



A group photo with Director Creff (third from right) and the three Deputy Director-Generals



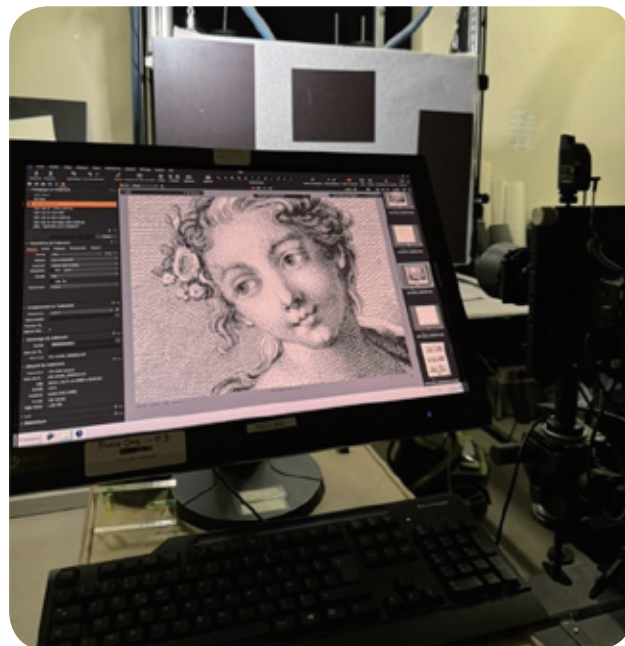
The Sorbier Library has a strong community and deep connections with residents

■ A Journey into the Heart of Knowledge: NCL Director-General Dr. Wang Visits the François-Mitterrand and Richelieu Sites of the Bibliothèque nationale de France

On the afternoon of April 11, 2025 (local time in France), Dr. Han-Ching Wang, Director-General of the National Central Library (NCL) of Taiwan, paid an official visit to the François-Mitterrand building of the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF). During her visit, Dr. Wang met with Mr. Jean-François Roseau,

Director of International Affairs, and Ms. Emmanuelle Gondrand, Head of Literature and Arts. Both officials extended a warm invitation to establish a Taiwan Corner at the BnF—an initiative aimed at enriching the library's collection and fostering deeper cross-cultural understanding.

In addition to her meetings, Director-General Wang also toured the Richelieu site and the library's digital center, gaining a comprehensive view of the BnF's efforts in cultural preservation and innovation.



Visit to the Digital Center of the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)



Tour of the Richelieu Site of the BnF

The NCL and BnF share a longstanding relationship, having collaborated on Chinese rare book digitization projects in 2015 and again in 2024.

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