

In her remarks, Director-General Wang Han-ching of NCL noted that NCL has long been committed to digital archiving initiatives and, in recent years, has actively advanced a “digitization partnership” model, inviting participation from public and private institutions, academia, and individual contributors. Upon completion of the digitization process, the original materials are returned in full to the collaborating partner, while the resulting digital assets are made publicly accessible through NCL’s Taiwan Memory database or other in-house digital platforms. This approach enables broader and more convenient public access to Taiwan’s historical and cultural resources. The present project was undertaken within this digitization partnership framework. Beyond ensuring the long-term preservation of significant documentary materials, the collaboration also leverages NCL’s institutional role as a central knowledge hub, thereby facilitating deeper public and scholarly understanding of the historical development of Taiwan Theological College and Seminary.

President Wei-min Tsai of the Taiwan Theological College and Seminary observed that the Seminary, with a history spanning more than a century, stands as an educational institution that integrates historical legacy with spiritual reflection. He noted that the Seminary has long maintained a close collaborative relationship with NCL, built upon a solid foundation of cooperation in areas such as thesis deposit and open-access authorization, as well as interlibrary loan services. Through the present initiative, the Seminary seeks to draw upon NCL’s expertise and experience in digitization to further expand its academic and cultural connections both domestically and internationally through digital archiving. This collaboration is expected to contribute to the Seminary’s continued development, and President Tsai expressed his hope that it will serve as a starting point for broadening both the scope and depth of future partnerships.

Following the signing ceremony, Wu Kuo-an, Director of the Seminary’s Archives Center, introduced a selection of rare and valuable materials displayed at the venue. These included the minutes of the first through seventh General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church; *Stranger Than Fiction* by Reverend James Ira Dickson (1900-1967); *Lāi-gōa-kho Khàn-hō-hak* (Internal and Surgical Nursing), written in Peh-ōe-jī with the participation of Dr. George Gushue-Taylor (1883-1954); and Taiwan

Youth, for which Pei-huo Tsai served as editor-in-chief. Among the highlights was what may be regarded as the Seminary’s treasured masterpiece: the Minnan-English Chinese-Western Dictionary compiled by Dr. George L. Mackay, bearing his autograph on the inside page.



Director Wu Kuo-an of the Archives Center explaining significant items from the Seminary’s archival collections after the signing ceremony

■ Preserving the Memory of Light: The National Central Library and Taiwan Power Company Sign an Agreement on the Digitization of Electric Power Industry Documents

On the afternoon of December 18, 2025, a delegation from the Secretariat of Taiwan Power Company (Taipower), led by Director Chung-hsing Hu, paid a visit to NCL. Both parties reviewed the outcomes of the first phase of their collaboration on the digitization of electricity-related documents and discussed direction for future cooperation. During the meeting, Director-General Wang Han-ching presented a certificate of appreciation to Taipower.

Following the signing of a digitization cooperation agreement between NCL and Taipower in July 2025, the first phase of collaboration focused on the digitization of the display panels from the Dalin Simulation Operation Center electricity science exhibition and the visual records documenting the construction of Dajian Dam. These digitized materials are available through NCL’s Taiwan Memory platform. The display panels were originally in Dalin Power Plant. Completed in 1980, the panels introduced the history and development of electric power and were once used as educational materials for electricity science outreach

exhibitions at science education museums. Due to subsequent power plant reconstruction, the panels were placed in temporary storage for many years. As a result, the wooden panels suffered physical damage and partial content loss. In recognition of their historical and educational value, the panels were transferred in 2024 to the Taipower Electricity Heritage Center for preservation. NCL subsequently reconstructed the image content of these panels in the form of an e-book and made them available as part of its digital collections.



NCL and Taipower representatives making a lightning symbol after the signing ceremony

Dajian Dam, known today as Deji Reservoir located in the upper reaches of the Dajia River, is Taiwan's first dam constructed of concrete. With a height of 180 meters, it remains the tallest dam in Taiwan to this day. Construction of the Dajian Dam officially commenced in December 1969, reservoir impoundment began in December 1973, and the entire project was completed in September 1974. More than three hundred on-site construction photographs were taken during this period, providing a detailed visual record of the dam's construction process. The collection even includes documentation of flash floods caused by typhoons that submerged sections of the dam while it was still under construction. Both of the aforementioned project outcomes have now been fully cataloged and are available for public access and use through NCL's Taiwan Memory system.



A group photo of representatives from NCL and Taipower in front of the Dalin Simulation Operation Center display panels

Director-General Wang stated that NCL has long been committed to the acquisition of diverse types of materials, with the goal of developing NCL into a key hub for the preservation of knowledge across multiple fields. The collaboration with Taipower represents an important opportunity and outcome aligned with this developmental aim. Director Hu also expressed his pleasure at the existing foundation of cooperation between the two parties and his hope that the collaboration could be further expanded and deepened in the future. Through the preservation of documents related to the electric power industry, he noted, the public will be able to better recognize, understand, and connect with Taipower through the various exhibitions and activities jointly organized with NCL. Link to the Taipower Digitization Collaboration Results: <https://ncl.taipei/tmtp>

■ National Central Library and Fu Jen Catholic University Sign Collaborative Agreement to Digitize Rare Books and Historical Documents: Advancing Together the Digital Transmission of Diverse Religious and Cultural Collections

As 2025 marks the centennial anniversary of Fu Jen Catholic University, NCL and Fu Jen Catholic University held a "Signing Ceremony for Digitalization Cooperation on Rare Books and Historical Documents" on October 21, 2025, at the university. The cooperation agreement was jointly signed by NCL Director-General Han-Ching Wang and President I-Chen Lan of Fu Jen Catholic