

readers together and creating links between our lives and ideas, the past and the present, Taiwan and the world.



National Central Library and Linking Publishing jointly hold the “Linking Thinking-Linking Publishing 50th Anniversary Forum”

Linking Publisher Linden Lin provided introductions at the start of the forum. The morning session included Academician Cheng-sheng Tu’s speech entitled, “How to Understand China,” Professor Paelabang Danapan’s speech entitled “Literature as a Form of National Defense,” Sechin Y. S. Chien’s speech entitled, “Do Animals Deserve Our Serious Consideration?” and Ming-hui Peng’s speech entitled, “Knowledge and Information.” The afternoon session included Dr. Stephan Thome’s speech entitled, “Across Cultures-Life and Literature,” Associate Professor Anthony H. Yeh’s speech entitled, “What is Justice?,” Retired Admiral Hsi-ming Lee’s speech entitled “How to Face War,” music critic Yuan-pu Jiao’s speech entitled, “Literature within Music, Music within Literature,” novelist and poet Cai Sufen gave a speech entitled, “Oceans and Forests, Novels and Poems,” and Professor Jong Shinn Wu gave a speech entitled, “Space, Technology, and the Future of Humanity.”

The forum came to a close after these ten prominent speakers shared their rich and brilliant talks. The aim of the forum was to link together the perspectives of experts from different fields to bring new ideas and inspiration to Linking Publishing’s readers, so that within those ideas they can learn about the past, understand the present, and take measure of the future. Through reading, they can search, question, and debate ideas; in the act of

exploring, they can participate in community and find personal peace and stability.



A timeline of events and books in Linking Publishing’s 50 years.

■ Class on Library Resource Use and Academic Visit for Foreign Taiwan Fellowship Recipients

In order to assist NCL’s “Research Grants for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies” and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs “Taiwan Fellowship” recipients in fully grasping the distribution and utilization of academic resources, NCL held the “Class on Library Resource Use and Academic Visit for Foreign Taiwan Fellowship Recipients” at NCL on the afternoon of May 8th, 2024.

As a part of the activity, scholars were led on a visit of the National Archives Administration by Archives Researcher Ya-chu Li, who introduced the archives’ research resources and academic services and gave a tour of their exhibit area. First, scholars were shown an introductory video to learn about the variety of documents held in the National Archives Administration collection, followed by introductions to databases that have been developed by the archives in recent years including: the National Archives Access Service, the Navigating Electronic Agencies’ Records system, and the Archives Time-Travel Capsules. Among these, the National Archives Access Service created a specialized section for the use of political archives in response to political archive retrieval needs. The Archives Time-Travel Capsules is a collection of information on special exhibits held by the National Archives Administration over the years. The attending

scholars were highly engaged, listening closely and enthusiastically asking questions about archive retrieval and practical applications.



During the class on library resource use, scholars enthusiastically asked questions of the speaker

The National Archives Administration is currently holding the “Treasures of the Archives” permanent exhibit and the “Island of Miracles” special exhibit. “Treasures of the Archives” introduces archive records related to significant national historical events, for example, historical memories from the process of extending compulsory national education from 6 years to 12 years and records from early in the Republic of China period when the New Taiwan Dollar was issued to address currency inflation and valued at 1 dollar for 40,000 old Taiwan Dollars. “Island of Miracles” presents historical records to exhibit the history of Taiwan’s major engineering projects, for example when the New Central Cross Island Highway was the first transportation construction project in Taiwan to take nature conservation into consideration, how the Kaohsiung Harbor expansion project overcame difficulties to build an undersea tunnel, as well as images of the animal parade that took place when the National Taipei Zoo location was moved. During their visit, the scholars were able to walk into this history to experience it for themselves.

A total of 31 scholars from 11 countries participated and expressed that this event organized by NCL’s Center for Chinese Studies offered them a deeper understanding of Taiwan’s academic archive resource collections and their practical uses.



Scholars visited the “Treasures of the Archives” Administration Exhibit

■ 2024 Taiwan Fellowship Recipients Attend Cultural Outing and Dragon Boat Festival Celebration

On May 29th, 2024, a cultural outing and Dragon Boat Festival celebration event was organized for recipient scholars of NCL’s “Research Grants for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies (Taiwan)” and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs “Taiwan Fellowship” to allow these scholars to experience Taiwan’s culture, celebrate Dragon Boat Festival, and engage in further scholarly exchange during their time in Taiwan.



A group photo with participants and NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang before the start of the activities

This activity was co-organized by the NCL Center for Chinese Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, bringing scholars and their families to Wen Sun Farm in Xindian District to experience Taiwan’s local tea culture, humanities, and ecology. The area of Xindian, Wulai, and Pinlin Districts in New Taipei City is one of Taiwan’s important tea growing regions. The area’s