



*An image of Ms. Yen-chiu Wang taken during an interview on August 18th, 2016*

## Events

### ■ National Central Library Promotes a Mutually Beneficial Ecosystem for the Library and Publishing Industries with Press Conference Showcasing the “ISBN Agency in Taiwan Comprehensive Application Service Optimization” and “Online Publication Deposit System”

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, National Central Library held press conference for the “ISBN Agency in Taiwan Comprehensive Application Service Optimization” and “Online Publication Deposit System,” inviting members of the publishing industry to attend. These optimizations of application and deposit systems will facilitate more convenience in related administrative procedures, helping to create a mutually beneficial ecosystem in the publishing industry.

Many honored guests were in attendance at the event including R.O.C. Book Distribution Association Chairman Tsai-hsing Lee, Commonwealth Education Media & Publishing Co., Ltd. Deputy General Manager Yan-jie Lin, Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Chairman Hao-jen Ko, veteran publisher Ying-ching Chen, Taipei City Publishing Union Chairman Cheng-ming Chao, Publishers Association of the Republic of China (R.O.C.) Chairman Cheng-hung Wu, New Taipei City Publishers Association Chairman Po-tsun Lin, and R.O.C. Book Publishers Association Secretary His-min Lee; their attendance demonstrates their commitment to publishing industry infrastructure and they also offered their perspectives on the future of the publishing industry.

NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang expressed

that NCL’s core mission is to preserve and promote the precious fruits of human knowledge, while it is the work of the publishing industry to package this knowledge into high-quality content to present to the public. NCL and the publishing industry have much to gain through collaboration and this current system upgrade will hasten application speed and enhance publishing and depositing convenience, thereby creating a more complete and friendlier environment for Taiwan’s publishing industry.

This system optimization program has launched several new features in response to publisher and library needs. For example, the “One-Site Application” allows publishers to log in through a single account to easily complete ISBN application, the legally required deposit process and various authorization processes without having to work across separate platforms. There is also the “E-Book and Audiobook Online Deposit System;” previously, publishers had to work across multiple systems to complete e-book applications. Now, they can directly deposit e-books online by using a system which also supports batch uploads, thereby highly enhancing efficiency.

Moreover, in addition to improving publishing and depositing efficiency, this system update also further enhances the accuracy of bibliographic information. In the future, when publishers deposit books, they will be able to make one-time corrections to bibliographic data by uploading updated book covers, descriptions, tables of contents, and other information. This ensures that the public can search for the latest and most accurate information on new publications, while also providing a more comprehensive space for showcasing new books.



*Director-General Han-ching Wang introduces the background and highlights of the system upgrade*

During the conference, Assistant Editor Kuan-yin Lin and Division Head Chien-ru Chou explained the operation of the ISBN Agency in Taiwan and the Publication Deposit System and the important areas that were updated during this system upgrade. The

many system functions that were displayed during the press conference were given enthusiastic welcome by attendees, with publishers actively asking questions and engaging in continued exchange with NCL even after the conclusion of the conference.

The innovative measures highlighted in this press conference will not only facilitate smoother operation of publishing processes, but will also strengthen the application value of book information. This will advance deep collaboration between Taiwan's publishing and library sectors. Furthermore, this infrastructure enhancement will also further expedite the circulation of knowledge, strongly propelling an overall enhancement of reading ability among Taiwan's public and moving toward a vision of prosperity for the future of Taiwan's publishing industry.



*A group photo of publishing representatives in attendance at the press conference*

## ■ “Peering into the Future of Baseball in Taiwan and Asia after the World Baseball Classic,” Lecture Event and Donation Ceremony for Szu-chi Chou’s Manuscripts

National Central Library and Be Fun Literary Creative Ltd. together held the lecture event “Peering into the Future of Baseball in Taiwan and Asia after the World Baseball Classic” as well as a donation ceremony for Mr. Szu-chi Chou’s Manuscripts on the afternoon of March 9th (2025) at the NCL International Conference Hall.

NCL has long spared no efforts in working to collect precious manuscripts from speakers at every lecture event they organize. In an especially moving show of support, after completing his lecture, Mr. Szu-chi Chou made a special donation of manuscripts, including calligraphy from his primary school days and middle school essays to be preserved in the NCL collection. Each brush stroke and written word is a vessel of his learning and thinking during the course of his childhood and development and they also

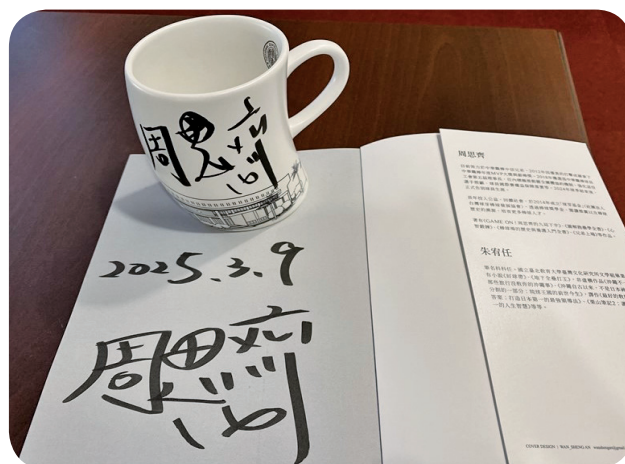
symbolize the beautiful connection between athletics and reading. This donation will become a valuable part of NCL’s collection, allowing more baseball and sports fans the opportunity to experience the spirit of baseball and gain valuable experience through reading as well as encouraging more young people to have courage in chasing their own dreams.



*NCL Director General Han-ching Wang presents Mr. Szu-chi Chou with a certificate of gratitude for his donation*

Former professional baseball star Szu-chi Chou and baseball writer Yu-jen Chu were invited to take part in the new book lecture event, hosted by experienced baseball commentator Wen-cheng Tseng, where they shared stories about two books:

The Samurai at the Peak, and Baseball Scouting: The Complete Beginner’s Guide. The Samurai at the Peak reveals the stories behind the Japanese Samurais winning the championship at the 2023 World Baseball Classic and looks toward the future of baseball in Taiwan and the rest of Asia. Baseball Scouting: The Complete Beginner’s Guide, shares the history of baseball scouting, notable scouts in baseball history as well as the challenges facing scouts today.



*Szu-chi Chou signs NCL collections*