

One part of the NCL team, always a team member. Prof. Huang has long supported NCL's services and events. He has orchestrated many scholars' donations of their collections to NCL. He first made a donation to NCL in December 2019 of his teaching assignments and notes from ten years at Chang Geng University. This batch of documents is an important record of promoting medical humanities education in Taiwan. In addition, Prof. Huang also assisted in contacting scholarly friends, and successively facilitated the donation of books and research materials from Professor Te-yi Wang and Professor Gung-yao Liang from National Taiwan University, who are well-known scholars in the history of the Song dynasty. This time, Prof. Huang donated over one thousand volumes, the content of which focuses on research related to Chinese history, Song history, etc. Included in there are rare sinological masterpieces from Japan, Europe, America, and mainland China. It is a precious collection of books with both breadth and depth.

NCL has worked for many years to acquire the collections, resources, letters, and manuscripts of scholars. We hope that through the power of NCL to collect important academic research documents, enrich our collection, and increase the visibility of Taiwan's Chinese studies worldwide. Prof. Huang's donation this time of precious books on Song history, combined with the donations of books from well-known Chinese historians such as Professors Wang and Liang in recent years, has created a nice collection of books by contemporary historians at NCL. We believe this treasure trove on significant topics will be used by scholars of Chinese studies and history in Taiwan and abroad in many different ways. We look forward to the academic community participating in this grand event and will continue to seek more scholars to join those who have made donations.



A perfect ending to the donation ceremony (a group photo).

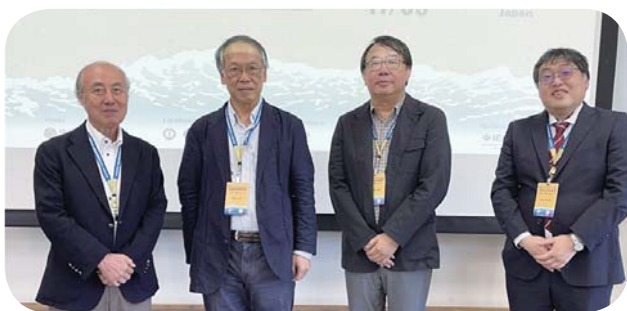
■ National Central Library Participates in the 2023 Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) Annual Conference, Organizes Session on “Digital Libraries”

The Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) is one of the most important professional international academic organizations for nations in the Pacific, which holds an annual conference hosted by different regions in the coastal Pacific every year. PNC holds lectures and seminars on cutting-edge internet technologies to enhance academic exchange and opportunities for information sharing among member countries. As of 2023, PNC marks 30 years since its founding in 1993, when it was established with the aim of promoting the Internet and facilitating the exchange and circulation of information among countries in the Pacific region through advanced network technologies. Their mission also includes facilitating standards for information exchange between institutions and protocols for information sharing, promoting the application and exchange of electronic information technology, including online teaching, interlibrary exchange, archival collections, and digitization of museum collections.

The 2023 PNC Conference was held at the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa, Japan from November 3rd to 5th. The title of this year's conference was “Sea Change: Renewal, Reform and Resolve in Global Arts, Sciences, and Business” and it gathered an international cohort of experts and scholars in various fields to explore and address social issues in the post-pandemic world with new perspectives, new approaches, and the application of new technologies and techniques. This year's conference included three keynote speeches, 19 conference sessions, 6 workshops, and a total of over 80 themed presentations. Among them, National Central Library organized the “Digital Libraries” session, aiming not only to enhance the international visibility of Taiwan's achievements in library information resources, but also to facilitate academic exchange and initiate more opportunities for collaboration with participants from various countries. The 2023 Digital Libraries session which was held from 10:45-12:15 on November 4th was entitled “Harnessing Information Technology and Big Data for Innovative Library Digital Services.” The session was hosted by Professor Jieh Hsiang, Director of the Research Center for Digital

Humanities, National Taiwan University and included presentations by three speakers on the following topics:

1. National Chengchi University (Taiwan) Associate Professor and Library Director Wen-hung Liao: Digital Archives and Humanities Research: A Case Study Using Overseas Taiwanese Democratic Movements Collection
2. Tsurumi University (Japan) Professor Emeritus Takashi Nagatsuka: A University Library Experience Facilitating the Student-centered Approach Supported by Information Technology
3. Tenri University (Japan) Professor Takashi Koga: Developments and Challenges of National Digital Collections: Focused on the Programs of the National Diet Library of Japan



The Host and Three Speakers at the PNC 2023 Digital Libraries Session.

In addition, at the 2023 conference, NCL's poster: "Development of Library Big Data Platform as a Tool for Exploring and Promoting Reading Atmosphere and Reading Engagement in Taiwan" was selected to participate in the 2023 PNC poster session. The poster was edited by Assistant Wei-hsiang Hung of the NCL Librarianship Development Division, who attended the PNC conference to present the poster and share NCL's experiences with event attendees.



NCL attended the PNC conference poster session to share experiences from Taiwan.

■ The “Oscars” of the Library Industry, The Second Ministry of Education Library Contributions Awards Ceremony Take Stage in a Grand Event

The Second Ministry of Education Library Contributions Awards Ceremony was held in the 3rd Floor International Conference Hall of the National Central Library Arts and Culture Center. The ceremony celebrated 17 award recipients and holds meaningful symbolic significance for promoting the development of the library industry nationally. In order to commend local leaders who have devoted themselves to building local public libraries as well as individuals and groups who have made major and unique contributions to the robust operation and development of library services or who have promoted a love of reading among members of the public, on September 16th, 2020 the Ministry of Education established the “Implementation Guidelines for the Ministry of Education Library Contributions Awards,” which includes five different awards categories: the “Benchmark Library Award,” the “Outstanding Librarian Award,” the “Outstanding Library Director Award,” the “Local Leader Award,” and the “Special Contribution Award.” These awards have become the highest honor for work in the library industry in Taiwan. The awards also establish exemplary models for all kinds of libraries nationwide to emulate in their development.

Ministry of Education Deputy Minister Lin expressed his pleasure in representing the Ministry of Education and Minister Wen-chung Pan in attending this award ceremony. Libraries serve as gateways for people to acquire knowledge and as arenas for lifelong learning. In recent years, the Ministry of Education has initiated numerous programs including a mid to long-term case-based program for constructing collaborative and shared public library systems, a diverse reading promotion program, and an implementation plan for public library earthquake resistance improvement. Both the central and local governments have worked together to address the construction and operational development of public libraries, collaborating with schools and libraries nationwide, integrating relevant resources, promoting reading education, and driving the development of the library industry. On behalf of the Ministry of Education, Deputy Minister Lin thanked Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng's team at the National Central Library and