

All five keynote lectures were conducted in English, featuring scholars from Taiwan and Singapore who shared their latest research and practical experience. Professor Hsin-Chieh Lee, Director of the Institute of Technology Management at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, discussed “Development Trends in Library 4.0,” analyzing how libraries can achieve intelligence and innovation in the digital age. Assistant Professor Wei-Ning Cheng of National Taiwan Normal University and Professor Chris Khoo of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (joining online), jointly explored “The Integration of Generative Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge Graphs,” examining the impact of AI on knowledge organization and service models.

Assistant Professor Chia-Ling Chang of Tamkang University presented “Applications and Challenges of Artificial Intelligence in Digital Humanities,” discussing the practical applications of AI in cultural preservation and digital humanities, as well as the challenges involved. Yi-Chen Wu, Consultant to the Digital Publishing Committee of the Chinese Book Publishers Association, analyzed the integration of digital publishing and library services and offer perspectives on the future development of scholarly resources. Professor Chih-Ming Chen of National Chengchi University delivered a presentation titled “Applications of Artificial Intelligence and the Metaverse in Libraries,” examining the impact of virtual-physical integration on library services and operations.



Expert Faculty Lead Instruction on the AI Wave

In addition to the keynote lectures, participants visited the Taipei International Book Exhibition to experience firsthand the latest developments in Taiwan’s publishing industry and the advancement of Chinese-language scholarly resources. On the afternoon of the third day, they toured the newly

inaugurated National Archives to gain insight into Taiwan’s achievements in archival preservation, digital governance, and the transmission of cultural memory.

This seminar not only demonstrates NCL’s commitment to advancing international scholarly exchange but also promotes the practice of human-AI collaboration. Through diverse international perspectives, NCL strengthens its partnerships with libraries around the world and provides a forward-looking practical framework for how libraries globally can balance innovation with their core values in the age of AI.

■ **National Central Library’s Center for Chinese Studies Participates in the AAS Annual Conference Book Fair in Vancouver**

"To disseminate Taiwan’s academic achievements in the humanities, the National Central Library (NCL) dispatched a delegation to Vancouver, Canada, to attend the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference held from March 12 to 15, 2026. This year’s book fair showcased 400 titles (433 volumes) of high-quality publications in Sinology and Taiwan Studies from the past three years. Additionally, a book donation ceremony for the University of Alberta was held on the afternoon of March 12. The ceremony was presided over by Angel Liu, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vancouver, with Professor Daniel Fried representing the University of Alberta to accept the donation."



National Central Library Showcases Taiwan’s Academic Research and Publishing Achievements at the AAS Annual Conference

Established in 1941, the AAS is a leading global organization for Asian research. Its annual March conference is a key platform for academic exchange and a significant hub for library professionals. With nearly 700 sessions featuring paper presentations, panels, and poster sessions, this year's conference has drawn more than 3,000 attendees, including scholars, researchers, librarians, and publishers from across the world.

Acting Director-General Chih-Tsung Weng of the NCL highlighted a long-standing 10-year partnership with the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation to showcase Taiwan's research at the AAS. This collaboration focuses on promoting Taiwan's scholarly output and academic resources globally. A key highlight is the formation of the 'Taiwan Team,' a strategic alliance with Academia Sinica Press and NTU Press. This 'Taiwan Team' acts as a vital backbone for Taiwanese scholars attending international events overseas and offers foreign researchers a 'one-stop' comprehensive consultation service before they arrive in Taiwan for their studies.

The University of Alberta, a key hub for Sinology with Canada's second-largest library system, has been a Taiwan Resource Center for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) partner since 2024. The donation was accepted by Professor Daniel Fried, who has a personal connection to the NCL as a former research fellow in Taiwan. Professor Fried emphasized that the TRCCS has already strengthened the ties between the two institutions. He added that this new influx of curated books will significantly bolster their current physical and digital holdings, creating more opportunities for students and researchers to engage with high-quality Taiwanese scholarship.



Guests gather for a group photo following the conclusion of the donation ceremony

Alongside the NCL delegation led by Senior Editor Dr. Wen-De Huang, the ceremony featured key representatives from Taiwan's top academic

publishers: Ren-Yuan Li (Associate Research Fellow and Library Director) for Academia Sinica Press and Editor Li-Wei Hong for NTU Press. To further foster connections, the NCL organized a Taiwan-themed tea reception at the conference venue. By showcasing the specialized archives and the rich cultural and natural landscape of Taiwan, the reception successfully drew a crowd of international scholars and librarians for enthusiastic dialogue and networking.

■ National Central Library Attends 2026 Charleston Conference Asia in Thailand, Presenting Innovative AI-Powered Library Services

The inaugural Charleston Conference Asia was held in Bangkok, Thailand from January 26 to 28, 2026, marking the first time this annual meeting of library professionals was held in Asia. The conference gathered experts in academia, publishing, and library sciences from around the world with a mission to promote exchange of experience with a focus on the trends and challenges in Asia, the Middle East, and African regions. The conference focused on three key topics: the challenges and influence of artificial intelligence, academic equity, and sustainable development goals.

National Central Library Director-General Han-Ching Wang was invited to participate in the session "Transforming Academic Libraries with AI: The Taiwan Experience in Literacy, Services, Knowledge Organization, and Competencies." The session was held from 10:45 to 11:30 on January 27, hosted by Hao-Ren Ke, Dean of the School of Learning Informatics, National Taiwan Normal University and included four presentations to explore how libraries can transform services in the age of AI, introducing AI technologies and adding value to existing services.



Four speakers from Taiwan share their practical experiences of "Transforming Academic Libraries with AI"