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In order to honor its legislative spirit and implement the spirit of the Archives Act, promote public access to the archives, and optimize develop the evidential functions of archives in administrative on and historically aspects of archives, according to the regulations of Archives Act, we collect and transfer the government agency archives which have to be permanently preserved. We also accept donations, trusteeship and acquisition of valuable documents from private sectors to ensure the archives worthy of with long term preservation value to be properly stored preserved and to be utilized after charting description, arrangement and conservation. Up to now, 24 categories of approximately 25.7 kilometers of archives are collected by National Archives Administration, including those related with government policies, interior affairs, judicial and legal affairs, legislative and control affairs.

To facilitate public access to the archives, the latest information about the national archives has been provided since 2010 by the quarterly the National Archives Newsletter. A total of 166.369 m length of archives (18 major categories) was preserved between January and March 2021. The source agencies, content summaries, information period and lengths of these acquisitions are listed in the table below:

1. Government Policy : The total length of archives is 0.62 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
National Security Bureau	Including Anti-Communism National Salvation meetings, South-East District Intelligence meetings, etc.	39-81	0.62

2. Judicial and Legal Affairs : The total length of archives is 2.69 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Taiwan Nantou District Court	Including applications for compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment, etc.	86-103	1.41
Ministry of Justice	Including legislations for admission to GATT and WTO, etc.	81-88	1.28

3. Recruitment, Qualification and Personnel Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.865 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Civil Service Protection and Training Commission	Including regulation revision and repeal for public servant insurance and training, etc.	78-79	0.08
Examination Yuan	Including regulation revision for retired civil servants, legislator consulting, etc.	43-108	0.535
Ministry of Civil Service	Including ambiguity clarification concerning pension calculation, clarification concerning employment seniority, etc.	49-105	0.25

4. Interior Affairs : The total length of archives is 6.4 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Ministry of the Interior	Including tenancy related regulation of the 37.5% Arable Rent Reduction Act, amendment of the 37.5% Arable Rent Reduction Act, laws for land reform and expropriation, etc.	35-87	6.4

5. Foreign and Overseas Community Affairs : The total length of archives is 1.16 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Including invitations to visit Germany, France and the United States of America, etc.	53-79	1.16

6. National Defense and Veterans Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.10 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Taipei Veterans Home, Veterans Affairs Commission	Including tenders for the brick factory, etc.	45-48	0.1

7. Fiscal and Financial Affairs : The total length of archives is 115.215 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Central Region Branch, National Property Administration, MOF	Including processing of confiscated properties, etc.	52-69	0.015
Taoyuan Printing Plant, Taiwan Tobacco and Liquor Corporation	Including industrial safety and hygiene, management and labor councils, promotions and exhibitions, etc.	76-81	30.8
Taichung Distillery, Taiwan Tobacco and Liquor Corporation	Including provincial governor instructions, various welfare subsidies, product quality improvement examinations, material inventory, etc.	76-81	21.2
FengYuan Cigarette R&D Plant, Taiwan Tobacco and Liquor Corporation	Including articles of organization, costs survey of tobacco industry, area of tobacco cultivation, etc.	76-84	63.2

8. Education and Sports Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.045 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
National Chung Hsing University	Including project for investigation and prevention of CCP penetration.	64-76	0.045

9. Economic and Trade Affairs : The total length of archives is 2.21 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Northern Region Water Resources Office, Water Resources Agency, Ministry of Economic Affairs	Including U.S. Aid loans, taking over the committee of the construction of Shihmen Reservoir, regulation for catchment area, organization structure and function, etc.	52-79	2.21

10. Transportation and Public Works Affairs : The total length of archives is 7.55 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Central Weather Bureau, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Taiwan Railways Administration, Ministry of Transportation and Communications	Including the law concerning weather forecast, Taipei Railway and MRT System project, mountain line double-track railway project, the completion and commencement of the South-Link Line Railway, etc.	67-81	2.35
Directorate General of Highways, Ministry of Transportation and Communications	Including seal usage, employee appointing and dismissal, real estate central catalog, etc.	35-67	5.2

11. Culture and Media Affairs : The total length of archives is 1.26 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
National Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall	Including the construction of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall, the project for Chinese Cultural Renaissance Movement, the bronze statue of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, etc.	53-61	1.26

12. Health Care Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.13 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Ministry of Health and Welfare, Eastern Region Senior Citizens' Home, Ministry of Health and Welfare	Including mountain hygiene, construction and maintenance, etc.	45-69	0.13

13.Environmental Resource Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.745 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Atomic Energy Council of Executive Yuan, Fuel Cycle and Materials Administration, Atomic Energy Council, Executive Yuan, Radiation Monitoring Center, Atomic Energy Council, Executive Yuan	Including planning of land disposal of radioactive materials, research of ultimate disposal of radioactive materials, etc.	50-79	0.745

14.Marine Affairs : The total length of archives is 1.29 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Fleet Branch, Coast Guard Administration, Ocean Affairs Council	Including major security tasks, coastal defense task force, criminal investigation, etc.	72-81	1.29

15.Agriculture Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.654 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Animal Health Research Institute, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, Tea Research and Extension Station, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, Taitung District Agricultural Research and Extension Station, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan	Including organization articles and personnel, research of tea production improvement, tea breeding and cultivation, and plan of tea cultivation in Showa period, appropriation for public security, etc.	11-88	0.654

16. Local Affairs : The total length of archives is 18.765 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Suao Township Office, Yilan County, Public Works Department, New Taipei City Government, Siaogang District Office, Kaohsiung City, Chiayi City Government, etc.	Including the meeting minutes of the Suao harbor construction, Hongmaogang relocation, Dachen Yibao new village housing, etc.	39-83	0.995
Department of Land Administration of Taoyuan city	Including land expropriation for Shihmen Reservoir, etc.	47	3.2
Lienchiang County Government	Including books of accounts, general accounting reports, etc.	71-86	1.74
Department of Rapid Transit Systems, Taipei City Government	Including the traffic planning of area along the rapid transit lines, annual plans, etc.	75-78	6.03
Department of Land Administration of Tainan city	Including leasing of public lands, property registration, land expropriation, 37.5% Arable Rent Deduction, etc.	35-41	6.8

17. Political Affairs : The total length of archives is 1.87 meters

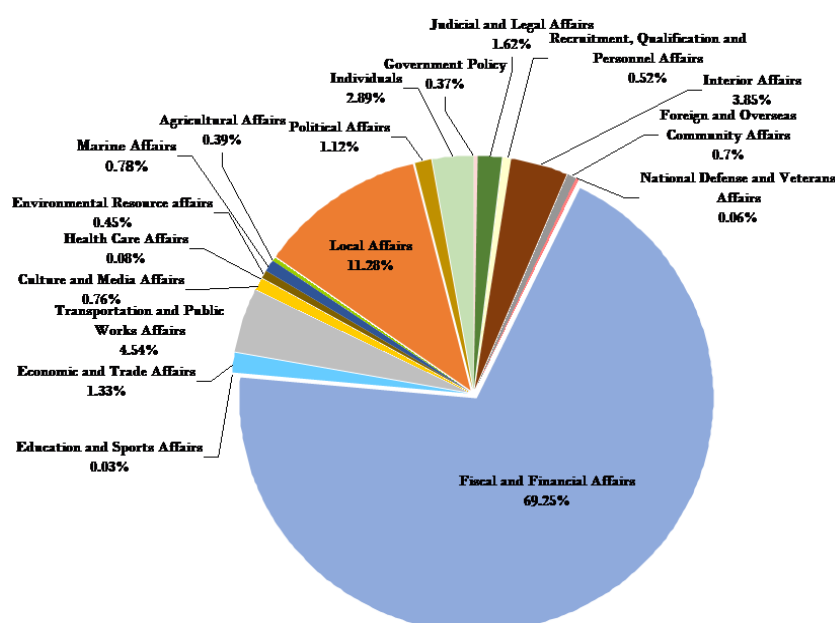
Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Examination Yuan, Dongshih Forest District Office, Forest Bureau, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, Taiwan High Prosecutors Office, Fleet Branch, Coast Guard Administration, Ocean Affairs Council, Banqiao Household Registration Office, etc.	Including the Japanese soldiers and the 228 incident, cases of rebels, investigation of the rebels' property, donation from overseas compatriots, research reports of National Security Agency, major security tasks, coastal defense task force, criminal investigation, etc.	36-100	1.87

18.Individuals : The total length of archives is 4.8 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Luzhou Lee's Historic Site Maintenance Foundation (General Lee Yu-pang)	Including medical books, badges, medal, Taiwan revolutionary movement, land deeds, etc.	5-28	4.8

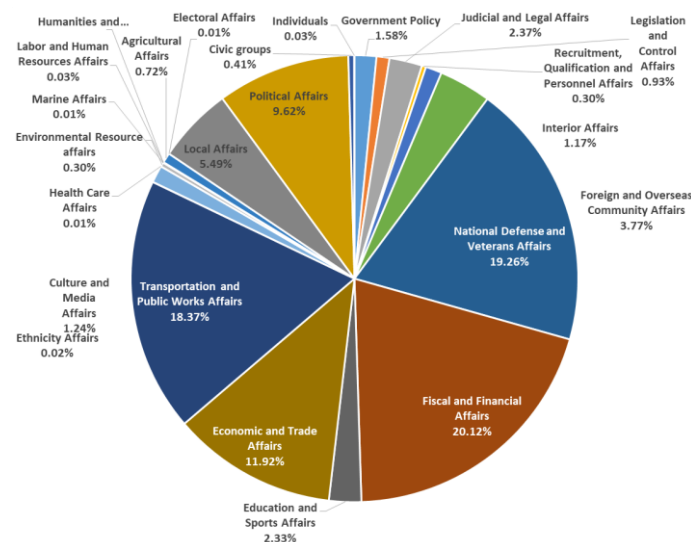
The quantity and ratio of new archives under each category collected in January - March 2021 are illustrated in the pie chart and the table below:

	Category	Length (Meters)
1	Government Policy	0.62 (0.37%)
2	Judicial and Legal Affairs	2.69 (1.62%)
3	Recruitment, Qualification and Personnel Affairs	0.865 (0.52%)
4	Interior Affairs	6.4 (3.85%)
5	Foreign and Overseas Community Affairs	1.16 (0.7%)
6	National Defense and Veterans Affairs	0.1 (0.06%)
7	Fiscal and Financial Affairs	115.215 (69.25%)
8	Education and Sports Affairs	0.045 (0.03%)
9	Economic and Trade Affairs	2.21 (1.33%)
10	Transportation and Public Works Affairs	7.55 (4.54%)
11	Culture and Media Affairs	1.26 (0.76%)
12	Health Care Affairs	0.13 (0.08%)
13	Environmental Resource affairs	0.745 (0.45%)
14	Marine Affairs	1.29 (0.78%)
15	Agricultural Affairs	0.654 (0.39%)
16	Local Affairs	18.765 (11.28%)
17	Political Affairs	1.87 (1.12%)
18	Individuals	4.8 (2.89%)
	Grand Total	166.369 (100%)



As of March, 31th, 2021, the National Archives collection totaled 25,672.09 meters in length (paper materials accounted for 24,759.465 meters; non-paper materials for 912.625 meters, including 222.76 meters of photographic materials, 662.455 meters of video and audio tape materials, 13.025 meters of electronic media, 14.385 meters of restructured agency used seals. The numbers and proportions of the various categories of archives are shown in the table on the left and the pie chart below:

Category	Length (Meters)
Government Policy	405.1 (1.58%)
Legislation and Control Affairs	238.73 (0.93%)
Judicial and Legal Affairs	608.945 (2.37%)
Recruitment, Qualification and Personnel Affairs	76.745 (0.3%)
Interior Affairs	301.48 (1.17%)
Foreign and Overseas Community Affairs	968.655 (3.77%)
National Defense and Veterans Affairs	4943.713 (19.26%)
Fiscal and Financial Affairs	5165.625 (20.12%)
Education and Sports Affairs	598.263 (2.33%)
Economic and Trade Affairs	3059.87 (11.92%)
Transportation and Public Works Affairs	4714.855 (18.37%)
Ethnicity Affairs	4.62 (0.02%)
Culture and Media Affairs	317.836 (1.24%)
Health Care Affairs	1.805 (0.01%)
Environmental Resource affairs	78.045 (0.3%)
Marine Affairs	1.29 (0.01%)
Labor and Human Resources Affairs	6.7 (0.03%)
Humanities and Technology Development Affairs	3.165 (0.01%)
Agricultural Affairs	183.809 (0.72%)
Electoral Affairs	2 (0.01%)
Local Affairs	1408.634 (5.49%)
Political Affairs	2469.185 (9.62%)
Civic groups	105.86 (0.41%)
Individuals	7.16 (0.03%)
Grand Total	25,672.09 (100%)



The Golden Age of Taiwan's Stone Diplomacy

Taiwan is located at the junction of geological plates and has a special geological structure, and abounds with rich and diverse stone with excellent quality. During the 1970s, due to increasing demand for building construction, stone processing factories in Taiwan mass produced slate as building materials, showing the economic value of stone.

Stone also has artistic value because of its beautiful patterns and rustic colors. In addition, because of its hardness and durability, stone is often endowed with spiritual meaning of firmness and perpetuity. Therefore, it is common to use stone-works as gifts to friends to express rock-solid friendship.

As recorded, there were many instances of stone-works granting diplomatic gifts in Taiwan. In 1967, Mr. Chiang Ching-kuo, Minister of Ministry of National Defense, visited Japan and presented to the Emperor of Japan a stone table and chairs made of green marble (Figure 1). In the 1950s, the chapter of Great Harmony (Li Yun Da Tong) handwritten by Dr. Sun Yat-sen was carved on marble and presented to the United Nations (Figure 2). After that, marble building materials were donated to the Philadelphia Musical Academy in the United States to express gratitude for their help.

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Figure 1: A gift of a stone table and chairs made of green marble to the Emperor of Japan

Folder Title: To present the Emperor of Japan with a stone table and chairs

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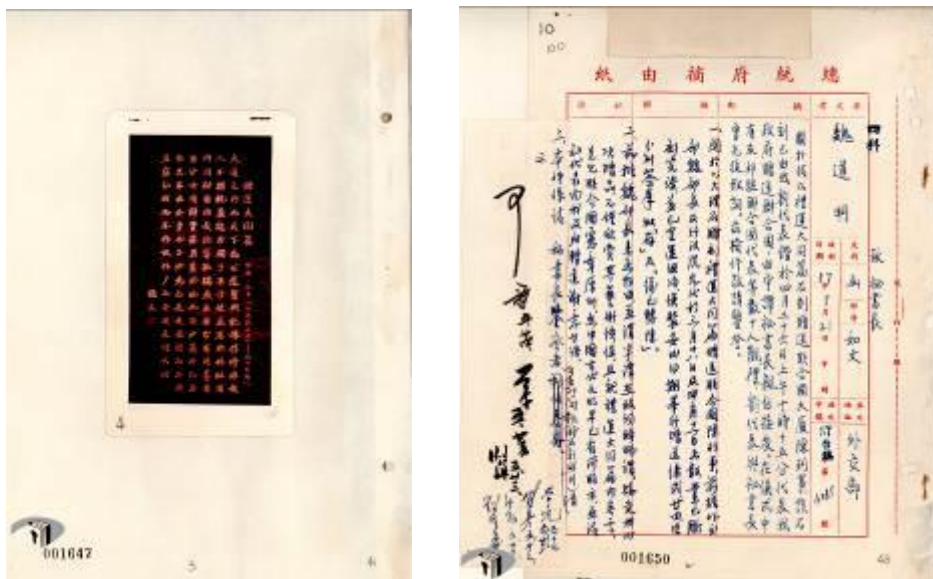


Figure 2: To present a marble carving of the chapter of Great Harmony to the United Nations.
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