



NCL presents a certificate of appreciation to the Self-Awareness Association



A group photo after the event

■ The Third Ministry of Education Library Contribution Award Ceremony – Let Knowledge Shine

The Third Ministry of Education Library Contribution Award Ceremony was held on the afternoon of December 16th in the International Conference Hall on the third floor of the National Central Library's Arts and Culture Center. The ceremony recognized 16 award winners and has been of great significance in promoting the development of the National Central Library's cause.

Political Deputy Minister of Education Kuo-wei Liu delivered a speech and presented the award. He said that library work is not only a career, but also an extremely noble cause. Only by regarding library work as a profession can one persevere and continue to contribute on the professional path with enthusiasm and belief. Furthermore, libraries play a very important and stable role in the overall social structure. The Political Deputy Minister emphasized that libraries are the well-deserved "Center for Citizens," and their status and value in society

have been widely recognized. Just as in Europe and America, almost every city library is the most important center in the local area. We must therefore gain deeper understanding and expectations for the importance of libraries.



Political Deputy Minister of Education Kuo-wei Liu delivers an address

Following the Political Deputy Minister's address, five major awards were presented: the Local Leader Award, the Model Library Award, the Outstanding Library Supervisor Award, the Outstanding Librarian Award, and the Special Contribution Award.

Local Leader Award: Mayor San-cheng Chang of Taoyuan City invested large-scale infrastructure resources to build a high-quality, borderless service network and successfully integrated the public library system with the education system. He used smart technology to create a happy reading city, significantly improving the overall reading environment and atmosphere in the county and city.

Special Contribution Award: The Yushan Cultural and Educational Foundation, with its corporate culture of "Knowing Blessings, Cherishing Connections, and Being Grateful," has made large-scale donations to build nearly 200 Yushan Libraries, covering rural and outlying island areas throughout Taiwan. To date, it has distributed nearly 500,000 new books, benefiting over 170,000 students and significantly improving the reading ability of children in rural areas. The schools that have received donations have also been recognized by the Ministry of Education's Reading Rock Award. Professor Chao-chen Chen, Chair Professor at Chung Yuan Christian University and Honorary Professor at National Taiwan Normal University, has been deeply involved in reading education. Since 2009, she has been commissioned by the Ministry of Education to host the Library Reading Promotion Teacher Training Program. The number of schools participating in the program has increased significantly to over 500, fundamentally

improving the reading education environment and atmosphere in schools. The library has also spearheaded the planning of an inter-school academic resource sharing mechanism, which has become a model of inter-library cooperation by integrating resources and saving costs. Professor Shu-hsien Ts'eng, Honorary Professor at Fo Guang University and Chair Professor at Fu Jen Catholic University, is a leader in Taiwan's library profession. She created Taiwan's own reading brand, the Taiwan Reading Festival, and established the Taiwan Center for Chinese Studies internationally, effectively enhancing the international influence of Taiwan's books and information. She also successfully promoted the construction plan for the National Central Library Southern Branch and National Joint Collection Center, outlining the blueprint for library development.

Model Library Award: Taoyuan Public Library's main branch is renowned as Taiwan's most beautiful and environmentally friendly library. In addition to its environmentally sustainable design, it integrates four major platforms—film, exhibitions, books, and shops—to serve the public, breaking down traditional library boundaries. Linkou Chang Gung Memorial Hospital Library, balances professionalism and humanities. Besides spatial redesign to deepen medical education and practice, it has also established "deliberation rooms" to promote physician biographies and life stories, enhancing medical humanities literacy. Kaohsiung City Library Yanchao Branch practices the concept of "rooted in the local community and connected to the community," using digital equality and intergenerational co-creation as its two main axes, creating a core community life that fosters senior learning and urban-rural co-prosperity. Tamkang University's Chueh Sheng Memorial Library, as well as pioneering a private school alliance co-construction system, collaborating with Soochow University and Ming Chuan University to achieve cross-school resource sharing, has also implemented the ISO9001 quality management system to optimize service process efficiency. Taichung Public Library's Shalu Shenbo Branch was built with donations from Vedan Enterprises Co., serving as a model of public-private cooperation to promote local reading culture, and also deeply cultivating film culture, thereby achieving cross-border international film and television exchanges; Taipei City Library's main branch drives sustainable operation through transformation, implementing a number of innovative policies, such as reading passbook points, and recreating a reader-

oriented service experience, greatly improving service efficiency and reader satisfaction.

Outstanding Library Supervisor Award: Shu Man Wang, Deputy Director of Taipei Public Library, plays a key role in promoting library service quality and sustainable governance, driving the systematization of library quality, and actively responding to readers' needs and improving service efficiency. Wenyu Huang, a section chief at the National Library of Public Information, has been deeply involved in the development of public libraries, implementing reading and digital equality, promoting cross-disciplinary innovative reading experiences, and deepening the information literacy of children in rural areas; Tzu-Yen Shih, Director of the Library of Buddhist Luminary Institute, is an important advocate of Buddhist library services, not only promoting Buddhism to enhance the international status of cultural assets, but also combining life education to promote mindfulness.

Outstanding Librarian Award: Hui Man Niu, editor at the National Central Library, dedicates herself to library services with her information expertise, utilizes artificial intelligence to assist in cataloging, actively establishes sharing networks and promotes the latest cataloging rules, moving towards international development. Hong Yuhan, planning specialist at Kaohsiung Public Library, connects local resources to create an urban reading platform, surmounting the public's impression of traditional libraries with innovation and interaction; Liu Yan K'ai, counselor at the National Library of Public Information, has combined modern technology to create the largest e-book lending platform in the country and pioneered AI services in public libraries, creating a model of smart public libraries.



Commemorative photo of award winners at the Third Ministry of Education Library Service Contribution Award Ceremony

This Library Contribution Award recognizes local government leaders who have driven the development of the library profession, as well as individuals and groups with influence and outstanding performance in various types of libraries. It is hoped that this commendation will effectively enhance the professional image of libraries, enable Taiwan's library system to move steadily forward in the tide of the times, and move towards becoming internationally competitive high-quality libraries, and continue, with professionalism and enthusiasm, to let the light of knowledge illuminate every corner of society.

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ National Central Library hosts the 2025 CCS Workshop for International Youth

To promote understanding and exchanges among young international scholars in the fields of Taiwanese humanities and sinology research, the Center for Chinese Studies at the National Central Library hosted the 2025 CCS Workshop for International Youth on October 23, 2025. The event attracted nearly 30 participants, including young students from the US, Europe, Japan, Vietnam, India, and Singapore, as well as scholarship recipients in Taiwan. Through specialist lectures and cultural visits, international scholars gained a deeper understanding of the diverse aspects of Taiwanese society.

In his address at the event, Han-Ching Wang, Director-General of the National Central Library, pointed out that the library has long promoted international connections between sinology and Taiwan studies, places particular emphasis on dialogue and cooperation among young scholars, and that Taiwan's ability to become an important international center for sinology research stems from four main advantages, which include: a research grant program launched in 1989, which has supported and hosted nearly 2,200 foreign scholars conducting research in Taiwan; the continued availability of over 13,000 ancient Chinese books and 7.5 million pages of digital archives, including images; the establishment of 54 Taiwan Resource Centers for Chinese Studies in 29 countries around the world to promote research; and the creation of a platform for cross-cultural knowledge exchange and cooperation through lectures, exhibitions, and international workshops. The

event was an important one in the promotion of young international scholars' understanding of the current state of Taiwan studies and their cultural context.

For the inaugural Global Sinology Alumni Lecture—The Chinese Civil War Exodus and the Making of Taiwan's Ethnicity—the invited speaker was Dominic Meng-Hsuan Yang, an associate professor in the department of history at the University of Missouri and visiting scholar funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2025 Taiwan Scholarship. Dr. Yang used the example of people who migrated to Taiwan during the Chinese Civil War to explore how war trauma and displacement experiences have shaped Taiwan's ethnic identity and historical memory. The lecture sparked a lively discussion among the attendees. Dr. Yi-Tze Lee, Head of the Department of Ethnic Relations and Cultural Studies at National Dong Hwa University, was invited to deliver the second lecture, on the theme of Taiwan Studies", and titled, "Situating Animal Kin in Urban Infrastructure: Three Stories of the Amis' Lifeworld and Their Entangled Indigeneity." Dr. Lee used the example of the Amis people's lives in urban spaces as a starting point, combining ethnographic and environmental anthropological perspectives to present the multifaceted coexistence of Taiwan's indigenous peoples alongside nature and cities in contemporary society.

In addition to academic lectures, participants also visited the National Central Library's themed exhibitions to learn about the library's collection features and digital archiving achievements. In the afternoon, they went to the Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines for a cultural tour and hands-on experience. Through hands-on participation in indigenous craft creation, the participants gained a deeper appreciation for the rich and diverse cultural heritage of Taiwan.



Students visit Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines and experience art creation