



A photo of Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng and Director Claire Nénert.

In addition to sharing how their library promotes international collaboration, Director Nénert and her cohort also mentioned various collaborative methods and thematic events they've used or put on in the past. They also shared their experience on value-added digitized ancient books, the quintessence of their holdings, and how to connect to different cultures in the world through exhibitions. A brief report was given by NCL's Si-yu Chen who is in charge of overseas exhibitions and database on ancient works and special collections, and Po-yue Wu, who is in charge of the Taiwan Memory database.

Director Nénert stated that the two libraires have enjoyed a long-term collaborative relationship and that when her and her staff first arrived in Taiwan, they attended the 2023 Taiwan Reading Festival and were able to admire the richness of the booths from Taiwan and other countries. Their impression of NCL's promotion of library reading and international cultural exchange is very positive, and they are very happy to have this opportunity to work together more closely. After the event, NCL arranged for their French guests to visit the Rare Books Room to attend the exhibition there and to see the digital exhibition online.



The visitors from BnF posing with NCL staff at the Taiwan Reading Festival image area.

NCL Publications

■ The Compilation Album for the Second Ministry of Education Library Contributions Awards



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This compilation album introduces the award-winning institutions, individuals and groups of the Second Ministry of Education Library Contributions Awards, along with their related contributions and achievements. It is organized by the Ministry of Education and undertaken by the National Central Library.

■ Seven-Theme Series Booklists 2023



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1. Scientific and Technological Innovation Booklist 2023

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2. Regional Revitalization Booklist 2023

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3. LOHAS and Environmental Protection Booklist 2023

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4. Humanities and the Arts Booklist 2023

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5. Multidisciplinary Learning Booklist 2023

ISBN 9789576787447

6. Multicultural Booklist 2023

ISBN 9789576787485

7. English Learning Booklist 2023

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The Regional Resource Centers house book collections encompassing seven main themes: Scientific and Technological Innovation, Regional Revitalization, LOHAS and Environmental Protection, Humanities and the Arts, Multidisciplinary Learning, Multicultural and English Learning. The National Central Library invites scholars and experts from relevant backgrounds to organize a book selection committee to select the highest quality reading resources in each area. The Regional Resource Centers rely on the lists they produce as the basis for replenishing their collections, which increases the popularity of reading. These seven-theme series booklists are published by the NCL in December 2023.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ **New Perspectives on Chinese Studies Texts—National Central Library Travels to Latvia, Holding an Academic Conference to Promote International Cooperation**

In order to promote international academic exchange and highlight Taiwan's emphasis on cross-cultural dialogue and research achievements stemming from the global dissemination of Chinese texts, National Central Library worked with the National Library of Latvia to co-organize the "Conference on International Travels of Chinese Text: New Approaches and Global Perspectives of Chinese Textual Culture" international academic conference and themed book exhibition at the Baltic Research Centre for East Asian Studies of the National Library of Latvia from November 10th to 11th, 2023, where NCL also organized a "Taiwan Chinese Studies Lecture Series."

NCL has a deep collaborative partnership with the National Library of Latvia. In 2013, NCL signed an international exchange and cooperation agreement with the library, establishing a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) located within the library.

In 2015, NCL and the National Library of Latvia co-organized the "Imprints of Civilization" ancient documents exhibition. In 2016, National Library of Latvia Director Andris Vilks was invited to Taiwan, where he shared his valuable experience of establishing a new green energy building for the library. In the years since, library employees and the director of the library's research center have been successively invited or offered grants to come to Taiwan to give lectures or conduct Chinese Studies research. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the two libraries continued to organize "Taiwan Chinese Studies Lectures" online, clearly demonstrating the frequent and close cultural exchange between the two countries. During this trip, Director-General Tseng once again led a team of colleagues to visit the National Library of Latvia and co-organize an international conference, continuing to take part in cross-national cultural collaboration and displaying the deep friendship between the two nations as they continue to expand their modes of collaboration.



National Library of Latvia Architecture and Cultural Consultant Dr. Janis Dripe opens the events with a welcome speech.

Director-General Tseng expressed that Taiwan's National Central Library and the National Library of Latvia have long maintained an excellent collaborative relationship through co-organizing conferences, exhibitions, lectures, academic exchange, and book exchanges and she hopes that in the future, the two libraries can partake in even more exchange around the topics of cultural preservation, digital technology, and information transmission, in order to facilitate greater cultural understanding between the people of both countries. Director-General Tseng is sure that this event will not only help the academic community in Europe to gain understanding about the development of research on Confucianism in Taiwan, it will also enable participants to fully experience Taiwan's diverse and rich academic resources and trends in Chinese Studies research.