

portrayals of the Three Kingdoms period. It stands as a remarkable example of the fusion of visual artistry and literary tradition.



Li Liweng's Annotated Romance of the Three Kingdoms in BnF

Deepening International Cooperation to Safeguard Cultural Heritage

The National Central Library (NCL) and the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) have not only collaborated on digitization projects, but have also continually strengthened their partnership through academic research, talent exchange, and curatorial initiatives. Notably, in November 2023, the NCL signed an agreement with the Bibliothèque universitaire des langues et civilisations (BULAC) to establish the world's first Taiwan Academic Digital Resource Center (TADRC). During the same visit, the NCL delegation toured the BnF's Opera Library and Museum, with Director Mathias Auclair providing a guided introduction to its collections. In December 2023, three BnF experts visited Taiwan for in-depth exchanges on collection development, digital resource management, and strategies for international exhibition collaboration, further advancing bilateral ties in cultural preservation and scholarly engagement.

These collaborative efforts have not only fostered dialogue between Eastern and Western cultures but have also enabled rare Chinese classics, long held overseas, to reenter the scholarly and cultural consciousness of the Chinese-speaking world. They open up even broader research possibilities.

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Quality International Books from the 2025 Taipei International Book Exhibition Donated to NCL Collection by Guest of Honor Italy and Other Participating Organizations

As a long-time advocate of reading cultivation and cultural exchange, National Central Library participates in the Taipei International Book Exhibition every year, promoting the ancient texts in the NCL collection to members of the public. In addition, NCL actively works to seek donations of quality books from exhibition participants from around the world after the close of the exhibition in order to provide even richer international reading resources for NCL readers.

This year, NCL received book donations from Guest of Honor Italy, as well as from many participating organizations including from Poland, Belgium, Chile, Japan, Thailand, and Hong Kong. These post-exhibition book donations number in the hundreds and include a diverse variety spanning literature, art, picture books, business, and practical books. In order to thank the many participating organizations for their donations of such excellent books, NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang personally visited each organization from February 5th to 7th to receive the donations and present letters of appreciation, expressing deep gratitude for their generosity.

Director-General Han-ching Wang expressed that the Taipei International Book Festival is a major annual event in the global world of publishing, featuring an impressive array of carefully selected works from countries around the world, allowing readers to explore the beauty of the world through books. NCL reached out to this year's Guest of Honor Italy as well participating organizations from other countries in order to actively seek quality book donations featuring characteristic themes from foreign cities to enrich the NCL collection, thereby allowing these excellent books to continue their influence long after the conclusion of the exhibition, becoming important resources through which members of Taiwan's public can gain understanding of international culture, economics, and social trends. In addition, these books will provide new perspectives on the strengths of the publishing industries of these countries, providing a valuable reference for foreign-language book acquisition in a variety of genres and

making a significant long-term impact.

Donations to NCL this year include books from a wide array of countries in Europe, Asia, and Latin America, covering rich and diverse topics. In addition to the donation of nearly 100 works of literature and picture books from Guest of Honor Italy, donations were also made by the Polish Book Institute, Japan's Tokuma Shoten Publishing, the Publishers and Booksellers Association of Thailand, and Hong Kong's Art and Culture Outreach for the second consecutive year, totaling hundreds of books including literature, art, and picture books. In addition, many participating organizations made their first donations this year, including Belgium's Clavis Publishing, which donated over 100 picture books, the Chilean Trade Office, which donated 15 books by Chilean authors and Spanish-language picture books, Japan's Shufunotomo, which donated around 80 lifestyle-genre books, as well as Japan's Asa Publishing which donated over 40 books in the business and language-learning genres.



Italian Economic, Trade and Cultural Promotion Office Director Marco Lombardi presents book donations to NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang



The Polish Book Institute presents book donations to Director-General Han-ching Wang

Each book donated to the NCL collection will be made available for viewing by all members of society, allowing Taiwan's readers more convenient access to quality published works from around the world, expanding international perspectives and deepening knowledge of the humanities, as well as providing other libraries a reference in international book selection.

■ The Lunar New Year Tea Reception for Taiwan Fellowship Scholars

On February 24, 2025, the National Central Library (NCL), in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, hosted the Lunar New Year Tea Reception for Taiwan Fellowship Scholars at the International Conference Hall. The event was co-hosted by Minister of Foreign Affairs Chia-lung Lin and NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang. In attendance were Taiwan Fellowship scholars from 22 countries around the world, along with representatives from the diplomatic missions or offices in Taiwan of Paraguay, Hungary, India, Nigeria, Poland, Thailand, Malaysia, Austria, Sweden, Mexico, Germany, Indonesia, and Vietnam. The gathering also included numerous domestic scholars, bringing the total number of participants to over one hundred. To enrich the cultural experience, NCL arranged traditional Taiwanese Lunar New Year folk art demonstrations—such as dough figurine crafting—offering scholars a chance to enjoy the festive atmosphere of Taiwan's New Year traditions alongside their academic pursuits.



A group photo of dignitaries at the tea reception

In her remarks, Director-General Han-Ching Wang emphasized that NCL, as a platform for academic exchange connecting Taiwan with the international scholarly community, has thus far hosted more than 2,000 scholars from over 120 countries through programs such as the Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies and the Taiwan Fellowship sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition to providing abundant