

■ **The National Central Library, Academia Sinica, National Taiwan University and Other Institutions Visit the United States to Participate in An Exhibition, and Donated Thousands of Books to the Collection of Harvard-Yenching Library, an Important Center for International Sinological Research**

The Center for Chinese Studies of the National Central Library, in order to publicize Taiwan's academic achievements and recent publishing developments, planned and prepared a book exhibition with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange during an annual meeting, displaying excellent humanities and social science research literature related to sinology and Taiwan studies in Taiwan from the past three years, a total of 400 high-quality publications and 439 volumes. In order to expand international academic exchanges, together the participating Academia Sinica Center for Digital Cultures and National Taiwan University Press, donated the exhibited books to Harvard-Yenching Library, an important center for international sinological research. The donation ceremony was held on the afternoon of March 14 before the Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, held at the Harvard-Yenching Library.

Harvard-Yenching Library, the recipient organization, is an important center of collection of sinological books in North America. It was established in 1928. Its collection of rare and ancient books from before the Qianlong court is second only in North America to that of the Library of Congress. Since its opening more than 90 years ago, it has provided research resources and fostered countless international sinological researchers. At the donation ceremony on the 14th, in addition to the Harvard-Yenching Library and the Chinese book-related business librarians of the school's libraries, the distinguished guests from Taiwan included Director Jonathan C.Y. Sun of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, and Wei-Yu Hwang, the leader of its education team. In addition, Wei-han Ch'en, a member of the special committee of National Taiwan University Press, and researcher

Hsi-yuan Chen, convener of the Academia Sinica Center for Digital Cultures, also came to participate and donate on behalf of their institutions. Finally, Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng presented an edition of *The Lotus Sutra*, published by the National Central Library, as a symbolic gift, and Director Jidong Yang of Harvard-Yenching Library, accepted the book on its behalf. After the meeting, the library also arranged a visit to its widely renowned rare book collection.



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The books donated by the three institutions were exhibited at the booths of the American Association for Asian Studies at the Hynes Convention Center from March 17th to 19th, Eastern Time, and sent to the Harvard-Yenching Library for its collection after the meeting. The subjects and contents of the donated books include sinology and Taiwan studies. The content is rich and diverse, and it represents Taiwan's academic research achievements. Since the National Central Library has continued its involvement in the past ten years, even during the epidemic, it has received considerable international attention. The National Central Library also hopes to present the current state of Taiwan's publishing industry through the annual conference and book fair, and promote international cooperation to enhance cultural exchanges and recognition, so that Taiwan's energy can blossom on the international academic stage.



Group photo of both donation ceremony organizers with distinguished guests.

■ Deep Cultivation of International Learning: the National Central Library, at the World's Largest Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Showcases and Promotes Taiwan's Research Achievements

The National Central Library is led by Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng in attending the Association for Asian Studies 2023 Annual Conference, March 16-19, at the Sheraton Boston and Hynes Convention Center, as well as the book exhibition. The book exhibition displayed excellent humanities and social science research literature related to sinology and Taiwan studies in Taiwan from the past three years, a total of 400 high-quality publications and 439 volumes. In addition to the book fair, the National Central Library also hosted scholars and library colleagues in the fields of sinology and Taiwan studies from various countries, embellishing the book fair with Taiwanese flavors, making this event full of strong local customs and academic characteristics.

The Director-General said that the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies of the United States is a grand event in international academic circles, with influence all over the world. There were more than 500 papers published at this year's annual meeting, and more than 2,300 scholars published papers. Attending scholars included researchers and librarians in the field of Asia from universities in the United States and around the world, and Asian studies academic presses from all over the world. In order to enable colleagues from all over the world to understand Taiwan's academic achievements in the fields of the humanities, and, at the same time, introduce Taiwan's academic research environment, announce the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan Scholarships for foreign scholars coming to Taiwan to study sinology, and attract overseas scholars to study in Taiwan, this year the National Central Library especially installed a tea banquet in its exhibition area, taking advantage of the internationally renowned Taiwanese oolong tea, providing warm entertainment and exquisite refreshments, decorating the scene with fresh flowers, lending the booths much color, and the demonstration of tea art also enhanced visitors' understanding of Taiwan's human characteristics. In addition, the 45 TRCCS partner pavilions that the National Central Library has deeply cultivated around the world also took this opportunity to come to the library's booth for exchanges. Also, many organizations that have long-term international book exchanges with the National Central Library expressed their gratitude, and, at the same time, introduced old and new knowledge, and discussed what they had learned from operating libraries and jointly handling activities, in the name of striving to expand academic resources for each other.



Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng leads a delegation to participate in the world's largest annual meeting of the Asian Studies Society to showcase and promote Taiwan's research achievements.



Joint photo of Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng with Director Su Chen of UCLA, a partner of Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies.