



Mr. Hung giving tours



Mr. Tu explaining the history of pop-up books in Taiwan



An origami demonstration of the 福 character

■ To the Eternal Memory of Bureau of International Exchange of Publications Director Teresa Wang

Former Director of NCL's Bureau of International Exchange of Publications Teresa Yen-Chiu Wang passed away on March 17th 2025 at the age of 93. We publish this obituary to commemorate Director Wang's memory and her lifetime of contribution to

international exchange among libraries, to express gratitude and to highlight her contributions during her directorship as well as her deep, lasting impacts on Taiwan's National Central Library.

Ms. Teresa Yen-Chiu Wang (1932-2025) was born in Ningguo County, Anhui Province, China, with her ancestral home in Tongcheng, Anhui. She grew up in a time of great turmoil and strife and in 1949, she found herself in Taiwan with her parents, including father Tsong-lu Wang. After settling in her new home and completing her studies at the Tamkang Junior College of English, she traveled to the USA for further studies, graduating from the Department of Languages at Washington State University in 1961.

In that same year, Ms. Wang entered into service at National Central Library, starting in a position as an English-language secretary. Over the years, in a career spanning 37 years, she held many different positions at NCL, ultimately stepping into the role of Director of the Bureau of International Exchange of Publications. She served during the terms of 8 NCL Director-Generals: Fu-tsung Chiang, Wan-li Ch'ü, Tsun-Peng Pao, Chih-chung Lee, Chia-chun Chu, Zhen'gu Wang, Chung-sen Yang, Chi-chun Tseng and 3 Interim Director-Generals: You-yu Pao, You-hwa Hsieh, and Chien-cheng Sung. During Ms. Wang's tenure, she established National Central Library's policies and orientation regarding international publishing exchange after its relocation and reopening in Taiwan. She was also witness to the multifaceted development of industry, government, and academics in Taiwan's contemporary library history, making a deep and lasting impact on the development of Taiwan's libraries into hubs of exchange between Taiwan and the world.

Ms. Teresa Yen-Chiu Wang lived a rich life of learning, beginning her nearly 35-year career in international publishing exchange after entering service at NCL upon the completion of her studies abroad. She devoted her life to promoting international publishing exchange and long participated in international book exhibitions abroad, making an outstanding contribution toward expanding the international perspective and academic connections of Taiwan's library community. Ms. Wang's hard work and passion not only established the systems and scale of NCL's international exchange efforts, but also deeply influenced the manner and depth of dialogue between Taiwan's libraries and the world.

National Central Library sincerely pays homage to Ms. Teresa Yen-Chiu Wang's lifelong contribution and passion for the work of libraries, expressing the utmost esteem and deepest regard upon her passing.



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 20th, 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