

The 15th International Conference on Han Characters Education and Research

Call for Abstracts (2, June 2025 Submission Opens)

1. About the Conference:

Han-Characters shared in a variety of forms among a number of Asian languages constitute a unique linguistic phenomenon. Traditional characters are used in Taiwan and Hongkong, simplified characters in Mainland China and Singapore, Hanja in Korea, Kanji in Japan, and Chữ Hán in Vietnam. As a core part of traditional culture, Han-Characters shape modern language forms and carry rich historical and cultural meanings. This Conference aims to bring together scholars, researchers, and practitioners from different countries to foster international knowledge exchange and research collaboration on Han-Characters education and research.

With the support of co-organizing institutions, the conference has been renamed to attract broader participation in the field. Building upon accomplishments of the past thirteen conferences, the 15th Conference will take place in early February 2026 at Taiwan Normal University (NTNU). As a comprehensive university with a long-standing academic tradition, NTNU has been a leading institution in Han literature education for over half a century. In recent years, it has brought together scholars from linguistics, literature, psychology, neuroscience, and digital technology to establish the Chinese Language and Technology Center, promoting interdisciplinary approaches to both research and pedagogy. By hosting this conference, NTNU aims to create a platform for intergenerational academic exchange and warmly welcomes scholars, experts, and graduate students from around the world to participate.

2. **Date:** February 5(Thu.) ~8(Sun.), 2026

3. **Venue:** Taiwan Normal University (<https://www.ntnu.edu.tw/>)

4. **Conference Theme:** "Han Characters and Literacy: Generational Transformations and Future Prospects"

5. **Themes:** (topics may include, but are not limited to the following)

- (1) Han Character / Han Literature education: including theoretical frameworks, teaching materials, methods, assessments, teaching Han-Characters/literature as a first or foreign language, etc.
- (2) Research on Han Character: including history, philology, theoretical studies, annotation and compilation, etc.
- (3) Research on Han-Characters and linguistics: including characters and the uniqueness of Chinese, Chinese characters and thinking, character-based language theory research, character-based and international Chinese teaching, etc.
- (4) Classical Chinese (including Korean Hanja) education: including Classical Chinese educational theory, teaching materials, pedagogy, assessments etc.
- (5) Other related topics.

6. Programme (Tentative)

	Feb. 5 (Thu)	Feb. 6 (Fri)	Feb. 7 (Sat)	Feb. 8 (Sun)
Morning Session	Arrival	Opening Ceremony Keynote Speech I	Parallel Sessions	Cultural Tour (at your own expense)
Afternoon Session	Postgraduate Student Forum	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions Keynote Speech II Closing	

7. Important Dates & Procedure of Abstract Submission:

- **July 30, 2025 (extended to August 15, 2025):** Deadline for abstract submission (via online)

- Abstracts (including title and keywords) should be written in English or Chinese within 600 words. The title, name of the presenter, and presenter's affiliation must be provided in both English and Chinese. If it is written in other language(s), please also submit a version in English or Chinese.

- The abstract should summarize the purpose of the study, methods, major findings with evidence/examples. Please submit the abstract through our online system for review by the submission deadline. Online system URL <https://top.ntnu.edu.tw/icher-15/>.

- **September 15, 2025:** Notification of abstract acceptance

- The review result of abstract proposals will be notified to the participants via email and announced on the conference website.

- **September 30, 2025:** Registration opens

- **October 30, 2025:** Official invitation letter

- **November 30, 2025:** Full paper submission deadline (Participants applying for the “Graduate Student Paper Award” or “Young Scholar Paper Award” are required to submit a full paper)

* Accepted presenters may submit full papers via online system by November 30, 2025 and they will be included in the Conference Proceedings. Please observe the [Full Paper Submission Guideline](#) to prepare your paper. Please note that the submission of full paper is not a mandatory requirement. All submitted papers should be original and should not have been previously published in any form.

* The abstract will be published in CNKI (中國知網). Presenters who don't want to publish should indicate on your online registration form.

8. Format of Presentation

According to the review result, the conference organizing committee will allocate the accepted abstract proposals to either oral presentation, poster presentation or presentation at postgraduate Page 3 of 4 student forum as if appropriate.

- Oral Presentation (20–30 minutes each)
- Poster Presentation (10 minutes each)
- Postgraduate Student Forum (20–30 minutes each)
- Presentations will be conducted mainly in either Chinese or English.
- Please note that the Conference Organizer will not provide interpretation service. Presenters may arrange their interpreters on their own if so wish. The whole presentation, including interpretation, if any, should be finished within the time limit.
- For those presentations conducted in English/Korean/Japanese/Vietnamese, his/her ppt should be supplemented by Chinese for reference. For those presentations conducted in Chinese, his/her ppt should be supplemented by English for reference.

9. Registration Fee

Details to be announced.

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Conference website:

<https://www.cacler.hku.hk/hk/events/events/master/the-15th-international-conference-on-han-characters-education-and-research>

The Conference is hosted by:

The Chinese Language and Technology Center, Taiwan Normal University

and co-hosted by:

- School of Chinese Classics, Renmin University of China
- Department of Applied Chinese and Graduate Institute of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language, Wenzao Ursuline University of Language

- Ethnic Research Centre for Folklore, Classics and Chinese Characters, Beijing Normal University
- Institute for East Asia Knowledge, Culture, Education studies
- He Nan Normal University
- Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań
- College of Chinese Language and Literature, Qinghai Normal University
- Ho Chi Minh City University of Education
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