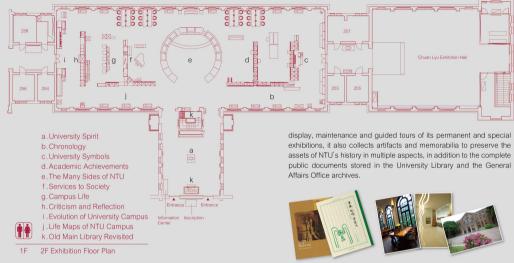


The Founding of NTU History Gallery

The predecessor of National Taiwan University is Taihoku Imperial University, which was established on 17 March 1928 under Japanese rule as the first and only university in Taiwan at the time. After World War II, Dr. Tsung-Lo Lo was appointed by the Ministry of Education to represent Chinese Nationalist Government in taking over the University on 15 November 1945, which was later renamed to "National Taiwan University" (NTU). Yet not until November 1998 did the University begin exhibiting brief history of the institution at a corner of the newly built Main Library. In May 2004, the University President Dr. Wei-Jao Chen believed that the history of NTU would reflect the development of Taiwanese society and hence called to expand the display corner into the History Gallery in the form of a museum.

The permanent exhibition of the NTU History Gallery is housed in the central reading room on the second floor of the Old Main Library which was built in 1929 and has undergone five phases of expansion. When current University Main Library was established in summer 1998, the building was then in use by NTU College of Liberal Arts and was listed as a historical site by the Taipei City Government. The central reading room on the second floor transformed into the Theatre of History' for internship purpose for the Department of Drama and Theater.

Since May 2004 for one year, the Old Main Library underwent a series of intensive preparation for re-launch. The Office of General Affairs was responsible for restoration of the building and its mechanical and electrical equipment. The Library designed and planned the History Gallery exhibition, while the NTU Press edited and published The Scripts of NTU History. The University President Dr. Wei-Jao Chen unveiled the building on 22 June 2005, marking the beginning of a new chapter for the central reading room on the second floor of the Old Main Library. The successor to Dr. Chen, President Si-Chen Lee, instructed the History Gallery to be operated by the University Library in early October, and with its grand opening on 7 November 2005, it began to provide guided tours for the University communities and the public.



In spring 2007, Dr. Hwa-Lin Lee, an NTU US-based graduate of the Department of Pharmacy, donated through his Chuan Lyu Foundation for the History Gallery to build a special exhibition hall on the second floor in the east-wing of the Gallery's rear building. To show appreciation for Dr. Lee's kindness, the University named the new exhibition hall "Chuan Lyu Exhibition Hall", which opened later on 15 November 2007, on the day of the University's 79th Anniversary.

The permanent exhibition area of the History Gallery is about 754 square meters, while the "Chuan Lyu Exhibition Hall" is about 302 square meters. The History Gallery is not only responsible for the

Collection of Memories

The History Gallery endeavors to preserve all tangible and intangible assets of NTU's history. Please contact us if you would share some old photographs, artifacts, memorabilia, or stories to tell about key events or memorable times at NTU. The Gallery has published two books: Youth, Memory, and the NTU of the past: 20 Stories Behind the Historic Images of NTU, and Someone Asked Me to Write a Poem About NTU: Campus, Life, Student Clubs and other. Both can be purchased at NTU Press bookstore.

Guided Tours

The History Gallery provides two kinds of guided tours:

- (1) Group Tour: Group Tours must be booked online at least 5 working days prior to the day of visit.
- (2) Mobile Tour: Download our audio tour app "NTU Museums" (which includes the NTU History Gallery) on your mobile phone (with iOS or Android system); or use your QR code scanner to explore our exhibits in no time.

Wedding Photography

The History Gallery rejoices to be a part of the sweet memories of our University affiliated members. Sessions for wedding photography at the History Gallery must be reserved online at least 5 working days in advance of the photoshoot. As classes and researches are still conducted within the building, photoshoots must be carried out in quiet manners. This service is only open for University affiliated members at this stage, which include all NTU students and alumni, as well as teaching, research and administration staff members with valid NTU identification.







