

The National Digital Archives Program (NDAP): Past, Present and Future

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The National Digital Archives Program (NDAP) is one of nine National Science and Technology Programs, sponsored by the National Science Council of Taiwan. Its objective is to promote and coordinate content digitization and preservation at leading museums, libraries, archives, universities, research institutes and other content holders in Taiwan. In this presentation, we will first review the first phase of the Program, spanning the years of 2002-2006, and present its major outcomes and derived values in cultural, academic, social-economic and educational aspects. The significant outcomes of the NDAP include a collection of databases with a union catalog containing more than 2 million digital objects, the core technologies developed and the application & services models employed. We will then describe the second phase of the Program (from 2007 on). NDAP Phase II will address and cover more specific issues such as Intellectual Property Rights Clearance, the bridge between NDAP R&D at institutions and content industry, the Web 2.0 paradigm shift, and international collaboration. We conclude by highlighting the next steps toward integrating the NDAP with the National Science & Technology Program for e-Learning set forth in 2008.