

of high-quality publications from Taiwan along with a dedicated display bookshelf. In return, the Hawaii State Library presented 22 volumes related to Hawaii's local history and culture, exemplifying the true spirit of international cultural exchange.

NCL Director-General Han-Ching Wang noted that the Hawaii State Library has long been dedicated to the sharing of knowledge and plays an irreplaceable role in the local community. This mission closely aligns with the objectives of the Taiwan Corner, which seeks to promote cultural exchange through reading and books. The donated publications span a wide range of fields, including Taiwanese literature, history, art, nature, and the social sciences and humanities, and are intended to serve as a starting point for readers in Hawaii to gain an understanding of Taiwan's culture.

Stacey A. Aldrich, State Librarian of the Hawaii State Library System, likewise remarked that the Hawaiian Islands, standing in the Pacific Ocean, share natural and cultural affinities with Taiwan. Both are island societies characterized by high mountains and surrounding seas, rich historical and cultural traditions, indigenous heritage, and the beauty of literature. She expressed confidence that the Taiwan Corner will greatly enhance local residents' interest in and understanding of Taiwan, while further enriching the Library's Asian-language collections. Accordingly, the Library reciprocated by presenting a total of 22 volumes related to Hawaii's geography, culture, and history, with the hope of fostering deeper mutual understanding.

In recent years, NCL has actively expanded its international outreach. Through the Taiwan Corner initiative, NCL partners with outstanding libraries around the world, annually donating high-quality publications from Taiwan—including children's picture books and Chinese-language learning materials—as seeds planted abroad. Through these efforts, NCL hopes to add diverse channels for the dissemination of culture and the promotion of international cultural exchange.



Dignitaries at the Taiwan Corner donation ceremony at Hawaii State Library

Following the ceremony, Director-General Wang engaged in professional exchanges with State Librarian Aldrich and Baron Baroza, Director of the Hawaii State Library, with discussions covering areas such as makerspaces, digital collections, and collection development. The exchange was cordial and productive. The donation ceremony was also attended by distinguished guests, including Director Shih-Jui Chang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu and Vice Consul Li-Chung Kang, underscoring the government's support for cultural initiatives and international exchange.



Hawaii State Library reciprocated with a donation of 22 books

■ **NCL Hosts Online Lecture by State Librarian of Queensland Vicki McDonald**

To promote international exchange among local libraries and enhance these librarians' understanding of key trends in global library and information development, NCL invited Ms. Vicki McDonald, State Librarian of Queensland and former President of IFLA, to deliver an online lecture and engage in scholarly exchange on October 28, 2025.



Vicki McDonald, State Librarian of Queensland, during her lecture

During the lecture, NCL Director-General Han-Ching Wang first delivered opening remarks and introduced the guest speaker, Director McDonald. Drawing on her extensive professional experience in library practice, Director McDonald presented a lecture entitled “Libraries of Influence: Innovation, Inclusion, and Impact—The Case of the State Library of Queensland,” offering an in-depth exploration of how libraries can exert meaningful social influence.

In her lecture, Director McDonald first outlined the challenges of serving library users by examining Queensland’s geographic and demographic characteristics. She then introduced the State Library of Queensland’s vision and strategic objectives, and discussed how libraries can achieve these goals within the framework of UNESCO’s Public Library Manifesto and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She also shared numerous case studies illustrating how the State Library of Queensland designs and delivers user-centered services.

The keynote lecture underscored that the core value of libraries extends far beyond serving merely as repositories of collections; it lies in ensuring that everyone has free and equitable access to culture and knowledge. The State Library of Queensland focuses its services on children, families, students, and digitally disadvantaged communities. Through its spaces and services, the Library actively promotes social equity, inclusion, and interaction, while enriching the public’s reading experiences and quality of life.

During the post-lecture Q&A session moderated by Director-General Wang, engaged participants raised a wide range of insightful and in-depth questions. Topics included how institutional vision can be translated into daily operations and staff actions, whether the Library’s partnerships extend to cross-sector or cross-departmental collaboration, and strategies for outreach to adolescent audiences, among others. Director McDonald responded to each question with detailed explanations and thoughtful feedback, enabling participants to gain substantial insights from the exchange.



A view of the active Q&A session after the lecture

■ Academician Yi-Chiu Liao, the Father of Taiwan Aquaculture, Donates Personal Manuscripts and Research Materials to NCL, Marking a Major Milestone in the Transmission of National Scholarship and History

On the morning of November 11, 2025, NCL held a donation ceremony for the personal manuscripts and scholarly research materials of Academician Yi-Chiu Liao, known as the “Father of Taiwan Aquaculture.” Academician Liao was the first member of Academia Sinica elected for his contributions in the field of aquaculture research. His work brought numerous innovations and breakthroughs to Taiwan’s agriculture and aquaculture industries, laying a vital foundation for the development of the nation’s agricultural and fisheries sectors. His contributions are outstanding. In addition, Academician Liao is the first life sciences academician to donate his complete collection of personal manuscripts and academic research materials to NCL. This act symbolizes his deep commitment to scholarly research, educational legacy, and the enduring transmission of knowledge.

NCL Director-General Han-Ching Wang noted that the materials donated by Academician Liao are exceptionally rich in content, encompassing manuscripts, experimental notebooks, instructional materials, unpublished hand-drawn illustrations of groupers, and significant published works. These are from his time as an undergraduate and graduate student, as well as when he was at the Fisheries Research Institute. They span the fields of aquaculture and agricultural science. These materials not only comprehensively document the course of Taiwan’s agricultural science and technology development, but also vividly reflect a scholar’s steadfast commitment and passion for the pursuit of knowledge and the transmission of education. This valuable body of materials will serve as a crucial foundation for scholars and historians studying the history of agricultural and aquaculture development in Taiwan. It will also hold profound and enduring significance for future research into Taiwan’s agricultural economy and related academic fields.