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*The National Central Library co-organizes the 2025 IO Talk Online Forum with the Library Association of the Republic of China*

## ■ Director of University of Tokyo's Asian Research Library Professor Eiji Sagawa Visits NCL for Lecture and Exchange

On the afternoon of April 21<sup>st</sup>, Professor Eiji Sagawa, Director the University of Tokyo's Asian Research Library, visited National Central Library to present a lecture titled, "The Asian Research Library and the Establishment of Digital Resources." During his lecture, Professor Sagawa discussed the Asian Research Library's digitization projects and summarized the Library's experience promoting a Taiwan Research Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) as a collaborative partner with National Central Library's initiative to establish these centers abroad. In addition, Professor Sagawa and National Central Library colleagues engaged in discussion and exchange of their respective experiences.



*Professor Eiji Sagawa describes the Asian Research Library's establishment of digital resources*

Professor Eiji Sagawa received his Ph.D in Literature from Osaka City University and currently serves as a professor in the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology and Faculty of Letters, where his research focuses on ancient Chinese history. The University of Tokyo Library is the 12th Taiwan Research Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) established abroad by NCL, and marks the first such center in Japan. The two institutions began collaboratively organizing lectures on Taiwan's Chinese Studies and other activities in 2014 and continue to maintain a close collaborative partnership. The Asian Research Library was established as a part of the University of Tokyo's library system in 2020 and houses a collection of over 50,000 volumes related to Asian Studies. In addition to their displayed collection, the library is also home to a basement-level automated storage and retrieval system including texts relating to all regions of the Asian continent, from East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, to Western Asia.

During his lecture, Professor Sagawa focused on the origins and mission of the Asian Research Library as well as its collection and recent developments in its digitization programs. Professor Sagawa also shared his experiences receiving book donations and hosting lectures through the TRCCS. After his lecture, Professor Sagawa engaged in discussions and exchange with NCL colleagues from the Rare Books and Special Collections, Chinese Studies, Digital Platforms and Systems Departments.

## Chinese Studies Symposium

### ■ NCL Organizes International Conference on Animal Depictions in Classical and Modern East Asian Culture, Bringing together Scholars to Expand Forward-Looking Topics in Taiwan's Chinese Studies

In order to promote academic exchange and develop new research topics, National Central Library's Center for Chinese Studies held an International Conference on Animal Depictions in Classical and Modern East Asian Culture in Taipei from May 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. In addition to inviting 17 scholars from Taiwan, the USA, Japan, Singapore, and other countries to present papers and hold a round-table forum, the conference also invited Professor Sechin Y. S. Chien, Research Fellow at the Research Centre of Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica, to present a keynote speech based on his long-term research on animal ethics. In-person and virtual attendees engaged in enthusiastic exchange on the conference subjects.