



Director-General Han-ching Wang presented a certificate of appreciation to the Poland Book Association

■ **NCL Director-General Han-Ching Wang Attends and Presents at Special Session of the Council of East Asian Libraries' Committee on Chinese Materials**

National Central Library Director-General Han-ching Wang received invitation from the US Council of East Asian Libraries' (CEAL) Committee on Chinese Materials to give a presentation during their "Crisis vs. Responses" Special Session held in Seattle on March 13th, 2024; the topic of Director-General Wang's presentation entitled: "Taking up the Torch of Wisdom- The Next Chapter: Branding Beyond the Pandemic."

CEAL's membership is made up of East Asian Libraries located in North America and its objectives are to serve as a forum for discussions about issues of common concern relating to East Asian libraries and East Asian Librarianship, to formulate programs for the development of East Asian library resources, services, and systematic organization of all types of recorded information and knowledge, and to promote interlibrary and international cooperation in East Asian librarianship. The organization is divided into three permanent committees based on the language category of materials: the Committee on Chinese Materials, the Committee on Japanese Materials, and the Committee on Korean Materials.

The Committee on Chinese Materials held this special session under the theme "Crisis vs. Responses," inviting speakers from Hong Kong, the USA, and Taiwan to share their experiences of how libraries handled challenges including dealing with

the COVID-19 pandemic, integrating collections, providing academic services and journal access, while also addressing how academic libraries can continue to support research. In her presentation, NCL Director-General primarily focused on sharing how two libraries: NCL and the National Cheng Kung University Library, at which she long served as director, faced crises and simultaneously engaged in innovation, utilizing a variety of resources to continue to provide diverse academic services, disseminate resources, and engage in international collaboration throughout the pandemic. Over 100 professionals and scholars from North America and various regions across the world were in attendance at the session. After the session, Director-General Wang engaged in exchange with international colleagues and experts at libraries that have long worked alongside NCL in international collaboration.



NCL Director-General gave themed special session presentation

■ **NCL Participates in Book Exhibit at Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Donates Books on Chinese Studies and Taiwan Research to University of Oregon**

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS), the world's largest Asian Studies academic community, held its 2024 annual conference in Seattle from March 14th to 17th. National Central Library continues to attend AAS annual conferences and participate in the event's book exhibit in order to bring awareness among the AAS community of Asian Studies scholars to Taiwan's academic achievements in the humanities and to promote familiarity with Taiwan Studies research and various fellowships offered to conduct relevant research in Taiwan. On the afternoon of

March 14th local time, NCL, Academia Sinica Press, and National Taiwan University Press held a donation ceremony, presenting books to Ms. Xiaotong Wang, representing the University of Oregon Library.



Group photo at book donation ceremony

Director-General Han-ching Wang, who led the NCL delegation attending the conference, expressed that NCL has long worked with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange to curate and participate in academic organization events abroad. In particular, they have worked to actively promote academic achievements in Taiwan Studies research at AAS and to share Taiwan's high-quality channels for accessing research materials. These efforts have made significant strides in promoting the international visibility of Taiwan Studies research. Furthermore, in following established precedent, all books displayed at the exhibit are donated to a local university library or academic organization at the conclusion of the event, in the hopes of not only enriching university library collections, but also facilitating further exploration of Chinese Studies and Taiwan research topics by local scholars and promoting interest in conducting research in Taiwan. Therefore, as a part of this year's conference, NCL not only donated books to the University of Washington's Tateuchi East Asia Library on March 12th, in addition, NCL and other participating Taiwanese academic institutions made a donation to the University of Oregon Library on the afternoon of March 14th. NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang, Director Hsi-yuan Chen of the Academia Sinica Press, and Senior Specialist Lisa Chi of the National Taiwan University Press represented their respective institutions in presenting the donation to the University of Oregon Library.



The NCL booth at the AAS Book Exhibit

■ Springtime in Seattle—NCL Travels to the USA for Book Exhibition, Donates Books to University of Washington Tateuchi East Asia Library

In order to promote and develop Chinese Studies and Taiwan research, NCL traveled to Seattle to attend the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference from March 14th to 17th in a collaboration with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, organizing a Taiwan book exhibit during the conference. Furthermore, exhibited books were donated to the University of Washington at the close of the events, with a donation ceremony held within the UW Tateuchi East Asia Library on the afternoon of March 12th, local time. A special invitation was extended to Daniel Kuo-ching Chen, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle to bear witness to this important cultural exchange.



Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle Daniel Kuo-ching Chen, University of Washington Professor Lauren Pressley, and NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang posed for a photo holding National Taiwan University Press, Academia Sinica Press, and NCL publications