

reputation. It is also a key institution in the Nordic region for Taiwan studies and Chinese studies, playing a significant role in training and research. Consequently, the National Central Library (NCL) signed an agreement with Tallinn University on November 9, 2023 to establish the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies. Additionally, on September 10, 2023, the two institutions co-organized a Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies. During the event, Prof. Indraccolo expressed gratitude for the NCL's recent contributions to the university's academic resources, particularly in providing high-quality books and digital resources for humanities research. The donation of books displayed in the exhibition further added to its Asian and Taiwan studies collection. The event was attended by numerous scholars from Taiwan and other countries, as well as researchers who have previously received grants to conduct research in Taiwan. There was lively discussion and interaction.

■ NCL Donates Taiwan Corner Books to State Library of Queensland

In a significant move to promote Taiwan and foster cultural exchange, the National Central Library donated a Taiwan Corner to the State Library of Queensland, Australia. This marks the first time NCL has established a Taiwan Corner in Australia.

The donation ceremony took place on the morning of October 4, 2024, at the State Library of Queensland. William Hou-lu Fan, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brisbane, represented the donor, while Linda Barron, Director of Information Services, accepted the donation on behalf of the library's Director, Vicki McDonald.



The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brisbane Presents Books to the Library

National Central Library Director-General Hanching Wang stated the State Library of Queensland boasts a rich history, dating back over 120 years. As one of only two libraries in Australia to have an Indigenous Knowledge Centre, the library is actively dedicated to recording, preserving, and maintaining the cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, reflecting the diversity and vitality of the Queensland region. The donated Taiwan Corner features a carefully curated selection of 80 publications covering a wide range of topics, including Taiwanese history, customs, museums, natural environment, and contemporary Taiwanese literature and art.



A Showcase of Taiwan's Finest Publications

In recent years, NCL has proactively fostering international collaborations through three proposals: the establishment of Taiwan Research Centers for Chinese Studies (TRCCS), Taiwan Academic Digital Resource Center (TADRC), and Taiwan Corners. TRCCS and TADRC provide Taiwanese academic research resources to international institutions such as Harvard University, while Taiwan Corners collaborate with national and public libraries worldwide to showcase high-quality Taiwanese publications, children's picture books, and Chinese language learning materials for the general public. The dedicated space for the Taiwan Corner at the State Library of Queensland not only symbolizes the friendly relations between Taiwan and Australia but also connects people through the power of reading, fostering a deeper understanding of Taiwan and its culture among readers.