

edition of an Arabic manga. The event featured a professional Arabic storyteller (Al-raouiya), who shared widely cherished Saudi Arabian children's books, inviting readers to explore the beauty of Saudi culture through reading.

Arabic has played a pivotal role in the development of knowledge, transmitting the sciences and philosophies of ancient Greece and Rome to Renaissance Europe through books. It also facilitated cultural exchange along the Silk Road. Through reading, participants of all ages are offered an opportunity to explore, learn, create, and connect with the world.



*Director-General Wang during her remarks*



*A group photo of dignitaries at the 2024 World Arabic Language Day celebrations*

### ■ NCL's Entrepreneurship Information Literacy Course "AI Era: Entrepreneurship Empowerment" Concludes Successfully

The National Central Library held an entrepreneurship information literacy course, "AI Era: Entrepreneurship Empowerment," on November 7, 2024. In addition to introducing "AI Information Literacy" and "Library Entrepreneurship Resources," the library also invited industry lecturers to lecture on "Looking at Business Plans from the Perspective of AI," and invited the Ministry of Economic Affairs'

Small and Medium Enterprise Administration to introduce "Sources of Startup Funding and Government Resources." The course received positive feedback from participants.

Since 2020, the National Central Library has been organizing information literacy courses for small and medium-sized enterprises and startup strongholds. This time the theme was "AI Era: Entrepreneurship Empowerment." The course was organized to introduce the use of the National Central Library database and book entrepreneurship resources, as well as how to improve information literacy and effectively verify AI-generated content in the AI era, to help entrepreneurs more effectively find, evaluate and apply information. Also invited was Dr. Stanley Shi, co-founder and consultant of BII Consulting, to give a lecture on "Looking at Business Plans from the Perspective of AI", teaching the key points of business plan writing and sharing with participants how to use ChatGPT to write business plans in a relaxed manner and turn entrepreneurial ideas into concrete plans and then put them into practice. Finally, Ms. Shu-Ru Zhang, a specialist in the Startup Incubation Division of the Ministry of Economic Affairs' Small and Medium Enterprise Administration, introduced "Startup Funding Sources and Government Resources" which are closely related to startup development. In order to encourage the development of startups, the government, in relation to funding provision and enterprise locations, has invested very extensively in software and hardware resources to allow participants to fully understand what appropriate resources are available on the road to entrepreneurship.

The participants on this occasion were from universities and other government agencies, as well as many friends who have started their own businesses. The National Central Library hopes to create opportunities for exchanges through this workshop and help people of all types who are interested in starting their own businesses to find information that can help surmount challenges and doubts when they encounter them at different stages of work. This course is in line with the recent wave of artificial intelligence brought about by various AI tools. It hopes to bring

everyone different perspectives and use AI as a boost for entrepreneurship, taking business to the next level.



*The National Central Library's Entrepreneurship Information Literacy Course concludes successfully*

## ■ NCL Holds A Farewell "Taiwan Scholarship" Tea Party and Annual Meeting for The "Taiwan Alumni Association" Fan Page

On November 27, 2024, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Auditorium, the National Central Library, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ming Chuan University jointly held a farewell tea party for Taiwan Fellows and Taiwan Scholars and the annual conference commemorating the establishment of the Taiwan Alumni Association fan page. The event was hosted by Minister of Foreign Affairs Chia-lung Lin and Director of the National Central Library Han-Ching Wang also attended in person. Taiwan Fellowship scholar Ms. Swati Arun (Advisor to the Center for Contemporary Chinese Studies, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India) was invited to give a speech on behalf of the annual scholarship recipients.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs established the Taiwan Scholarship in 2010. As of 2024, more than 1,400 scholars from more than 93 countries have been admitted to Taiwan. The scholarship program aims to encourage experts and scholars around the world who are interested in Taiwan, cross-strait relations, the Asia-Pacific region, sinological research, and other fields to come to Taiwan to conduct research in various

academic institutions and universities, and to promote academic exchanges.

In addition to the review video of the annual cultural and academic activities of the "Taiwan Grants" and "Taiwan Scholarships" produced by the Taiwan Alumni Association for this exchange activity, this event also marked the anniversary of the establishment of the Taiwan Alumni Association fan page. It also encouraged participants to join the Taiwan Alumni Association (TAA) Facebook fan page, enabling all scholars and award recipients, after returning to their home countries, to continue their ties with Taiwan through this exchange platform and build cohesion among fellow students.



*A commemorative photograph of the Taiwan Fellowship tea party and esteemed guests*



*Scholars take part enthusiastically*