

A Decade of the Rare Books Digitization at the National Central Library: Sharing and Collaboration

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In order to better preserve the precious rare collection, the National Central Library (NCL) have participated the National Archives Digitization Pilot Project with its Chinese rare books collection since 2001. Followed by the National Digital Archives Program (NDAP, 2002-2007) supported by the National Science Council, and the Taiwan E-Learning and Digital Archives Program (TELDAP, 2008-2012), NCL continues their participation with additional collections such as journals and newspapers, local documents, government gazetteers and statistics, etc. And, at the same time, Ministry of Education has also input continue funding support for the NCL to further sketch out the blueprint to advance its digital archive plan for more collection.

The rare collections at the NCL mainly include 41,974 titles of rare books and 6,493 titles of rubbings. Over the past 10 years, the rare materials digitized have reached up to 5,240,718 pages (over 7000 titles) of rare books and 18,501 pages of rubbings.

In this poster, we will focus especially on the sharing and collaboration that we have established through the past 10 years and some of our eBooks and mobile application effort. The outline will include: the domestic & international collaboration on digitization, the international digital content sharing, the collaboration on publishing, and the eBooks and other mobile applications.