

The second presenter was Professor John Hennessey-Niland, former U.S. Ambassador to Palau. His topic was “Taiwan—a Model of Democracy and Key Partner in the Indo-Pacific.” He pointed out that Taiwan is a link in the chain of like-minded countries in Asia and the Pacific region, as well as with the United States, jointly committed to supporting democratic governance, respecting the rule of law, and expanding economic prosperity.

The third presenter was Dr. Blanka Brzozowska, Associate Professor from the Institute of Economics, University of Lodz, Poland. Her topic was “Taiwan’s Soft Power in Polish Social Media.” By examining Taiwan’s online presence, she described Polish internet users’ general knowledge and perceptions of Taiwan. Her discourse also explored the common associations and background that shape how Polish audiences view specific cultural values.

The presentation invited Professor Hongzen Wang from the Department of Political Science at National Cheng Kung University and Assistant Professor Tai-ting Liu from the Graduate Institute of International Politics at National Chung Hsing University as discussants. The subsequent comprehensive discussion saw enthusiastic responses from all participants.

The presentation was also live-streamed, allowing interaction with researchers worldwide interested in the topics.

This scholars’ research presentation was attended by 36 scholars from 18 countries and 8 domestic scholars and experts. Additionally, 16 MOFA staff members participated, with lively exchanges both inside and outside the venue.



Group photo of all attending scholars

## NCL Publications

### 2023 Report on the Landscape of Taiwan’s Academic Resources and Capacities



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This report uses the database usage statistics of the “National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan”, “Taiwan Citation Index Database—Humanities and Social Sciences” and “Taiwan Journal Article Indexing System” established by the National Central Library to analyze the utilization of Taiwan’s academic resources. It presents the dissemination process by which the various types of academic resources, from dissertations to journal articles, are cited, the authorized disclosure and use of dissertations in various universities and the key words of papers and journals, and analyzes the general situation in relation to current research topics.

### Revisiting the History of Taiwanese art—A Tribute to Taiwanese Art: Exhibition of Paintings Donated by Lion Art and Hsien-Wen Li, Exhibition Brochure



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Three hundred and seven editions of Lion Art in 25 years and seven months. Over 400 books in 50 years of Lion Art Books Co. Ltd. One book after another, one article after another, writing page after page of the history of Taiwanese art. This persistence represents Lion Art's deepest protection and respect for Taiwanese art. At the invitation of the National Central Library, Lion Art has donated all monthly magazines, books, and Chinese and foreign works in the reference room that have been published over the years, as well as Hsien-wen Li's *Twenty Portraits of Senior Artists*, which will continue to influence countless young lives, enable the story of Taiwan's art to be generated sustainably, and pass on knowledge from one generation to the next for all eternity.

## ■ 2024 National Public Library Development Conference Handbook



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The Ministry of Education promoted the eight-year “Growing Reading’s Roots and Transforming Space: Library Innovative Service Development Plan” from 2009. During this period, in November 2011, the National Central Library was commissioned to formulate the “National Library Development Policy and Promotion Strategy.” A development framework of seven visions, seven goals, 22 classification goals, 46 strategies and 108 specific measures was constructed to guide the development direction of Taiwan’s public libraries for the subsequent 10 years. In 2017 and 2018, funds continued to be injected into key projects such as the creation of a reading environment and ambience, the establishment of regional reading resources, and the promotion of diverse reading cultures, and were implemented in the National Central

Library, the National Taiwan Library and the National Library of Public Information, as well as in various municipalities and counties. Thanks to the efforts of public libraries, concrete results were achieved in deepening collections, improving service capabilities, renovating space and service facilities, and improving reading culture. In terms of improving the library administrative system, the “Building a Cooperative and Shared Public Library System” plan has been implemented since 2019. In the six years between 2019 and 2024, on the premise that local public libraries have different administrative affiliations, it provided guidance to municipal, county and city public libraries in creating an effectively coordinated management organization system to enhance the international competitiveness of Taiwan’s public libraries. During this period, policy formulation and implementation provided better support to Taiwan’s public libraries in overcoming various challenges and offering better service quality, and were expected to establish an institutional and regular communication platform. The first National Public Library Development Conference was held in 2020. On the one hand, it can regularly display the specific results of the operation and development of each library, facilitate mutual learning and advancement and joint discussion of constructive solutions to unique and common problems, and also promote inter-library cooperation and opportunities for networking. On the other hand, it can be used as a policy communication channel, for matters such as gathering opinions from multiple parties to build consensus in the policy formulation stage, fully disseminating information to improve implementation effectiveness during that same stage, and, in the policy review stage, serving as the basis for the next stage of policy development. The 2024 National Public Library Development Conference was hosted by the National Central Library and held in Tainan from June 13 to 14.

## Chinese Studies Symposium

### ■ The Center for Chinese Studies Holds Academic Seminars for Global Chinese Studies Lectures

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) promotes academic exchanges in order to increase interaction between the local and overseas Chinese Studies