

On the 23rd and 24th, the delegation from Taiwan traveled to Shanghai and Suzhou on a cultural tour and to learn from people there. They toured the Shanghai Library East Hall, the Shanghai Children's Library, the Suzhou Library, and the Suzhou Museum. They interacted with library staff at these locations, sharing ideas and learning from each other.

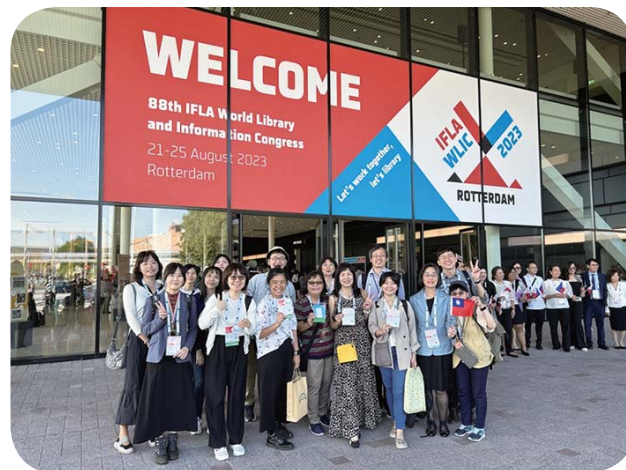
On the 25th, the delegation attended “Rosy Clouds Reflect the World, A Long-Standing Flow: An Exhibition of Ancient Books and Paintings from the Guoyunlou Collection” put on by the Nanjing Library (the Jiangsu Provincial Center for the Preservation of Ancient Books), the Gu Clan in Suzhou that curates the Guoyunlou Collection, and the Phoenix Publishing and Media Group. On display were the best of the three institutions' collections. The delegation also visited Nanjing Library's Ancient Book Preservation Department.



The Taiwan delegation poses in front of the Suzhou Museum.

■ **WLIC in Rotterdam Gives Voice to Taiwan: National Central Library Attracts Attention after IFLA Poster and Paper Presentation**

A delegation of 18 librarians from Taiwan went to Rotterdam, Holland to attend the annual conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC). This is one of the biggest library events of the year. The theme of the 88th IFLA WLIC was “Let's work together, let's library.” It was held from August 21-25, 2023 in the Rotterdam Ahoy Conference Center.



The 18 members of the Taiwan delegation at Rotterdam, Holland for the 2023 IFLA WLIC.

A delegation from Taiwan attended the annual conference in Holland this year. A total of nine posters and two papers were presented at the conference. What is more, the achievements of libraries in Taiwan were able to use the appellation “Taiwan (R.O.C.)” online. National Central Library Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated, “The world is taking note of the developments in libraries in Taiwan. On April 20 of this year, NCL's 90th anniversary celebration saw invitations accepted from the directors-general from eight national libraries, including England and Germany. The response to the National Central Library's achievements and services was praise and thanks. Attending this conference will allow more libraries in the world to gain a deeper impression of Taiwan's efforts.”

NCL had two posters be selected and one paper to be shared, which is a great showing when competing with libraries worldwide. One poster selected was “Open Lab: Space as a Service in Multimedia Center of National Central Library in Taiwan” by Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, Center for Chinese Studies Director Ling-Fang Wei, Knowledge Services Division Director Hsiao-ling Hou, and Ting-yu Chen. The other was “Big Data in Support of Sustainable Development of Public Libraries in Taiwan” by Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng, Library Development Division Director Bao-kui Lu, and Wei-hsiang Hung, with its accompanying paper “Big Data and Data Mining for Analyzing Library Readers' Reading Interest in Taiwan.” IFLA's poster display was August 25-26. The content of the

first NCL poster accepted showed NCL's Open Lab maker space and services. Open Lab was awarded the 2023 American Library Association (ALA) Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Project in May of this year and the 2023 International Property Award (IPA) in England. Open Lab is not only a library and a center for innovation and creativity but also a realization of the sustainable development goal of the UN. The second poster was on "Big Data in Support of Sustainable Development of Public Libraries in Taiwan" and shared how in 2021 NCL began creating the first resource integration system for cities and counties throughout Taiwan. It used analysis of the de-identifiable checkout history from city and county public libraries to understand the Taiwan public's reading interests and the reading level in each county and city. This data is used to support the sustainable development of public libraries.

In addition, this year NCL also submitted papers to the IFLA WLIC National Libraries Section and was able to share our experience in creating a big data platform for libraries, as well as datamining application that is currently being used. Through natural language processing, Latent Dirichlet Allocation, and deep learning, the system uses book information to breaking through the limits of book categorization and do a deep dive into the types of media and topics that readers love. From this, datamining results were used to recommend reading resources that the public would be interested in.

Attendees were impressed with NCL's active promotion of library services and resources. Through the content of the poster and what was shared in the various sessions, and by interacting with librarians from around the world, a lot of new ideas and inspiration was gained. This made an international trip like this very worthwhile.

■ Promoting Taiwan's Digital Research Resources: NCL Holds Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies Exchange Workshop at the Collège de France in Paris

To promote the digital resources of Taiwan, show forth its academic soft power, and to encourage international collaboration and exchange, on

September 5, 2023 the National Central Library went to the Collège de France in Paris to hold a session of its Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies Exchange Workshop. Participants there were from 15 countries.

Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng stated, the National Central Library began in 2011 to establish Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) throughout the world as one of its new brands and to promote international collaboration. It invites important scholarly institutions and libraries to join its network of international collaboration. As of July 2023, a total of 46 partners have joined. To ensure collaboration with each of these partners, NCL has already held 72 Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies, 7 international scholarly conferences, 2 young scholar workshops, as well as 15 exhibitions on special topics. None of these was accomplished by NCL on its own, but rather through the efforts of its collaborating partners.



NCL Director-General Tseng during her remarks.

After what was learned during the pandemic, NCL gained an even more concrete and realistic way of quickly putting research resources into the hands of researchers without things getting in the way. Changes in the international scene also caused NCL to ponder on how it could help the Chinese studies institutions throughout the world value the scholarly resources and achievements from Taiwan more. Consequently, it held its first TRCCS Exchange Workshop in Europe. Through discussion and interaction in the workshop, the digital databases developed in Taiwan by NCL, government agencies, and scholarly institutions were introduced to our collaborating partners. The event followed right after the EASL biennial meeting. So NCL extended