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Country Report

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Name of Country : Myanmar
Name of Library : National Library of Myanmar
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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget	
	i. Government	600 million MMK
	ii. External Sources	-
b	Total Staff (FTE)	120
	i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications	35
	ii. Other Qualifications	85
c	Collection Size	
	i. Physical collection	1,237,742
	ii. Digital collection preserved	253,451
d	Visitorship (Annual)	
	i. Physical visits to reading rooms	15,900
	ii. Digital visits to websites	116,180
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	Nil



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2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

A Brief General Overview of Recent Major Developments:

As the National Library of Myanmar is still a reference library due to its single depository collection which is needed to be permanent preservation as national literary heritage. The National Library Law is enacted in 2020, the National Library is going to receive five copies of each local printed and unprinted publication by the National Library Law 2020, the depository collection will be increased and the circulation function will be conducted.

New Developments in Building and Managing Collections:

As the vision of the National Library of Myanmar is “to be a center of Myanmar literary heritage”, the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) has also developed its collection by collecting palm-leaf manuscripts from the Upper Myanmar region, old music discs, and private collections in the library. With the assistance of the Pali Text Society, digitizing of selected palm-leaf manuscripts in the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) was done in 2021.

New Developments in Providing Access to Collections:

Under the National Library Law, NLM is assigned as a National bibliographic agency for the maintenance of bibliographic standards.

At present, NLM (Yangon) has been collecting e-resources in many ways such as purchases, donation and there are over 90,000 e-resources for users in both virtual space and physical user space. They can access freely in the digital-library room arranged with National Library Management Software with the metadata.

The National Library of Myanmar applies a hybrid system for its users. Some are not familiar with IT and prefer to use printed books and publications through card catalogues. For the general public, traditional library systems i.e., card catalogues and printed materials. It also applies to the library automation system that was developed in Myanmar. Catalogues of library collections can be accessed as an online catalogue



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through our website www.nlm.gov.mm for National Library (Yangon) and www.nlmnpt.gov.mm for National Library (Nay Pyi Taw).

New Developments in Other Services:

The National Library (Yangon) has been systematically renovated, relocated and installed into a digital library system in a central area of downtown Yangon. During the Covid-19 pandemic and stay home period, on March 3, 2020, the National Library (Yangon) announced the online e-Resources and online catalog information available on Library Website www.nlm.gov.mm. And also, an online database provides to the user for free online access at either national library or Library Portal.

On 1 November 2021, the National Library (Ygn / Npt) re-opened. It is prepared the safety for both staff and users, redesigning of the library spaces following the social distancing guideline from Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS), re-organization of library services, restrictions of the number of users visiting the library, promotion of the online services and resources through the social media of the library.

Online Reference Services: The Ask a Librarian is an initiative Virtual Reference Desk and any library questions will be reply through nlm.reference@gmail.com after one week from the date of received.

Document Delivery Services: Electronic delivery of full-text articles, eBooks or book chapters. It will be provided free scanning and electronic delivery of articles and book chapter of library collections.

3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

The National Library of Myanmar is building network with university libraries and other institutions for collaborative programmes of digitizing ancient manuscripts, sharing collection, participating library seminars and forums, etc.

The National Library had collaborated with National Archives Department for preservation of rare documents by sharing digital resources. After that, when ICT developed, in collaboration with Yangon University Library, National digitizing of



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palm-leaf manuscripts especially subject on traditional medicine from the National Library of Myanmar has been conducted.

4 International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

As the national Library is member of Congress of Southeast Asia Librarians (CONSAL) and Conference on Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO), it has been connecting with the member libraries and participates in the library cooperation activities and programmes. Moreover, connecting with the above two organizations, the National Library is taking responsibility for reporting the libraries' sector development of Myanmar in annual meeting and participating the related workshops and cooperation programs in other ASEAN counties.