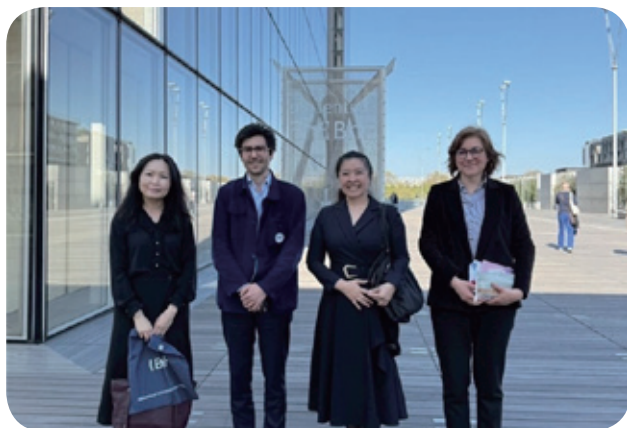


This cooperation has laid a strong foundation for academic resource sharing and the safeguarding of cultural heritage across borders and generations. Since 2012, the partnership has evolved into a multilayered collaboration encompassing rare book cataloging, academic symposiums, professional exchanges, and digitization initiatives.

Mr. Roseau expressed hope that the Taiwan Corner would serve as a gateway for French readers to gain deeper insight into Taiwan's rich culture, literature, history, and art. Echoing this sentiment, Ms. Gondranda proposed future professional exchange programs, including the possibility of assigning BnF librarians to work alongside NCL experts in Chinese cataloging—a move aimed at enhancing the library's capabilities in processing Chinese-language materials.

Also present during the visit was Ms. Françoise Legrand, Head of Customer Service in the Digital Services Department, who oversaw last year's digitization collaboration. Her presence further underscored the potential for expanded cooperation in digital resource sharing in the near future.

Dr. Wang expressed her deep appreciation for the warm reception and reaffirmed NCL's commitment to supporting the proposed initiatives through the provision of quality publications and professional expertise. With continued collaboration, this partnership promises to further enrich the cultural landscapes of both Taiwan and France.



Group Photo with Ms. Mei-Chen Lu, Director of the Education Division at the Taipei Representative Office in France; Mr. Jean-François Roseau, Director of International Affairs at the BnF; Dr. Han-Ching Wang, Director-General of the NCL; and Ms. Emmanuelle Gondranda, Head of Literature and Arts at the BnF

■ French Mayor Pottier-Dumas of Levallois-Perret Visits NCL, Renewing Connection with NCL Director-General Dr. Wang

The French Town of Levallois-Perret has

established a Taiwan Corner of donated books in their city in collaboration with National Central Library. Following this collaboration, Levallois-Perret Mayor Agnes Pottier-Dumas and City Hall Office Director Florian Guidat paid a visit to the main branch of National Central Library and NCL's OPEN LAB, accompanied by Secretary Lih-tien Hsu of the Department of International and Cross-strait Education, and personally welcomed by NCL Director-General Dr. Han-ching Wang on the morning of April 16th, 2025.



Levallois-Perret Mayor Agnes Pottier-Dumas visits NCL and takes a group photo at the NCL main entrance

Levallois-Perret is a prospering town in the Île-de-France Hauts-de-Seine region of France near Paris. During the 2024 Paris Olympics and Paralympics, Levallois-Perret provided free spaces for Taiwan's athletes to train, providing a great deal of labor and material assistance to those athletes, therefore making an outstanding contribution to the impressive performance of Taiwan's athletes.



The NCL interactive wall welcomes Mayor Pottier-Dumas

For Mayor Pottier-Dumas and NCL Director-General Wang to meet once again at NCL is richly meaningful. Therefore, in addition to visiting NCL to learn about the interior design in several newly renovated spaces, NCL's innovative services, and collection of ancient texts, the honored guests also visited NCL's OPEN LAB, to learn about French-language learning and collections of French cultural comics and picture books. They also tried their hands at heat transfer printing on coffee mugs. Mayor Pottier-Dumas and Director Guidat were deeply impressed by NCL's commitment to academic research, the providing of reading and research spaces, as well as reader services.



A group picture in NCL's Rare Books Room



The French-language comics on offer in the OPEN LAB attracts the interest of these honored guests

National Central Library and University of Toronto Celebrate 10th Anniversary of TRCCS, Jointly Organizing Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) at the university, National Central Library and the

University of Toronto held a lecture as a part of the Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies Series on May 12th, inviting Professor and Department Chair of National Chengchi University's Department of Ethnology Dr. Da-wei Kuan to present a lecture titled: "Bridging Indigenous Knowledge and Modern Science, Unsettling the Settler-Colonial Land Regime: Experiences from Taiwan." Director General Yi-peng Liang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto attended and gave remarks at the event.



NCL and University of Toronto celebrate the 10th anniversary of the university's TRCCS and hold a Taiwan Lecture on Chinese Studies



TRCCS has worked to provide academic resources and cultivate exchange between Taiwan and Canada over the course of a decade

NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang expressed that NCL began establishing Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies abroad in 2012 in order to promote and introduce Taiwan's academic publications and research achievements to the world, in addition to collaborating with various institutions in organizing academic events. In 2015, the MOU signed by NCL and the University of Toronto marked the establishment of the first TRCCS in Canada. The establishment of a TRCCS not only provides rich academic resources, it also demonstrates Taiwan's