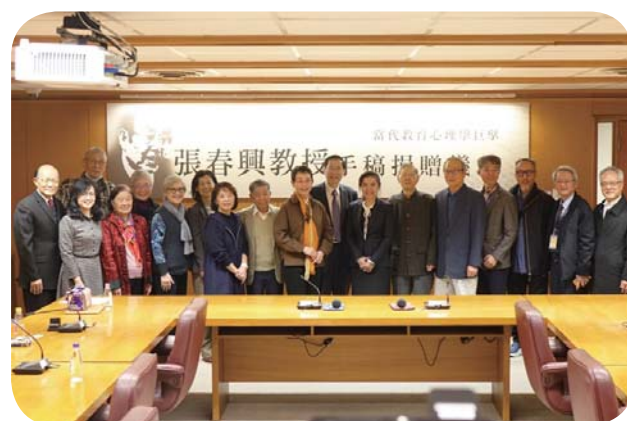


the event as she reflected on her father's devotion to study, contemplation, and research throughout his life as well as his noble mission to contribute to society, all demands he made of himself as an intellectual. Four years ago, the family began to organize manuscripts, publishing essays and a documentary in Professor Chun-hsing Chang's memory, with Ms. Hsiu-jan Chang's husband Yung-jen Liu and daughter Lan-chen Liu assisting in the efforts. Ms. Chang expressed that manuscripts and letters are a record of a person's true emotions. Manuscripts bring us into the inner workings of a person's mind, where we can see the purity of their thoughts and examine the value of their theories. While the family is reluctant to part with these materials, they have generously donated the entirety of their collection to the NCL archive for the sake of contributing to history. The process of organizing the manuscripts was filmed into a documentary which has been made available online to be viewed by more people.

The Minister of Education and Dr. Ching-ji Wu, current System President for the Taiwan University of Education System, who served as the conveners of the preparation committee for the Professor Chun-hsing Chang Memorial Album "Spring Breeze Eternally Brings Rain" were unable to attend the event in person, but through recorded videos they conveyed their admiration of Professor Chang's passion toward education, deep focus on the subjects of his research, and his outstanding achievements in both. In this age of computers and digital writing, it is all the more valuable to collect the handwritten manuscripts of great scholars in the NCL Distinguished Individuals Manuscript Collection. Vice Convener Yao-ting Sung, Executive Vice President of National Taiwan Normal University, was once a student of Professor Chang's. He has a deep appreciation for Professor Chang's dedication to academic research and his passion for teaching. Dr. Sung noted that Professor Chang pioneered the wide application of counseling and guidance, psychological testing, and applied psychology, which also catalyzed the vigorous development of psychology in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Professor Chang's manuscripts highlight his profound efforts in the dissemination

of psychological knowledge. Vice President Sung eloquently described Professor Chang's research and writing style with a line from a poem by Song Dynasty poet Wen Tianxiang: "Beneath the eaves, readings books amidst the breeze, the integrity of the ancients shines brightly."

Many distinguished guests from various fields gathered to attend the donation ceremony, including scholars, experts, and students from the field of psychology. NCL General-Director Han-ching Wang expressed that NCL will work to continue Professor Chun-hsing Chang's research and teaching legacy, organizing and preserving the donated manuscripts and quickly working to digitize them to be shared online for both reading enjoyment and research purposes, thereby promoting the contribution of this material toward society and education.



Group photo of distinguished guests at the "Writing a River—Donation Ceremony for Professor Chun-hsing Chang's Manuscripts"

■ Taiwan Historian Dr. Ta-jan Hsu's Heart Is Still in Taiwan, Donates His Collection to NCL to Benefit Scholars in Taiwan

Renowned Taiwan historian and professor emeritus from Northwestern University, Dr. Ta-Jan Hsu has lived for many years in Chicago, Illinois. Still, his heart remains in Taiwan. He hopes that donating his research materials he spent a lifetime acquiring to the National Central Library can benefit younger scholars in Taiwan and be used as an important knowledge resource for scholarly research. In November 2023, the National Central Library

was contacted by Chung-hsin Chen, the assistant to the Vice-Chair of the Foundation on Asia-Pacific Peace Studies about this possibility. Former Director-General Shu-hsien Tseng initiated contact with Dr. Hsu and stated that NCL would be honored to archive his collection. That December, Dr. Hsu consented to donate his personal collection of books and materials to NCL.

In March 2024, NCL Director-General Han-Ching Wang attended the Association for Asian Studies' annual conference in Seattle. On March 15, she traveled to Chicago to thank Dr. Hsu personally for donating his personal collection and to assure him that NCL will take good care of these books and make them available to younger scholars in Taiwan. During their discussion, mention was made of part of an essay that Dr. Hsu had once written: "If you face south, your hometown is in the south. But don't wish to return there because you carry your hometown on your shoulders. You take it with you in your wanderings. Head north. What is in the north? You don't know. Ask the wind. The wind doesn't know either. But if you go there, you'll know." This passage brought back strong memories of nostalgia for Tainan. A close reading of his prose reveals a motif of the importance of one's hometown. His writings often reveal a longing for his hometown of Tainan. His literary style is laced with poetic and romantic sentiments that are easy to feel, evoking emotions in those who read it to remember their own hometown.

This book donation took place on February 1, 2024. The books in his home were packaged up thanks to assistance from the Education Division Head Hsu-hua Chu and his staff from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago. The books arrived in Taiwan at the end of March. This collection of books will be housed in the new Southern Branch of the National Central Library & National Repository Library in Tainan, his very hometown. That his vast collection can continue to be available in his hometown is a tale fit for the history books!



NCL Director-General Wang personally visited Dr. Hsu in Chicago



Dr. Hsu's house is filled with books, all of which were donated to NCL

■ NCL and the Chao-Tian Temple in Beigang Sign MOU: Results Will Be on Display in June in the US

On March 8, the Chao-Tian Temple in Beigang and NCL formally signed an agreement to collaborate on digitizing and archiving documents. Both parties officially started working on their shared goal of establishing digital archives.



The National Central Library and the Chao-Tian Temple signed an MOU on digital collaboration