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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, 25 categories of approximately 27.8 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 archives has been provided since 2010 by the quarterly the National Archives Newsletter. A total of 594.088 m length of archives (15 major categories) was preserved between Oct. and Dec. 2022. 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 0.003 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, Executive Yuan, ROC	The case of solution to Hainan military spending and enhancing safeguard of Taiwan and Hainan Island, etc.	38-39	0.003

2. Judicial and Legal Affairs : The total length of archives is 48.03 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Judicial Yuan	Interpretation No.62: the Attorney Regulation Act article 37 the meaning of " judicial officer", the dismissed cases of application for the Republic of China Constitutional Court Reporter Interpretations, etc.	36-81	47.9
Tainan Branch, Taiwan High Prosecutors Office, Taiwan Taitung District Prosecutors Office, etc.	Conducting prosecutorial business letter orders from higher authorities in 1973, the volume of handling the prisoners during the period of communist rebellion, etc.	43-63	0.13

3. Recruitment, Qualification and Personnel Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.295 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Civil Service Protection& Training Commission, Civil Service Development Institute, DGPA, Executive Yuan, etc.	The project of enhancing civil services capability in advanced studies, organizational structure, etc.	45-81	0.295

4. Interior Affairs : The total length of archives is 43.51 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Construction and Planning Agency, Ministry of the Interior	The Law of Public Housing enactment, amendment, explanation, national environment reserve plan for Taiwan coastal zone, urban planning of Danhai new township, etc.	44-88	43.51

5. Foreign and Overseas Community Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.93 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROC	Invitation for Australian press to Republic of China, etc.	68-76	0.93

6. National Defense and Veterans Affairs : The total length of archives is 20.524 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Ministry of National Defense, ROC	Overseas Chinese residents, the rules of military prison and detention center, the cases of coast alert, etc.	30-81	16.2
All-out Defense Mobilization Agency, MND	The building of Kenting Scenic Area, etc.	41-69	2.65
Air Force Command Headquarters, MND, Political Warfare Bureau, MND, Army Command Headquarters, MND, Information, Communications and Electronic Force Command , etc.	The records of President hosting the military conferences in 1964, the compensation for Songshan Nanjichang land requisition, demolition and removal of construction for fortification, conducting military household census and correction, etc.	39-72	1.674

7. Fiscal and Financial Affairs : The total length of archives is 100.29 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Financial Supervisory Commission, ROC	The case Central Trust of China instructing to manage Soldiers' insurance business in 1954, foreign investment of Taiwan Fire & Marine Insurance Co. in 1954, etc.	38-50	1.68
Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance, Keelung Customs	The case of inspecting fishing boats and seizing illegal explosives, etc.	71	0.13
Hualien Distillery, Taiwan Tobacco & Liquor Corporation	The production plan of liquors, etc.	75-87	47.68
Shanhua Brewery, Taiwan Tobacco & Liquor Corporation	The production plan of liquors in 1989, the allocation for excess and obsolete inventory of each factory in 1995, etc.	76-87	50.8

8. Education and Sports Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.6 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
National Cheng Kung University, National Education Radio, National Changhua University of Education, etc.	The establishment of the Education Radio, students living supervision and counselling, the Act of establishing Special Education Experimental Class, examining pictorial story books and textbooks, etc.	47-79	0.6

9. Economic and Trade Affairs : The total length of archives is 310.4 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Ministry of Economic Affairs, ROC	The proof of trademark registration in 1954, the addition and counselling for supermarket, the constitution of the Taiwan Power Company, etc.	27-89	310.4

10. Culture and Media Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.463 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
National Center for Traditional Arts, National Performing Arts Center, etc.	List of results of improvement in ghost festival by counties and cities in Taiwan Province, discussing the operation and management of National Theater & Concert Hall, the hall badge design of National Theater & Concert Hall, etc.	41-76	0.463

11. Health Care Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.205 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
MOHW Tainan Hospital, Lo-Sheng Sanatorium and Hospital, MOHW, etc.	USA-aid for construction project of MOHW Tainan Hospital (oral provincial Tainan hospital), organization structure, etc.	40-49	0.205

12. Environmental Resource Affairs : The total length of archives is 0.69 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Atomic Energy Council, Fuel Cycle and Materials Administration, AEC, etc.	The research for the policy of nuclear electricity generation and safeguards regulation, the 2097th plenary sitting resolution of Executive Yuan for "the management policy of radioactive wastes", etc.	45-80	0.69

13. Agricultural Affairs : The total length of archives is 56.24 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Soil and Water Conservation Bureau, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan	The plan of conservation and utilization for Deji Reservoir, transfer the national land, etc.	50-82	50
Fisheries Research Institute, COA, Luodong Forest District Office, FB, COA, etc.	The investigations and exploitation of fisheries resources, the demonstration project for geothermal utilization in Taiping Mountain Forest Recreation Area, etc.	49-74	1.74
Agriculture and Food Agency Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan	Acquiring glutinous rice and paddy for liquor making, etc.	83-88	4.5

14. Local Affairs : The total length of archives is 5.046 meters

Source Authority	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
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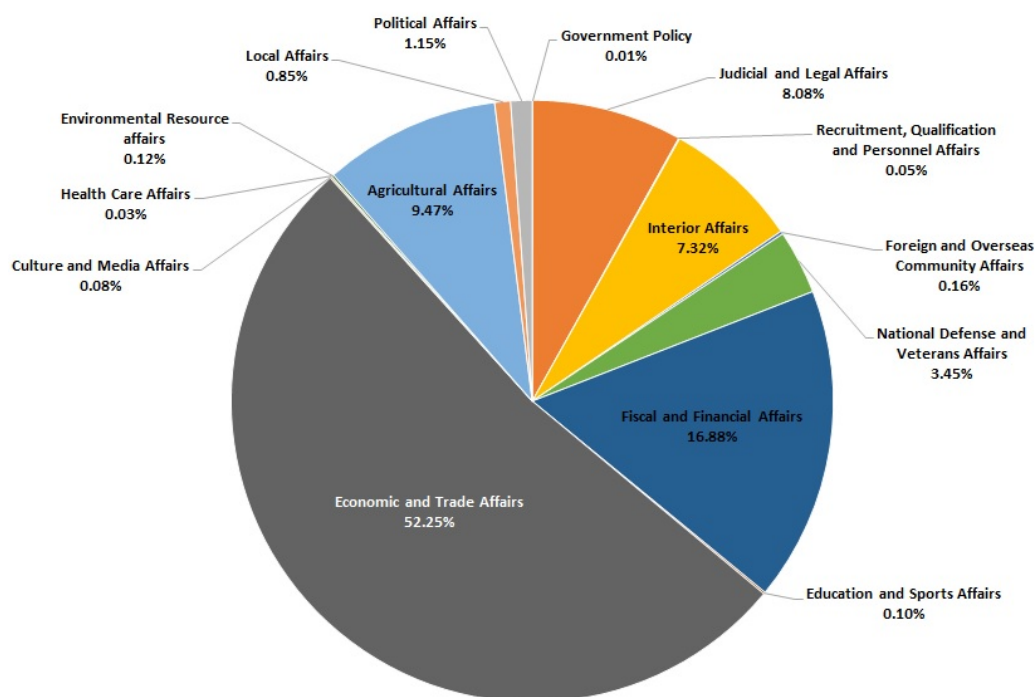
Research and Evaluation Commission, Taoyuan, Beigang Land Office, Yunlin County, Land Administration Bureau of Taichung City Government, Department of Personnel, Taipei City Government, etc.	The program and session minutes for Taoyuan Aerotropolis, changes in registration of land rights, the urban land consolidation of Taichung Harbor Special District, the establishment of Taipei Yangmingshan Headquarters, the case for zoo relocation, cemetery management, etc.	7-81	3.796
Department of Land Administration, Taipei City Government	Conducting land transfers between public entities, etc.	38-58	1.25

15. Political Affairs : The total length of archives is 6.862 meters

Source Authority and Individuals	Summary	Year Range (the Republic Era/RE)	Length (Meters)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROC	The case of the concern on Taiwan Human right by Amnesty International , application for exit& entry permit and press pass by foreign correspondent in America during 1961- 1990, etc.	50-85	4.86
Ji-an Township, Hualien, Kinmen County Government, Miaoli County Government, Sinsing District Office, Kaohsiung City, Department of Cultural Affairs, Taipei City Government, etc.	Banning books, about instructed investigation on the household records of people refereed and their families, cadastral rules and statutory interpretation, the cases of arrestment, suspension of duty and reinstatement for rebellion involved staff, the cases of student club management and the principles of casual connection processing, the cases of investigation and rewarding, etc.	39-103	2.002

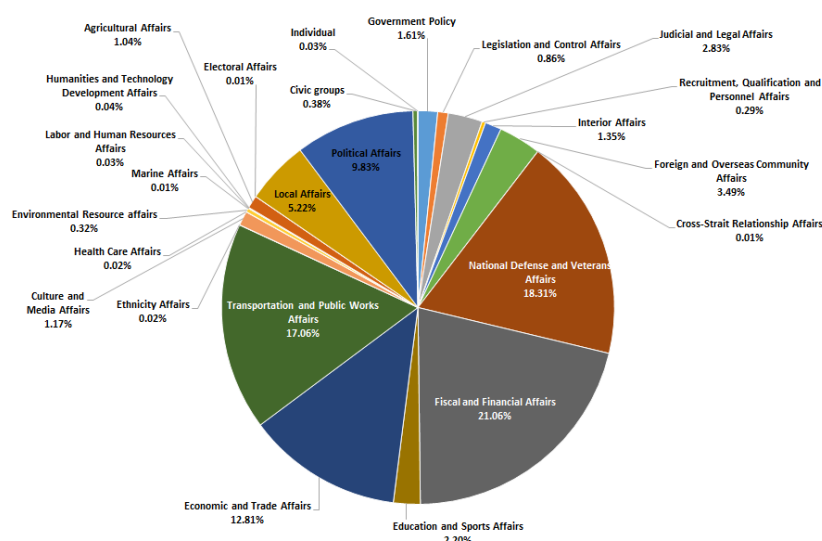
The quantity and ratio of new archives under each category collected in Oct. - Dec. 2022 are illustrated in the pie chart and the table below:

	Category	Length (Meters)
1	Government Policy	0.003 (0.01%)
2	Judicial and Legal Affairs	48.03 (8.08%)
3	Recruitment, Qualification and Personnel Affairs	0.295 (0.05%)
4	Interior Affairs	43.51 (7.32%)
5	Foreign and Overseas Community Affairs	0.93 (0.16%)
6	National Defense and Veterans Affairs	20.524 (3.45%)
7	Fiscal and Financial Affairs	100.29 (16.88%)
8	Education and Sports Affairs	0.6 (0.1%)
9	Economic and Trade Affairs	310.4 (52.25%)
10	Culture and Media Affairs	0.463 (0.08%)
11	Health Care Affairs	0.205 (0.03%)
12	Environmental Resource affairs	0.69 (0.12%)
13	Agricultural Affairs	56.24 (9.47%)
14	Local Affairs	5.046 (0.85%)
15	Political Affairs	6.862 (1.15%)
	Grand Total	594.088 (100%)



As of Dec. 31th, 2022, the National Archives collection totaled 27,775.12 meters in length (paper materials accounted for 26,834.985 meters; non-paper materials for 940.135 meters, including 249.76 meters of photographic materials, 662.455 meters of video and audio tape materials, 13.175 meters of electronic media, 14.745 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	447.648 (1.61%)
Legislation and Control Affairs	238.81 (0.86%)
Judicial and Legal Affairs	787.549 (2.83%)
Recruitment, Qualification and Personnel Affairs	80.575 (0.29%)
Interior Affairs	373.762 (1.35%)
Foreign and Overseas Community Affairs	969.985 (3.49%)
Cross-Strait Relations Affairs	3.2 (0.01%)
National Defense and Veterans Affairs	5085.38 (18.31%)
Fiscal and Financial Affairs	5850.985 (21.06%)
Education and Sports Affairs	612.219 (2.2%)
Economic and Trade Affairs	3557.27 (12.81%)
Transportation and Public Works Affairs	4737.712 (17.06%)
Ethnicity Affairs	4.62 (0.02%)
Culture and Media Affairs	325.036 (1.17%)
Health Care Affairs	5.195 (0.02%)
Environmental Resource affairs	87.755 (0.32%)
Marine Affairs	1.29 (0.01%)
Labor and Human Resources Affairs	7.62 (0.03%)
Humanities and Technology Development Affairs	11.205 (0.04%)
Agricultural Affairs	290.374 (1.04%)
Electoral Affairs	2 (0.01%)
Local Affairs	1451.359 (5.22%)
Political Affairs	2730.051 (9.83%)
Civic groups	106.06 (0.38%)
Individuals	7.46 (0.03%)
Grand Total	27,775.12 (100%)



The Development History of Public Libraries in Taiwan

In 1915, the first official public library, "Library of the Government-General of Taiwan," opened to the public. In 1923, the Government-General of Taiwan promulgated "Regulations for Public and Private Libraries." Ever since the promulgation of regulations, local libraries began to burgeon.

In the early period of Taiwan restoration, the government formulated relevant regulations and acts to establish new library systems. In 1951, Taiwan Provincial Government promulgated "The Organization Rules of County and City Libraries in Taiwan Province." (Figure 1) Since then, a number of regulations were developed for public libraries at all levels. In 1979, the cultural development plan was initiated to popularize the establishments of public libraries in counties, cities, townships, etc.



Figure 1: The Organization Rules of County and City Libraries in Taiwan Province.

Folder Title: The Organization Rules of Libraries

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In order to advance the organizational development of public libraries, the National Central Library Taiwan Branch (now the National Taiwan Library) published the "Regulations for Guidance and Counseling of Public and Private Libraries in the Taiwan Area" in 1993 (Figure 2). The regulations indicated the importance of automation system and announced that the era of automatic operation for libraries was coming.

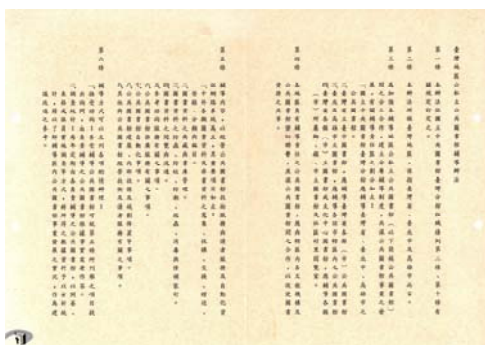


Figure 2: Regulations for Guidance and Counseling of Public and Private Libraries in the Taiwan Area.

Folder Title: Formulate "Regulations for Guidance and Counseling of Public and Private Libraries in the Taiwan area"

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With the advent of digital era, public libraries are facing various challenges and must find ways to transform themselves, that is, in addition to striving for the funding, they also offer innovative services actively and create more opportunities for interaction with users as well. As a growing organism, the library always keeps up with the times.

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