

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

University, marking a collaborative effort to advance the digital preservation of valuable collections and the transmission of cultural heritage. This signing not only highlights the shared commitment of both institutions to safeguarding cultural assets but also symbolizes a new milestone in the preservation and transmission of knowledge.



*Both parties signing the collaborative agreement*

NCL Director-General Wang stated that this signing represents a further step forward in cooperation between the two institutions, expanding from earlier collaboration in talent cultivation to the digital preservation of rare books and historical documents. The digital outputs centered on Buddhist intellectual collections fully demonstrate Fu Jen Catholic University's respect for and promotion of religious and cultural diversity. Director-General Wang also expressed appreciation for Fu Jen Catholic University's long-term commitment to the preservation of cultural collections, which enables human wisdom and knowledge to continue to be transmitted in the digital age.

Founded in 1925, Fu Jen Catholic University has now completed a full century of education. Since its establishment, the University has upheld its motto, "Truth, Goodness, Beauty, and Holiness," grounding itself in faith and centering on academic excellence, while dedicating itself to holistic education and international exchange and nurturing generations of outstanding students. Its Department of Library and Information Science, in particular, has long been a vital incubator for the field of library science in Taiwan, producing many highly qualified professionals. NCL has maintained a strong and longstanding partnership with Fu Jen University Library and the Department of Library and Information Science, yielding substantial achievements in collection preservation, information

services, and scholarly research. The smooth advancement of this collaboration was made possible thanks to the strong support and assistance of President I-Chen Lan of Fu Jen Catholic University and the Director of Shunde Library.

In his remarks, President Lan stated that it was both an honor and a privilege to initiate cooperation with NCL on the occasion of Fu Jen Catholic University's centennial anniversary. He noted that the signing of the MOU marks a new starting point for collaboration between the two institutions, and expressed the hope that exchanges would continue to deepen through additional projects in collection preservation and research promotion. President Lan also thanked NCL for facilitating this culturally significant partnership, which will allow Fu Jen Catholic University's valuable documents to be permanently preserved in digital form and made openly accessible.

As part of this digitization project, Fu Jen Catholic University Library has contributed a number of rare holdings of significant scholarly and cultural value, encompassing early works in the humanities and religious studies and reflecting a profound academic legacy. Examples include *The Great Treatise on the Stages of the Path to Enlightenment* (translated by Venerable Fazun in 1936), which represents a modern interpretation of a Buddhist classic; *The Awakening of Faith in the Mahāyāna* with translation and commentary by Ui Hakuju, and *Studies in Mahāyāna Buddhist Thought* by Kimura Taiken, both of which constitute foundational works in Japanese Buddhist studies. Other titles, such as *Lectures on Chinese Buddhism and Further Studies in East Asian Thought*, reflect the deep intellectual dialogue between China and Japan in the 1930s. These documents not only are highly valuable in terms of research but also record important historical contexts of interaction in East Asian religion and thought. The digitized results will be made available through NCL's public databases, including the Taiwan Chinese E-book Database and the Taiwan Memory System, enabling immediate open access and resource sharing. This initiative embodies the core spirit of safeguarding culture through technology and transmitting knowledge through concrete action.



*A group photo after the signing ceremony*

NCL will continue to work hand in hand with universities and cultural institutions to advance the digital preservation and application of valuable documents, allowing Taiwan's cultural heritage to shine anew in the digital age.

### ■ 2025 NBINet Meeting of Directors of Partner Organizations Draws to a Successful Conclusion

The 2025 National Bibliographic Information Network "Partner Curator Conference" was held on the afternoon of October 30th in the International Conference Hall of the National Central Library. In his opening remarks, Han-Ching Wang, Director-General of the National Central Library, expressed his gratitude to the directors and representatives of partner libraries from all over the country for their participation. He then introduced the three new partner libraries that joined the network in 2025: the Office of Library and Information Services of National Yunlin University of Science and Technology, the library of the Cultural Affairs Bureau of Hsinchu City, and the library of the National Museum of Taiwan History. This brings the total number of partner libraries to 124. With the joint efforts of various libraries over the years, the catalogue records have exceeded 16 million entries.

The meeting saw enthusiastic involvement from the directors of all participating libraries. Four agenda proposals were discussed, all of which were successfully passed. These proposals included: revising the key points of collaborative cataloging, refining the presentation of bibliographic data after the system redesign, establishing an "NBINet System Construction Consulting Working Group," and formulating NBINet cataloging principles.

As the National Central Library is currently constructing its Southern Branch and Joint Collection Center in Xinying, Tainan, the attendees showed great

interest, and Director-General Wang was specially invited to give a briefing, introducing the overall planning and features of the Southern Branch, such as the library space design and the first digital object preservation mechanism in Taiwan. He also shared the National Central Library's recent innovative achievements in the field of information organization, including the intelligent subject cataloging standard query and analysis recommendation system, the revision of the Chinese Book Classification System, the ISBN and ISRC system integration platform, and the redesign and construction of the NBINet Union Catalog System.

Four awards were presented: the "Golden Volume Award" was given to libraries that uploaded the most bibliographic data in 2024, ranking in the top ten of all types of libraries, with a total of 13 libraries; the "Golden Heart Award" was awarded to libraries

that uploaded data every month in 2024; of which there were a total of 37; the "Golden Prestige Award" was awarded to libraries that provided authoritative records of Chinese titles in 2024, of which there were a total of five; and the "Golden Creation Award" was awarded to libraries that adopted the RDA standard for Chinese book cataloging, of which there were a total of 17.

In addition, another key focus of the meeting was the re-election of the decision-making committee. With the assistance of the vote counters, the voting and counting process was successfully completed, and the 12th decision-making committee was elected, including two members each from public and specialized libraries, and eight members from university and college libraries. The committee members will serve their terms from 2026 to 2027. The meeting concluded perfectly amidst applause for the newly available election results.



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