ Library System.

National Taiwan University's University Librarian Kuang-hua Chen said during his remarks that the development of information technology has tremendously influenced library service practices. National Central Library and National Taiwan University Library have expended a lot of energy in the planning and research of linked data that he wishes this system would well serve the library community.

Invited to this event were staff from National Central Library, National Taiwan University Library, and ExLibris to share their experiences in creating this linked data system. With the two libraries working together, the LDT @ Library was officially and successfully launched. It is anticipated and hoped that the information about books written in traditional Chinese published in Taiwan will soon increase visibilities in the world.



NCL Director-General Tseng (right) and NTU University Librarian Kuang-hua Chen.

■ Amazing French Movies: The Festival du Film Francophone in Taiwan Came to NCL

The 2022 “French Film Festival in Taiwan” was one of the main events celebrating the 11th “French Month in Taiwan” (La France à Taiwan), and was planned as the opening prelude of the yearly event. This year’s “French Month in Taiwan” was a month-long series of events in March related to the French language planned by the Alliance Française de Taiwan. It also incorporated resources from French-speaking representative offices in Taiwan who were co-collaborators. The aim was to help Taiwan people better understand French-speaking cultures and their respective societies and cultures.

This film festival marks the first time National Central Library worked with the Alliance Française de Taiwan, the representative offices of five countries, and the consulate of another to select iconic movies for a theatrical extravaganza. The opening ceremony was held at 5 pm on March 3 in NCL’s Multipurpose Performance Hall. Representatives from the collaborating partners included: National Central Library Director-General Tseng, Alliance Française de Taiwan Director Laurent Vergain, Belgian Office in Taipei Deputy Director Geoffrey Eekhout, Canadian Trade Office in Taipei General Relations Director Martin Laflamme, French Office in Taipei Director Jean-François Casabonne-Masonnave, Haitian Ambassador Youri Emmanuel, Luxembourg Trade and Investment Office in Taipei Executive Director Tania Berchem, and Trade Office

of Swiss Industries Deputy Director Béatrice Latteier. All gave remarks.

During the opening ceremony on March 3, NCL Director-General Tseng welcomed everyone and mentioned that NCL and each of the representative offices have always had a close educational and cultural exchange cooperation, including collaborations on various lectures, new book releases, the Taiwan Reading Festival, book exhibitions, and promotion of special events. NCL is pleased to be able to function as an international cultural exchange platform by which a variety of reading events can be conducted jointly to enhance the knowledge learning and improve quality of life for citizens.



NCL Director-General Tseng welcomes attendees during the opening ceremony.

Director-General Tseng further stated that this event was the first time that NCL has worked with the Alliance Française de Taiwan, the Belgian Office in Taipei, the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei, the French Office in Taipei, the Haitian embassy, Luxembourg Trade and Investment Office in Taipei, and the Trade Office of Swiss Industries on one project. The NCL is exciting to be a part of this rare opportunity. The participating countries each selected a representative quality movie produced by their home countries. They selected movies that would well represent the issues and trends of their respective societies and that would be suitable for the young generation to watch. We believe that through these movies our fellow countrymen can come to learn about the cultural diversity in various French speaking countries, thus expanding their international cultural horizons. From March 3-5, this film festival showcased seven movies selected from each of collaborating