

National Memories Never Gone:

Enhancing Our Archival Quality and Quantity

Macroscopically and in Sequence

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Abstract: National Archives Administration (NAA) can best be described as the memory of our nation – collecting and preserving ROC (Taiwan) Government records that reflect our history and identity. Therefore, NAA has adopted the macro strategy to acquire important records. Coping with the expansion of storage space, NAA enhances the archival quality and quantity in stages with rolling modification.

In the beginning, NAA acquired high-risk and valuable records in priority and implemented a series of projects. Then, NAA set up the strategy and program for archives acquisition. In addition, to diversify our holdings, the medium-term acquisition plan for valuable documentation from an individual or organization has also been running. From 2016, NAA has conducted the systematic disposition plan and started to transfer those records generated over 25 years ago in the government agency that are judged to be kept forever.

The government agencies always followed NAA's appraisal result to arrange files, check the state of preservation, review public access limit, prepare transmittal list including paper and XML file, and case up for handover. However, the systematic disposition program is being conducted in 2016, and the government agencies set up related projects and appraise their records by themselves; as a result, they can dispose the records and select national archives at the same time.

Our collections trace events and decisions that have shaped the nation and the lives of Taiwanese. By now, they add up over a total of 17 meters in length, diverse in form as well as in content. You are welcome to explore our collections, online (<http://www.archives.gov.tw/MenuList2.aspx?cnid=1450>) or in person, to learn more.

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