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NCL Launches New Information Systems

During the celebration of its 70th anniversary on April 21 this year, the National Central Library launched two timely information systems—"Taiwan Memory" and "Taiwan Info".

Taiwan Memory was established to serve as a digital archive of documents and other materials on Taiwan history with the objective of preserving Taiwan's historical memory. The system includes text, image and audio materials in digital form and presented in the topical areas of people, events, eras, places, and objects. This material is supplemented by various "Special Digital Collections" and linked with the extensive research documents stored at the NCL to comprehensively present the perspectives, attitudes, and faiths of Taiwan at different stages of its history.

The distinguishing traits of the Taiwan Memory and Taiwan Info systems are as follows:

1. The systems comprise extensive text, audio, and still and animated image content, including nearly 40 years of local television news material and programs tracing back to the beginning of TV broadcasting in Taiwan.
2. Both systems were developed in accordance with a well-designed digital preservation plan covering information organization, value adding, searching, knowledge collection and other applications, technical standards and criteria for digital conversion of materials, copyright management, and dissemination of digital information. Accessible through the NCL website, this rich collection of resources presents a living portrait of Taiwan's past in the hope of awakening

public interest in the preservation of local history.

In order to enrich the historical materials included in the Taiwan Memory system, the NCL will cooperate with other libraries, the cultural bureaus of county and city governments, local document and history workshops, and news broadcasters. In addition, it will continue digitalizing and arranging relevant materials, such as old maps and photographs of Taiwan, engravings, and rubbings. The library also welcomes private collectors with unique resources to contribute to the building of this collective historical memory of Taiwan.

The Taiwan Info system was established as a resource to expand basic knowledge of Taiwan among the general public and provide information to facilitate Taiwan studies, consistent with the NCL's knowledge management role.

The content of Taiwan Info is divided into the following three topics:

1. Getting to Know Taiwan: This section provides a basic introduction to Taiwan as well as information on the natural beauty, geography and history of Taiwan.
2. Government and Laws: This section introduces the constitution, laws and regulations resources, government organizations, government gazettes, statistics, elections, and other information on Taiwan.
3. News: From this section, users can conduct integrated searches of government news releases and look up hot news issues in Taiwan and cross-strait news.

Breaking news, weather information, links to domestic media and government news websites, and other related information can also be accessed from this section.

In future the NCL will continue to enrich the content of Taiwan Info, as well as link the system with other related online information and resources in the NCL collection. In this way, the system hopes to serve as a basic learning resource for the public to develop an overall understanding of Taiwan, as well as to provide a guide and starting point for more in-depth study on specific topics concerning Taiwan.

