

Since its founding in 1997, PNC has been committed to promoting collaboration and exchange among academic institutions across Asia and around the world, and has become an influential international organization in the global scholarly community. NCL has been an active participant in the PNC Annual Conference since 2021, consistently promoting topics related to digital libraries and the application of artificial intelligence, while continuously deepening its collaborative relationships with libraries and academic institutions worldwide.

### ■ NCL Donates Taiwan Corner to Diplomatic Ally Eswatini

In order to deepen friendship between Taiwan and Eswatini, further promoting cultural exchange between the two nations, Taiwan's National Central Library (NCL below) donated a Taiwan Corner to the Eswatini National Library Service on July 1st, 2025, with Minister of Economic Planning and Development Thambo Gina receiving the donation on behalf of Eswatini.



*Eswatini Minister of Economic Planning and Development Thambo Gina receives the Taiwan Corner Donation on behalf of the Eswatini National Library Service*

NCL Director-General Han-Ching Wang expressed that in the many years of diplomatic partnership between Taiwan and Eswatini, significant achievements have been made in collaborations on agriculture, trade, education, medicine, and other fields. Now, with the donation of quality books from Taiwan, NCL hopes to expand and create new channels for cultural exchange between the two nations, looking forward to fruitful developments as a result. Taiwan Corner is an important trademark developed by NCL in order to deepen international exchange, promote understanding of Taiwan among the citizens of different countries, and popularize Taiwan's image throughout the world. The planning

of each Taiwan Corner focuses on promoting Taiwan's history, local culture, and promoting Taiwan's cultural image and related information. Curated based on local needs, Taiwan Corners present diverse published materials suited to offer a launching pad from which citizens of various countries can learn about Taiwan at their own local libraries. This donation from NCL included children's picture books, three-dimensional pop-up books and maps of Taiwan, as well as books on a variety of diverse themes from Taiwan, including history, local cultures, the natural environment, literature, arts, and more.



*Esteemed guests take group photo with donated books from the Taiwan Corner*

Minister Gina expressed that Taiwan has long been one of Eswatini's most genuine partners, with collaboration extending beyond economic realms to include culture, information, and education. He expressed his sincere gratitude and affirmation for the establishment of this Taiwan Corner and expressed his hope that it will serve as a cultural bridge across which further mutual understanding and friendship can be promoted between the two nations. In addition to the donation ceremony, Minister Thambo Gina and colleagues toured the NCL Main Library and the Digitization Center, engaging in professional exchange including learning about NCL's experience with digitization, particularly the digitization of ancient texts.

Located next to the Taiwanese embassy in Eswatini's capital city Mbabane, the Eswatini National Library Service is an important center of cultural education with a mission to provide professional and equitable library, reference, and information services for all. The establishment of a Taiwan Corner in the library will not only enrich Eswatini's Chinese-language library collection, it will also serve as a starting point for more cultural exchange and collaboration. We thank the Taiwanese Embassy in Eswatini, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the

Ministry of Education, and the International Trade Administration of the Ministry of Economic Affairs for their assistance in the facilitating this donation. The completion of this donation emphasizes the value Taiwan places on cultural exchange.

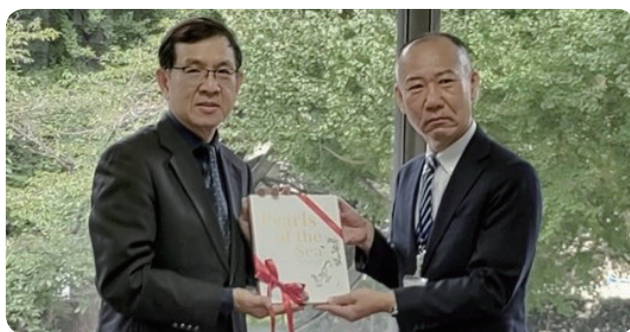


*The Eswatini delegation takes a group photo in the NCL lobby*

## ■ National Central Library donates a Taiwan Corner to Tokyo Metropolitan Central Library to promote cultural exchange between Taiwan and Japan

The National Central Library held a donation ceremony featuring Taiwan Corner at the Tokyo Metropolitan Central Library on September 29, 2025, to deepen cultural exchanges between Taiwan and Japan and provide Tokyo citizens with a valuable opportunity to experience Taiwanese culture and enhance exchanges.

The donation event was led by Dr. Chih-Tsung Weng, Deputy Director-General of the National Central Library, and was warmly received by the Tokyo Metropolitan Central Library. The donated books and materials total 100 titles, covering diverse fields, such as literature, history, art, nature, and social sciences in Taiwan. From now until October 9th, these books will be on display in the central hall on the first floor of the library for the public to read and appreciate.



*Deputy Director-General Weng presented an English catalogue to introduce the National Central Library's rare collection*

Weng said, "Libraries serve as bridges connecting different cultures." These books are not only carriers of knowledge but also symbols of friendship between Taiwan and Japan. It is hoped that these books will make it easier for Tokyo residents to learn about Taiwan and promote exchanges between the people of the two countries." Taiwan Corner is an important brand of the National Central Library, designed to deepen international exchanges, promote understanding of Taiwan among people of all countries, and showcase Taiwan's image to the world. Its planning concept focuses on promoting Taiwan's history and culture, marketing cultural imagery and knowledge about Taiwan. The National Central Library will also select appropriate and diverse publications based on local conditions, making it very suitable as a starting point for people overseas to learn about Taiwan in their local libraries.



*Staff from both nations' embassies and consulates, along with Kuanch'ao Huang, head of the Education Section of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan, pose for a group photo in front of Taiwan Corner*

The Tokyo Metropolitan Central Library expressed its sincere gratitude for the generous donation and pledged to make good use of these valuable Chinese book resources to provide countless readers with a wider range of reading options. Representatives from the two sides also held in-depth discussions on future cooperation models during the meeting.

In recent years, the National Central Library has been actively expanding international exchanges, promoting Taiwan's rich book and cultural resources to the world by setting up overseas Taiwan Corners. Taiwan Corner collaborates with outstanding libraries around the world, continuously donating excellent books, children's picture books, and Chinese language learning books published in Taiwan every year. By doing so, it hopes to cultivate more young Chinese readers, increase their understanding of Taiwan, and inject new momentum into cultural exchanges between the two countries.