

striving to show the spirit flowing in the blood of the indigenous peoples, allowing the audience to deeply experience the primitive and profound charm of Taiwan's indigenous culture. One of its major features is the combination of ancient Aboriginal songs and modern theater techniques. Some of the ancient ballads will be arranged by Bay Sound Music Director Che-i Li and professional musicians, based on human voices, and then accompanied by a string orchestra for a cross-disciplinary performance. The performance will also be accompanied by professional lighting, imaging, and sound engineering, allowing the ancient ballads to display rich layers in their simplicity.

Although most of the performers are amateur training teams from the tribe, after long-term cultivation and professional training by the foundation, their stage performance and vitality are amazing. The entire "Amazing Music and Dance" production team brings together dozens of cultural workers familiar with Aboriginal performing arts, as well as top professionals in various fields such as theater, choreography, lighting, and sound.



*The National Central Library's digital audio-visual service system includes the Teco Technology Foundation's amazing music and dance and other indigenous audio-visual resources*

## ■ National Central Library and International Cooperation and Development Fund Host “Development Focus Forum”

National Central Library and the International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF below) together held the first “Development Focus Forum” at NCL on the afternoon of May 9th. The forum was titled “Global Aid for Trade 2025: Challenges and Opportunities” corresponding with the theme of the latest edition of ICDF’s publication “Development Focus Quarterly,” focus on exploring future development trends in Aid for Trade.

Participating scholars were invited to the forum to analyze ways to effectively utilize Aid for Trade as a tool for supporting policies in developing countries, assisting those countries in finding and establishing footholds in an unfair trade environment within a currently turbulent global economy. Visiting scholar and recipient of this year’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs Taiwan Fellowship, Canadian Professor Marc

Lanteigne of the Universitetet i Tromsø—the Arctic University of Norway was also invited to the forum as a keynote speaker, presenting Canada and Norway’s practical experiences in aid diplomacy in his talk titled, “Northern Approaches to Aid Diplomacy: The Cases of Canada and Norway.”

This forum marks the first time that NCL and ICDF have collaborated to bring together foreign visiting scholars from relevant fields to participate in and conduct exchange around the themes of the “Development Focus Quarterly” for the purpose of exploring Taiwan’s roles and opportunities in the areas of digital transitions, net-zero carbon emissions, and regional economic shifts. Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister Ming-chi Chen attended and gave remarks at the event, which was also attended by envoys from Taiwan’s diplomatic allies including Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tuvalu, and Eswatini, as well as over one hundred representatives from industry, government, education, research, NGO’s and international scholars.



*Forum visuals*

NCL Deputy Director-General-General Chih-Tsung Weng attended the event and gave remarks on behalf of NCL. The video recording of the forum has been uploaded to the ICDF and NCL DAVA platform for viewing by interested members of the public.



*Group photo of distinguished guests at the May 9th Development Focus Forum*



*Group photo of participants at the May 9th Development Focus Forum*

## ■ NCL Announces the “2024 Report on Taiwan Academic Resource Capabilities and Ethos”

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, National Central Library announced the “2024 Report on Taiwan Academic Resource Capabilities and Ethos.” Using the two databases of the NCL Taiwan Periodical Literature and the Taiwan Citation Index - Humanities and Social Sciences as reference, the report summarizes the authorizations and reader usage circumstances of these collections over the past year, observing the citation frequency and dissemination of these resources, analyzing frequently used keywords, and unveiling popular research topics. The report announcement held in the NCL International Conference Hall was attended by over 160 representatives from journal publishing institutions who gathered to learn about the capabilities and roles of these two database resources in supporting academic research.

Journal Publications Reflect Important Current Events, with Artificial Intelligence, COVID-19, and Sustainable Development among Most Popular Topics

The NCL Taiwan Periodical Literature journal paper database collection surpassed 3.35 million entries by the end of 2024, including 2.42 million full-text digital papers, reaching an impressive 10.3 million full-text downloads over the course of the year. Looking at the 10 most commonly searched keywords during 2024, Artificial Intelligence was the research area that received the most attention, surpassing that of COVID-19. Research on Artificial Intelligence not only reflects current trends in technological development, but also demonstrates its application potential in the fields of education, medicine, and industry. In addition, extensive research on COVID-19 continues, particularly on the themes of telemedicine and its effects on the elderly. Furthermore, the topic of sustainable development, an important global focus, also occupies an important space within academic research in Taiwan, reflecting a focus on environmental governance and social responsibility.

The report also looks at the over 3.56 million source literature entries and 8.69 million cited

literature entries within the Taiwan Citation Index - Humanities and Social Sciences database, using bibliometric analysis to observe the dissemination patterns of periodical literature. In addition to conducting statistical and analytical evaluations of each journal based on “five-year citations” and “long-term citations,” the report also examines connections and contexts according to different academic disciplines and journal levels, providing humanities and social science researchers and journal publishing institutions with a valuable reference.



*A group photo of periodical resource use award recipients*

NCL Thanks All Sectors for Supporting the Spirit of Open Access, Disseminating Academic Capabilities

NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang expressed that Taiwan’s academic resource capabilities are founded upon the contributions of research institutions, academic publishing organizations, and researchers. This report on academic resource capabilities and ethos that NCL has organized presents the general situation of how these collection resources assist readers in conducting research as well as providing insights into readers’ focus themes. This information will be beneficial to NCL in the collection of data and in providing more focus and depth to NCL’s knowledge-based services. In addition, it will be helpful for publishers and researchers to gain these insights to inform their work in journal management and understand developing research topic trends. At the report announcement event, Director-General Han-ching Wang specially thanked members of all sectors for working with NCL to support the spirit of Open Access, allowing Taiwan’s culture and academic capabilities to be widely disseminated and passed on to future generations within the digital internet environment we live in today.



*NCL Director-General Han-ching Wang makes a speech*