

■ 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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