

significantly enhance the breadth and depth of its music collection. Looking ahead, NCL hopes to collaborate with more scholars and experts who have dedicated years to research across various fields, preserving their important research materials and publications as part of NCL's collection. This will contribute to strengthening the nation's scholarly competitiveness and fostering a more robust intellectual foundation.

### ■ Chinese Studies Goes to the Baltic: The National Central Library Showcases Taiwan's Academic Strength at the EACS Biennial Conference

The European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS), an organization with significant influence on international academic development, held its biennial conference from August 27 to 30, 2024, at Tallinn University in Estonia. In an effort to expand Taiwan's scholarly influence and promote Taiwan Studies, the National Central Library's Center for Chinese Studies, in collaboration with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, held a book exhibition during the event. With the support of the National Taiwan University Press, the exhibition showcased a total of 225 titles (235 volumes) of outstanding publications from the past three years related to Chinese studies and Taiwan studies.



*NCL staff talking about research grants and resources for Taiwan studies*



*A view of the book exhibition*

The books displayed at the exhibition were all donated to Tallinn University after the four-day conference concluded. The donation ceremony was held at the university on August 28, local time. The donation was presented by Ambassador Andrew H.C. Lee of the Taipei Representative Office in Latvia on behalf of the National Central Library. The donation was accepted by Lisa Indraccolo, Vice President of EACS and Associate Professor at Tallinn University's School of Humanities. National Central Library Director-General Han-ching Wang assigned Editor Hui-ju Chuang from the Liaison Division of the Center for Chinese Studies and Assistant Editor Lin Liling from the Special Collections Division to oversee the donation process.



*A group photo of the special guests at NCL's book donation ceremony at Tallinn University*

The organizing institution for the EACS Biennial Conference, Tallinn University, is located in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. Founded in 2005, the university has rapidly developed in academic research and enjoys a strong international

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.