



Director-General Dangelo Nèard during his speech.

## ■ National Central Library Receives Books Published by Yuan-Liou Publishing Co.; Collaboration Planned to Digitize Historical Publishing Materials

To help promote the Taiwan Publishing Museum at the Southern Branch of the National Central Library & National Repository Library, on December 18, 2023 the National Central Library and Yuan-Liou Publishing Co. met at NCL's international meeting room for The Archival and Digitization of Historical Materials on Publishing Collaboration Agreement Signing and Book Donation Ceremony. National Central Library Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng and Yuan-Liou Publishing Co. CEO Jung-Wen Wang signed the agreement. Wang also donated 8,000 books that his company has published to the National Central Library for archiving.



Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng and CEO Jung-Wen Wang exchanging signed copies of the agreement.

Deputy Minister of Education Lin Ming-yu shared some remarks and presented a shield-shaped appreciation plaque. Examiner J.T. Huang from the Examination Yuan, Academician Ovid Tzeng from Academia Sinica, Former Minister of the Council for Cultural Affairs Kun-liang Chiu, Vice Minister of Culture Ting-chen Yang, and important persons

from the publishing industry in Taiwan were all in attendance. Authors Chun-ming Huang and Yuchun Hung shared moving stories and did book readings. This collaboration is an important model for bringing together libraries and publishers. The book donation will not only benefit the National Central Library in preserving historical materials on Taiwan's publishing industry but also help provide patrons with scholarly research materials and reading materials on the industry.



A group photo of the dignitaries thumbing through books published by Yuan-Liou.

## Events

### ■ The Quintessence of Song History: NCL Acquires the Collection of Internationally Renowned Scholar on Song History Prof. Kuan-chung Huang

During the warm winter in Taiwan, NCL held the Prof. Kuan-chung Huang Book Donation Ceremony on November 30, 2023. Prof. Huang is an internationally acclaimed scholar of Song history. He has previously served as the head of the Institute of History and Philology at Academia Sinica, Director-General of the National Central Library, Vice President of National Chung Hsing University, and lecturer in the Department of Medical Humanities and Social Sciences at Chang Gung University. Prof. Huang began researching Song history during his university years. For the last 50 years, he has addressed such topics as politics, military affairs, social issues and culture. If all the books he wrote were stacked up, they would be the same height as he is. He is venerated by the scholarly community. After his retirement, he became a lecturer at Chang Gung University, expanding humanities education and courses to those studying to become doctors for ten years. He is a historian with deep practical ability and cross-disciplinary vision.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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