

Celebrating the holidays and understanding the changing patterns of cultural industries would allow students coming to Taiwan to witness the prosperity of all walks of life in Taiwan after the pandemic.



*Scholars visiting the streets and alleys of Dadaocheng stories.*

The scholars walked with the tour guide. Through the teacher's introduction, they learned about the stories of the streets and alleys of Dadaocheng through which they passed and the Mid-Autumn Festival atmosphere presented by the shopping streets.

Finally, a hand-crafting experience was specially planned for after the tour, and various materials were prepared to allow the visiting scholars and their families to make their own silk-printed lanterns. By carrying the lantern, they added a festive, warm atmosphere of reunion to the festival. The students, family members and children were all delighted and had the time of their lives. Katerina Hradilova, a Czech scholar, said: "I greatly enjoyed this Mid-Autumn Study Day in Dadaocheng. In addition to taking this opportunity to interact with other award-winning scholars, I also enjoyed the specially arranged silk-printed lantern experience, which allowed me to better understand and experience the Mid-Autumn Festival culture and traditions in Taiwan!"



*Scholars happily make lanterns by hand.*

## NCL Publications

### ■ Innovation and Leadership Professional Advancement: the National Central Library's Achievements in Advising Public Libraries



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The National Central Library was established by the Ministry of Education in accordance with the Library Law and is responsible for researching, promoting and guiding the development of various libraries throughout the country. In the early days, we started to develop library operating standards and related technical specifications, formulate library regulations and specifications, and lay the foundation for library development. At the same time, we began to establish a public library advice system, conduct on-site visits and evaluations, and also, through the Ministry of Education's subsidy program, gradually enrich public library collections, update software and hardware equipment and library space and conduct on-the-job training for librarians and reading promotion activities, so that public libraries across the country had a managerial and operational foundation. In the past ten years of public library advisory business, the National Central Library has used a systematic, medium- and long-term planning approach to plan and implement various aspects of collection enrichment, knowledge cultivation, system establishment and benchmark learning in public libraries throughout the country. This book is primarily a compilation of the business and practices related to the National Central Library's provision of advice to public libraries. It is expected to provide a glimpse into the context of advisory work and serve as a reference for the planning and improvement of subsequent work, leading to the vigorous development of public libraries in Taiwan.

## ■ Accessibility Guidelines for Public Libraries



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Libraries have long followed basic principles in providing services to meet the needs of readers with reduced mobility or partial disabilities. With rapid developments and changes in society, however, libraries are facing many new challenges. In response to the diversification of service groups and the rise of various online service resources, libraries—in facing groups with limited mobility, visually impaired and hearing-impaired readers, readers with dyslexia, gender diversity and other groups, and even in the provision of online resources—must take into consideration the needs and characteristics of different groups to improve the planning of various services and make the provision of library services equal and accessible.

## Chinese Studies Symposium

### ■ Interviews with International Sinologist Film Festival and Forum: Top Sinologists All in One Place

In 2021 and 2022, National Sun Yat-sen University's College of Liberal Arts and the National Central Library cohosted a benchmark project from the Ministry of Education called "The Global Sinology Forum at NSYSU," which was a series of events under "Interviews with International Sinologists." On September 8, 2023, a film festival was held in the National Central Library's international meeting hall, showing the amazing results of this two-year project. A total of 22 highly influential sinologists and scholars in the humanities were invited to respond to the changing environment and the shock of the pandemic

for the project. Specifically, they were asked to be interviewed with video and audio recording to discuss the quintessence of their cross-disciplinary research. Content included the development of their thoughts, research career, publications, views on Chinese studies, experience researching locally and overseas, and even their experiences living in a different culture. The results of this project represent something that transcends time and space, as well as generations!

What was amazing was so many heavy hitters in the Chinese studies world were all together at the National Central Library discussing "An Age of Crisis and the Response of Chinese Studies." They were all pondering how the Chinese studies community gains a footing in the modern age and how the trend of cross-culturalism can open a new path forward in the future.

Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng said in her opening remarks: since NCL's Center for Chinese Studies was founded in 1981, apart from the standard publications of Chinese Studies and Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies, as well as purchasing and acquiring Chinese studies materials from Taiwan and abroad, it has also expended no little effort in creating a scholarly exchange service platform and promoting "grants for foreign scholars to conduct research on Chinese studies in Taiwan." During the showing of the film, there were several professors present (including Ann Heylen, Masayuki Sato, Kai Marchal, and Olga Gorodetskaya) who were recipients of this research grant, as was Jana Rošker from the University of Ljubljana who came to Taiwan specifically to attend the viewing. This shows that for the last 40 years the Center for Chinese Studies has not only done much for traditional Chinese studies but has also facilitated exchange with international sinologists. The Center also extends a sincere welcome to its old friends when they come back to the National Central Library to reminisce.

Dean Shi-San Lai stated in his remarks that working on this benchmark project by the Ministry of Education is focused on making a recorded interview of the following: "local heavyweight scholars in Taiwan," "outstanding sinologist that have put down roots in Taiwan and have made important contributions," and "foreign sinologist who live overseas but have a close relationship with Taiwan."