

During the testimonial session, numerous colleagues shared their personal reflections, describing Director-General Wang as a leader who is not only professional and decisive but also deeply inclusive. These shared memories served as a testament to the vibrant and supportive environment she fostered during her tenure. In addition to spoken tributes, a collection of handwritten cards—representing the collective heartbeat of the NCL staff—was presented to the Director-General as a lasting memento.

The NCL as a "Long-term Knowledge Memory System"

In her farewell remarks, Director-General Wang expressed her appreciation to the Ministry of Education for the opportunity to contribute to the nation's core knowledge infrastructure. She observed that science and librarianship are kindred spirits: while science seeks structural accumulation, the NCL serves as the nation's "Long-term Knowledge Memory System." Her mission over the past two years was to harmonize "systems thinking" with the Library's traditional missions, ensuring that the logic of sustainable governance became a permanent fixture of the institution.

The "Athena" Spirit of Librarianship

Most notably, Director-General Wang likened the NCL staff to Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom, to define the height of their professional calling. She noted that like Athena, library professionals embody:

Rationality and Clarity: Maintaining composure and sound judgment in all tasks.

Strategy and Craftsmanship: Navigating complex information environments with precision.

Quiet Strength: Protecting the order of knowledge with resolute, unspoken power.

She emphasized that maintaining long-term order and institutional value is far more significant than seeking momentary acclaim. "The true challenge," she noted, "is not simply being seen, but remaining steadfast in one's professionalism even when misunderstood." She reaffirmed that the NCL is the central hub of national knowledge governance—a value built upon the dedication of every staff member.

Although her secondment has concluded, Director-General Wang remarked that her responsibility to the nation has no finish line. Even as she returns to her

research, she pledged to remain a lifelong advocate for the NCL, recognizing that a stable knowledge foundation is the bedrock of all national innovation.



A warm commemorative group photo of Director-General Han-Ching Wang and her dedicated NCL team, marking the conclusion of a successful two-year tenure

The reception concluded with a commemorative group photo, capturing a final, cherished moment of her tenure. Moving forward, the NCL staff will carry her vision and expectations, continuing to safeguard the light of knowledge in Taiwan with the wisdom and resilience of Athena.

■ From Oceania to the World: NCL and University of Hawaii at Manoa Sign Agreement to Establish a TRCCS

In an effort to deepen scholarly exchange between Taiwan and the United States, the National Central Library formally signed a cooperation agreement on November 17, 2025, with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM), the most representative research-intensive university in Hawai'i. Under this agreement, a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) was established at UHM's Hamilton Library. UHM also signed a memorandum of understanding to join the Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books developed by NCL. This collaboration not only brings Taiwan's high-quality scholarly resources to a key hub in the Pacific region and enables UHM's Chinese rare book collections to be shared with the global scholarly community, but also marks a new milestone in the partnership between the two libraries in the fields of library and cultural exchange as well as scholarly research.



NCL Director-General Wang with University Librarian Clem Guthro of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Given its unique geographic location, UHM plays a pivotal role in global research as a key hub linking Asia and the Pacific. Building on many years of cooperation between NCL and UHM in exchanging international publications, the establishment of the TRCCS represents a further deepening of collaboration between the two institutions. The agreement was jointly signed by Director-General Han-Ching Wang of the National Central Library and UHM Librarian Clem Guthro. With this partnership, UHM has also become the 55th overseas collaborative partner in NCL's global network of international resource centers.

Director Guthro noted that the UHM Library, as a vital partner in the University's scientific research, teaching, and learning missions, houses world-class collections encompassing materials on Hawai'i, Oceania, and the Pacific Islands, as well as books from countries across Asia. The library supports faculty, students, and researchers from around the world. In recent years, the UHM Library has launched the Library Treasures Initiative, dedicated to preserving, digitizing, and promoting its distinctive collections spanning Hawai'i, the Pacific, and Asia. With the establishment of the TRCCS, a wealth of scholarly output and digital resources from Taiwan will be introduced. This will significantly strengthen research capacity in Asia-Pacific regional studies.

In her remarks, Director-General Wang emphasized that Hawai'i and Taiwan share similar geographic characteristics, both occupying strategic positions at the heart of the Pacific Rim and bringing together rich multicultural traditions. She further noted that since the 1920s, the University of Hawai'i

has nurtured numerous scholars of Chinese studies in the United States. One notable example is Professor Albert E. Dien of Stanford University, who donated his lifelong personal library to NCL and began his academic teaching career at the University of Hawai'i in 1960–1961. Moreover, the University of Hawai'i's scholarly publications in Chinese studies and East Asian studies have frequently guided Taiwan's academic community in engaging with forward-looking trends in global humanities research. Looking ahead, NCL will continue to provide UHM with high-quality scholarly resources, enhance the international visibility of Taiwan's academic research, and inject new momentum into the development of Chinese studies and Taiwan studies across the Asia-Pacific region and worldwide.

To commemorate the signing of the agreement, NCL presented two sets of rare facsimiles: the Diamond Sutra, the earliest extant example of two-color printing, and the national treasure, the Annotated Poems of Su Dongpo, a Song-dynasty edition. These gifts symbolize a shared commitment to the transmission of knowledge and cultural exchange. The ceremony was also attended by Vice Provost Vassilis L. Syrmos of the University of Hawai'i, along with Director Shih-Jui Chang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu and Vice Consul Li-Chung Kang. All affirmed that the establishment of the TRCCS will help deepen Taiwan–U.S. relations and further strengthen the foundations of cultural exchange.



A group photo of distinguished guests at the inauguration ceremony of the Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Hawai'i

■ National Central Library Donates a Taiwan Corner to Hawaii State Library, Promoting Cultural Exchange in the Pan-Pacific Region

On November 17, 2025 (local time), NCL held a Taiwan Corner donation ceremony at the Hawaii State Library. On this occasion, NCL donated a selection