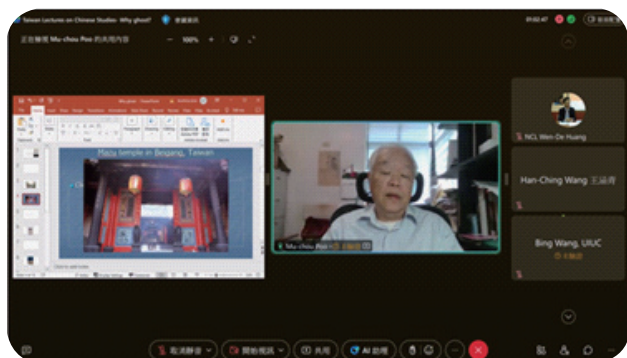


lecture and the stimulating exchange of ideas.



Prof. Poo during his lecture

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ Letting Libraries Eliminate the Sustainable Recycling of Old Books: Yunlin "Micro-Book Corner" Attracts Japanese and Korean Members

In order to provide better places for obsolete books in libraries, Yunlin County Government has been cooperating with stores in the county since 2017 by proactively providing second-hand books to create a "Micro Book Corner" to make reading culture more integrated into people's lives. Currently, there are nearly 300 such locations in the country, and such cooperation will expand to South Korea in 2023. Recently, eight new stores in Sado City, Japan, have joined, creating new achievements in "reading diplomacy".

The director of Yunlin County Government's Department of Culture and Tourism said that the county government allocates funds every year to purchase books. When new books are purchased, old books need to be stored. In order to prevent these books from sitting idle in the warehouse. In 2017, the county government cooperated with stores in the county, providing such books to help stores create micro-book corners, so that books can continue to be provided to readers in need, and a sustainable circulation of books achieved. The micro-book corner was registered in 2020 as Yunlin's reading brand and won the 2024 Asia-Pacific Sustainability Action Gold Award.

The Micro-Book Corner reading brand is not only in Yunlin and Taiwan, but can also be promoted to more places around the world. At the same time, it also allows more Taiwanese and Chinese friends traveling abroad to have the opportunity to come into contact with it and read books, so that every book can circulate sustainably and ubiquitously.

■ National Chung Hsing University Library's Hsing Chill Station Library On-site Counseling Service Goes Smoothly Online

The Health and Counseling Center of the Office of Student Affairs and the library of National Chung Hsing University have jointly launched the Hsing Chill Station—Library On-site Counseling Service, which has gone smoothly online and will open a new chapter in caring services for students!

President Jan of National Chung Hsing University said that, under the school management philosophy of "friendly environment and happy campus," he has promoted the Hsing Chill Station Library On-site Counseling Service since taking office, hoping to take care of students' physical and mental health in a more comprehensive way.

Director Hui-yun Sung of the National Chung Hsing University Library said that the results of this cooperation with the Office of Academic Affairs are in line with the core mission of university libraries around the world to support student happiness and, through more dialogue, they will jointly create a library that belongs to everyone. "Hsing Qi Station" is translated as "Hsing Chill Station." We hope that students of National Chung Hsing University will not only pursue the academic advancement provided by learning when they come to the library, but also, through Hsing Chill Station and Anxiety-Release Study Room, pursue a very CHILL attitude of their own towards life, and, in a busy and high-pressure life, cultivate the resilience of flexibility and self-care, take good care of themselves, be ready to meet challenges at any time, and create more wonderful moments in life!

■ Tadao Ando's "Children's Book Forest" Library is Located in Taichung and Will be Completed in 2026

Japanese architect Tadao Ando will design the first children's library for Taichung City. This is also the second library built overseas under Tadao Ando's Nakanoshima Children's Book Forest project and the first in Taiwan, and is expected to be completed in 2026.

Tadao Ando delivered a speech via a video link, saying that Taiwan's semiconductor industry is the world leader, thanks to everyone's hard work. The next generation must also work harder. The world is in turmoil right now. How can we let children understand

that adults have great responsibilities? He believes that modern society is too dependent on mobile phones. Children should use their brains more and reconstruct their thinking about the world through reading. He hopes, he said, that this children's book forest in the Taichung library will not only have Taiwanese and Chinese books, but also books from all over the world, to help the next generation gain more knowledge and power to overcome difficulties.

The library will feature an elliptical building wrapped in a forest, with raw concrete as the main construction material. The wraparound book wall design will enrich the children's spatial experience and add an international highlight to Taichung's reading landscape.



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