

NCL Director-General Tseng stated that in past years, National Central Library has been proactively promoting the reading of the classics. Starting in 2012, the NCL has worked in collaboration with six outstanding publishers in Taiwan to replicate some important rare items in the library's collection and publish them again, thus allowing the highlights in NCL collection to reappear in today's 21<sup>st</sup> century. This set of *Dunhuang Scrolls* publication was done through joint efforts with Linking Publishers, marking NCL's third collaboration with them. It is hoped that this publication will infuse *Dunhuang* studies worldwide with new energy.



*A group photo of the dignitaries at the Dunhuang Scrolls Symposium.*



*A picture of the six-volume set of Dunhuang Scrolls.*

## ■ NCL Publishes an Analysis of the Influence and Research Subjects of Taiwan Academic Resources

NCL has long devoted significant efforts to the preservation of important academic resources in Taiwan and has thus established three major

databases: the “National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan,” the “Taiwan Citation Index—Humanities and Social Sciences,” and the “NCL Taiwan Periodical Literature” database. These three major databases are heavily relied upon by Taiwan researchers and the ways in which the graduate theses and dissertations, journal publications, academic books, and other academic resources included in the database are utilized reveal insights into Taiwan’s academic capabilities. This analysis by NCL was based on the databases’ data through the end of 2021 and presents the circumstances of the utilization of graduate theses and dissertations, journal publications, academic books, and other academic resources as well as presenting research subjects which have particularly received attention in recent years; additionally, it publishes a list of award recipients among journal publishers and universities. The award ceremony was held on March 28th 2022 and included the following awards: “Graduate Thesis/Dissertation Communication Award, Graduate Thesis/ Dissertation Award for Openness, Graduate Thesis/ Dissertation Resource Contribution Award, Publication Contribution Award for High Citations, Journal Resource Contribution Award, Timely Communication Award for Journals, Long-Term Communication Award for Journals.” These awards were presented to deliver the gratitude for contributions made toward academic research and they demonstrate the nature of Taiwan academic resources.

The 2022 press conference for the release of the report took place amidst the sound of string music at Shih-Chien University. During her remarks, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated that the three above-mentioned databases are all provided free of charge for use by academic communities in Taiwan and abroad in accordance with copyright standards. With the aim to provide convenient reference for scholarly research, the NCL, with a spirit to foster free information and open access, encourages scholars from all fields to release copyright to grant open access to full-text digital versions of their publications. In recent years, an increasing number of scholars has responded to this call. In the future, NCL will continue to work with the Ministry of Education to promote open access of academic publications and

graduate theses/dissertations. Director Yu-Jiuan Lee from the Department of Lifelong Education of the Ministry of Education expressed her great respect for the scholars, researchers, teachers, and publishers in attendance at the day's events who have long devoted themselves to the enrichment of academic and cultural knowledge assets. She also expressed her recognition toward the contribution of the award recipients for their hard work in academic publishing and believe that their contributions will surely leave an indelible mark in the accumulation of human knowledge.



Director Yu-Jiuan Lee from the Department of Lifelong Education, Ministry of Education gives her remarks.

During the awards ceremony, the awards were given out in the following order: Journal Resource Contribution Award, Timely Communication Award for Journals, Long-Term Communication Award for Journals, Publication Contribution Award for High Citations, Graduate Thesis/Dissertation Communication Award, Graduate Thesis/Dissertation Award for Openness, and Graduate Thesis/Dissertation Resource Contribution Award. Among these, the “Publication Contribution Award for High Citations” was newly added in 2022. After the presentation of 323 awards, a group photo of attendees was taken to mark a perfect ending to the day's events.



NCL Director-General Tseng gives her remarks.



A group photo taken after the commencement of events with all the honored guests.

### ■ The Achievement Presentation for the “Program for the Development of a Collaborative Sharing System for Public Libraries” has Successfully Come to a Close

In order to encourage robust operation and management of public libraries across all cities and counties, strengthen the professional skills of library employees, demonstrate the specific achievements of all cities and counties during the program implementation, exchange experiences of service advancements, and to promote the results of program implementation, NCL held an achievement presentation on the achievements of the “Program for the Development of a Collaborative Sharing System for Public Libraries” and “Public Library Resource Integration Development Plan” on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In her remarks at the opening of the event, NCL Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated that there have been many significant achievements throughout all cities and counties since the promotion of the “Program for the Development of a Collaborative Sharing System for Public Libraries Long-term Cases.” Particularly, the difficulties faced during the promotion of the program and the strategies by which these difficulties were overcome have offered valuable experiences sharing for all cities and counties. This achievement presentation created an important platform for exchanges, demonstrating specific achievements, and allowing for the exchange of practical experiences in management operations so that all parties involved could learn and grow from each other's experiences.