

## ■ NCL Promotes Three Series of Book Collections on Its History for Its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In celebration of NCL's 90th anniversary, the National Central Library is promoting volumes 1-6 of its *A Look at National Central Library History* series. A book launch was held on April 19, 2023 in NCL's Briefing Room.

The most precious documents in NCL's collection regarding its history are those regarding the mainland era (1933-1948). With the realization that these materials hold great value and importance for the international history of libraries, in 2017 NCL began actively organizing the materials and trying to outline what actually happened. Doing so benefits academia in being able to reevaluate and interpret history. Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated: This year is NCL's 90th anniversary. I pay tribute to our predecessors who exerted great effort to collect all of the books at NCL. We specifically chose "Saving Ancient Books" as the theme in publishing what we have found over the years. We invited Mr. Ding-jong Yan, Editor Huey-Ru Chuang, and Ms. Hsiu-ling Sun to write on historical persons related to three aspects of this period: gathering historical materials, the process of buying rare Chinese books from collectors, and saving ancient works. The three-title set has six volumes in total. With text and pictures side-by-side, it is our hope that these books can testify to the National Central Library's amazing contributions to the preservation of culture and scholarly research. These are the best gifts for NCL's 90th anniversary. Related historical materials will also be available online with the publication of these books.

The editors of these works were asked to share their stories at the book launch so that the public could have a deeper understanding of the National Central Library's history, its rare holdings, and the complicated stories of its past. The National Central Library hopes that through this event more people can appreciate its cultural contributions and increase the public's understanding and support of libraries.



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## ■ Treasures of Knowledge: NCL's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition

In order to celebrate the 90th anniversary of its founding, the National Central Library, focusing on its collection of books and documents, curated Treasures of Knowledge with the joint efforts of the Knowledge Services Division and the Special Collections Division: The opening ceremony of the NCL's 90th Anniversary Exhibition was held on April 19 2023 in the library's Arts and Culture Center. This special exhibition presented the historical trajectory of the movement and construction of the NCL over the past 90 years through the "Corridor of Time and Space", planning the exhibition areas in accordance with the most distinctive collection resources of the National Central Library. Categories included such themes as "Multi-colored splendor" sets of ancient printed books, "Traces of the Times" ancient folk books, "Handwritten Past" manuscripts of contemporary masters, "Rare and Precious Periodical Treasures" first editions of children's and youth magazines and periodicals issued by the NCL, and "Master's and Doctoral Thesis/Dissertation." It was hoped that the public would gain a more advanced understanding of the NCL through the meticulously planned content.

The event kicked off with melodious recorder and guzheng performances. At the opening ceremony, former Director-General Fang-rung Juang was invited to deliver remarks, expressing that the development of the NCL under the leadership of Director-General Tseng was obvious to all. Many activities were being continued enthusiastically, and construction of the southern branch was underway.