

National Central Library

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■ NCL and Campus Condorcet Establish Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies to Promote Local Academic Research

Taiwan–France exchanges continue to deepen. On September 2, 2025, the National Central Library (NCL) officially signed a cooperation agreement with Campus Condorcet, a leading international center for humanities and social sciences research in France, to establish a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) at the Humathèque Condorcet. The signing ceremony not only strengthens NCL's global presence in Chinese studies resources but also marks a new milestone in Taiwan–France collaboration in the fields of libraries, humanities, and social sciences.



NCL and Campus Condorcet representatives pose with the signed agreement establishing the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies

Campus Condorcet was established by the French government in 2009, bringing together 11 prestigious research institutions, including the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), École Pratique des Hautes Études (EPHE), and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University. The campus aims to enhance the global reputation of these leading French institutions and promote interdisciplinary collaboration and exchange. In this collaboration, NCL Director-General Han-Ching Wang and Campus Condorcet President Pierre-Paul Zalio jointly signed the agreement, making this NCL's 54th TRCCS partner. Notably, through the active facilitation of Taiwan's Representative Office in France, President Zalio and his team maintained frequent interactions with Taiwan and are highly familiar with its scholarly community. Their enthusiasm for Condorcet joining NCL's worldwide network of Chinese studies centers laid a strong foundation for this partnership.

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President Zalio noted that, in its development, the Campus Condorcet library has placed special emphasis on integrating the collections of multiple research institutions and is committed to the preservation and digitization of rare texts and documents in various languages. He further stated that artificial intelligence and large language models can greatly enhance the interpretation and preservation of these valuable materials, aligning closely with Taiwan's research directions in the digital humanities. This collaboration, through the archiving of Chinese-language resources and the research achievements of scholars, will further support academic research in France.

In her remarks, Director-General Wang emphasized that Taiwan not only possesses abundant academic resources but also serves as a global bridge for Chinese studies and Taiwan studies. Going forward, TRCCS will provide the Campus Condorcet library with a wealth of high-quality research and digital resources from Taiwan. This center will not only strengthen academic exchange but also make Taiwan's research more readily accessible to scholars in France and across Europe, further enhancing the international visibility of Taiwanese scholarship.

Josue Serres, Head of the Academic Collaboration and Culture Office at the French Office in Taiwan, was invited to speak at the event. He highlighted that the TRCCS at Campus Condorcet will help deepen Taiwan-France relations and lay a solid foundation for future collaboration.

To commemorate the signing, the National Central Library presented a replica of *The Annotated Poetry of Su Dongpo* to Campus Condorcet, symbolizing the shared commitment of both libraries to knowledge preservation and cultural exchange. The signing ceremony concluded successfully amid mutual aspirations for future collaboration. Both institutions believe that the TRCCS at Campus Condorcet will open more opportunities for dialogue and exchange between Taiwanese and French scholars, while injecting new vitality into global Chinese studies and Taiwan studies. Representatives from the European Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International and Cross-Strait Education Division of the Ministry of Education also attended the event, affirming that TRCCS will benefit both the teaching and research endeavors of Campus Condorcet.



*Presenting a replica of *The Annotated Poetry of Su Dongpo**



A group photo of the dignitaries

■ NCL Director-General Wang Leads a Team to the PNC 2025 Conference: Promoting International Exchange of Achievements in Taiwan Scholarship and AI Innovations in Libraries

The 2025 Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) Annual Conference was held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from September 20 to 22. This year's conference was hosted by the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. Centered on the theme "Mind Meets Machine: Rethinking Intelligence and Knowledge in the Age of AI," the event explored how artificial intelligence is redefining the concepts of knowledge and intelligence, as well as the future directions of human-machine collaboration. Over the course of three days, the conference brought together more than a hundred distinguished scholars and experts from Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, Vietnam, China, Indonesia, and Malaysia, fostering in-depth scholarly exchange and discussion.