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Huang Ching-Hsiang's Lecture: A Historical Journey Along the Coast of Lambai Island

Another highlight of the opening program was the lecture “A Coastal Journey Through Lambai Island—From the Present to the Past,” delivered by Ching-hsiang Huang, a local historian and cultural researcher of Lambai Island. Beginning with the island’s western coastline, Huang guided the audience through its natural landscapes and historical context, offering an in-depth exploration of the interconnections between the surrounding marine environment and the island’s cultural development. His engaging and richly informed presentation deepened the audience’s understanding of Lambai Island’s cultural heritage and inspired greater awareness of marine conservation and historical preservation.

Spatial design and cultural aesthetics

The spatial design of the exhibition artfully integrates natural scenery with cultural elements. The exhibition area at Pingtung County Library’s main branch is complemented by installation art featuring indigenous triangular motifs, along with the shifting shadows cast by the large camphor tree outdoors. Together, these elements evoke the sensation of stepping into a forest where nature and culture are intricately interwoven. Within this thoughtfully conceived setting, visitors experience not only the seamless continuity between ocean and history, but also an immersive encounter with indigenous cultural aesthetics. The result is an exhibition environment distinguished by heightened artistic expression and a strong sense of immersion.



A guided tour through “Marine Life: Medicine or Not?”

Long-term Archival, Safeguarding Against Decay: NCL and Taiwan Theological College and Seminary Sign Digitization Partnership Agreement

In an effort to continue the acquisition and digital archival of documents and visual resources at NCL, Director-General Han-Ching Wang led a delegation to the Taiwan Theological College and Seminary on the afternoon of December 19, 2025, where both parties signed a digital collaboration agreement.



NCL and the Taiwan Theological College and Seminary with their signed agreements

The origins of Taiwan Theological College and Seminary can be traced to the itinerant theological education initiated in Tamsui by the Canadian Presbyterian missionary George L. Mackay (1844–1901). In 1882, supported by funds raised in his hometown, Mackay established the institution’s predecessor, Oxford College, in Tamsui—now preserved as Oxford College of Aletheia University. With the subsequent growth of the church and urban expansion, the institution relocated to the Shuanglian area of Taipei and was reorganized as Taipei Theological School, becoming a major center for theological education in northern Taiwan. Its operations were suspended during the Second World War, but the school resumed classes in 1945 following the war’s end. It was formally renamed Taiwan Theological College and Seminary and, in 1956, moved to its present campus at Ling-tou on Yangmingshan, where it continues to advance theological education and cultivate religious leadership to this day.

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