

The 2026 Asia-Pacific Public Library Forum (APPLF 2026) was held in Taichung City, Taiwan (China) on May 14, 2026 under the theme ***"Strategies, Innovation, and Future of Reading Promotion."*** The event was hosted by the National Library of Public Information (Taiwan) in collaboration with several major public libraries in Taiwan.

The forum brought together more than 150 participants, including library managers, experts, scholars, and librarians from eight countries and territories across the Asia-Pacific region: Australia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan (China), and Viet Nam. The National Library of Viet Nam sent two representatives to attend and present papers at the Forum.

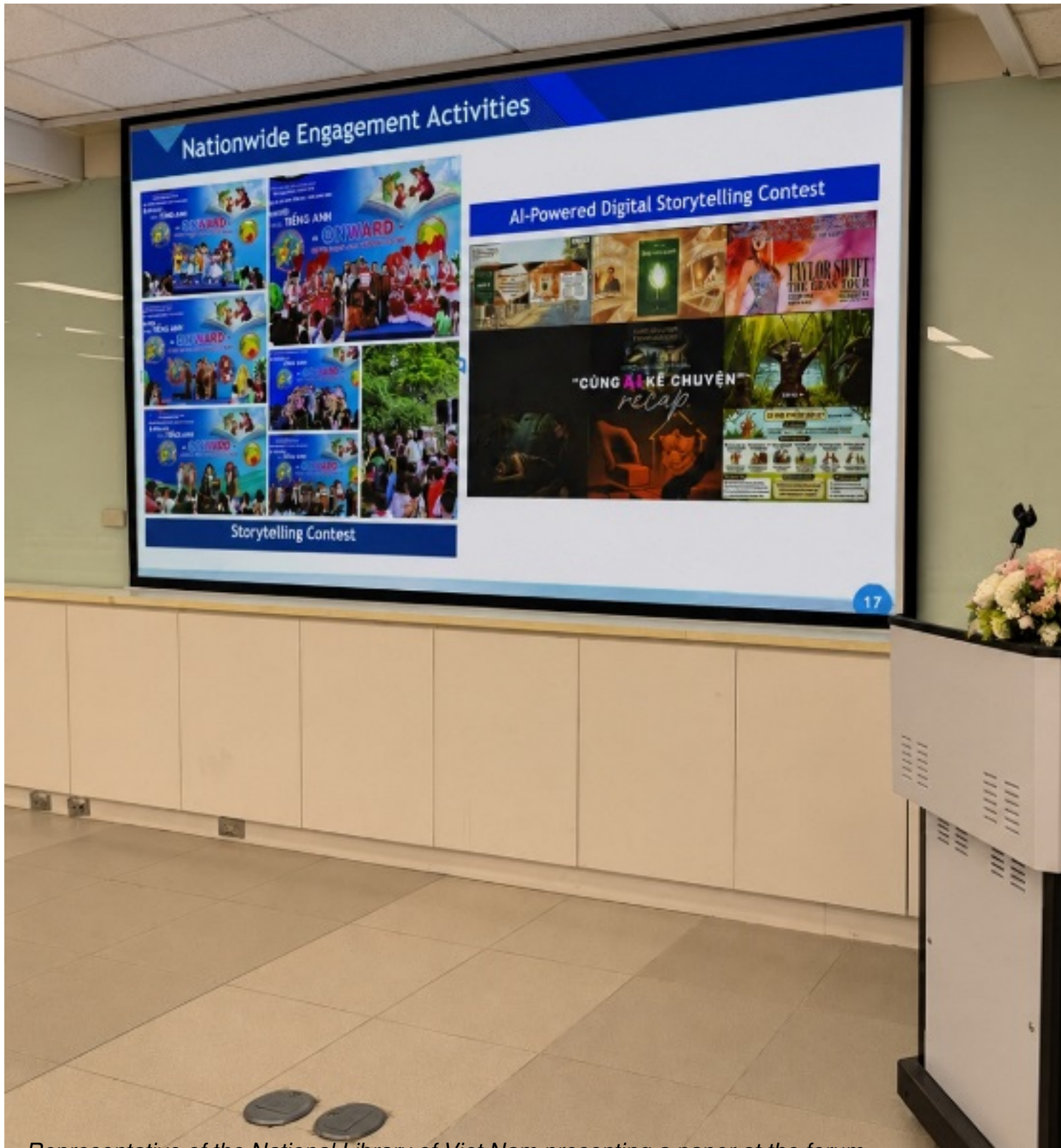
Speaking at the opening ceremony of the APPLF 2026, representatives of Ministry of Education and the National Library of Public Information of Taiwan emphasized the role of libraries as an indicator of a nation's soft power, and expressed their hope that the forum would help identify key factors for the transformation of library in a rapidly changing era.

During the plenary session, leading library managers and information professionals shared perspectives on fostering a lifelong reading culture, addressing challenges faced by public libraries in future society, and strengthening trust and transparency in public knowledge institutions.





Overview of the APPLF 2026 Plenary Session



Representative of the National Library of Viet Nam presenting a paper at the forum



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