

National Central Library

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Spotlights

■ NCL Presents “Golden Radiance with the Hidden Dragon’s Blessing” Special Exhibit at the Taipei International Book Exhibition

National Central Library has long upheld its mission to collect, preserve, and transmit books and culture. In recent years, NCL has worked to actively expand the scope of their services, and on February 3, 2026, NCL held the “Golden Radiance with the Hidden Dragon’s Blessing” Special Exhibit at booth D209 in Taipei World Trade Center Exhibition Hall 1. The exhibit not only displayed a visionary preview of the upcoming Southern Branch of the National Central Library & National Repository Library, it also integrated polarized light visuals to present precious valuable historical documents to the public, including the manuscripts of former Academia Sinica President T. Lee Yuan and Academia Sinica fellow I-Chiu Liao as well as ancient texts in an innovative exhibition format.



A group photo with esteemed guests at the opening ceremony

Many esteemed guests from Taiwan and other countries attended the opening ceremony, including Ministry of Education Director General Hsueh-Cheng Liang, Academia Historica President Yi-Shen Chen, former NCL Director General Han-Ching Wang, National Taiwan Arts Education Center Director General Bo-Yan Lee, as well as Bureau Français de Taipei Director Franck Paris, Swedish Trade & Invest Council Representative Margot Helena Elisabeth Reitberger, Mexican Economic Promotion Section Second Secretary Francisco Martinez, Czech Economic and Cultural Office Representative David Steinke, and EU Erasmus+ Coordinator Marc Chia-Ching Cheng. Representatives

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from the publishing industry included Children's Publications Co., Ltd CEO Robert Lin, China Times Publishing Co. Chairman Cheng-Ming Chao, Taiwan Book Distribution Association Chairman Tsai-Hsing Lee, and many other members of the library community who came together for this grand event.

NCL Acting Director-General Dr. Chih-Tsung Weng noted that NCL is an annual participant in TIBE and even hosted the event at its facilities in its first year. The name of this year's TIBE exhibit, "Golden Radiance with the Hidden Dragon's Blessing" creatively incorporates the location of the Southern Branch in Tainan's Xinying District by referencing nearby "Golden Radiance Road" and using a homophone for "Xinying" in the Mandarin title. The theme symbolizes the convergence of national level collection resources in this location, like the blessing of a hidden dragon, waiting to make its majestic appearance. The Southern Branch will bring together support and academic resources from diverse fields, including manuscripts of many Academia Sinica fellows and Agricultural Research Institute archives, laying a foundation and building deeper roots for academic research and culture. MOE Director General Liang pointed out that the Southern Branch will include innovative spatial design and smart services, further establishing mechanisms for access to rare publications and digital resources, displaying NCL's deep commitment to actively going above and beyond in their institutional duties.



A corner of the exhibit

Former NCL Director-General Han-Ching Wang shared that the inspiration behind this exhibit was to subvert the notion that we only go to book exhibitions "to look at books." Through polarized light visuals and interactive filter designs, the exhibit guided visitors to experience imagery from different perspectives, challenging traditional modes of

viewing and allowing people living in this digital age to gain a new recognition of the meaning and value of NCL. The 2026 International Seminar for East Asian Library Professional Librarians was also held during this year's TIBE and participating colleagues were impressed by Taiwan's innovative exhibition ideas, together sharing their rich exhibition experiences.

Corresponding with the exhibit theme, NCL organized an international salon keynote session on February 8 from 16:30-17:30, inviting Professor Hsu-Cheng Hsu of National Cheng Kung University to share his experience in applying photonics research to entertaining science education endeavors with his keynote entitled: "Light up the Planets with The Little Prince: The Dancing Magic of Light." NCL sincerely invited members of the public to attend the keynote to learn how the Southern Branch will serve as a new vital force in the connecting of knowledge, culture, and society, and to eagerly anticipate the new sparks of knowledge the Southern Branch will ignite upon its completion.

■ National Central Library Honors: Bronze Award for Best Booth Design at the 2026 Taipei International Book Exhibition

The results for the 2026 Taipei International Book Exhibition (TIBE) Best Booth Design Awards have been officially announced. The National Central Library (NCL) is proud to have been awarded the Bronze Medal in the Small and Medium Booth category. Acting Director-General Chih-Tsung Weng represented the library at the awards ceremony held on the afternoon of February 8.



Acting Director-General Dr. Chih-Tsung Weng (second from left) leads the National Central Library team at the awards ceremony