

Minutes of the twelfth meeting of CDNLAO, held on 4 September 2004, at 1:30 pm at Room 313, Office Building, National Library of China, Beijing, China

Present

Ms Pamela Gatenby	Assistant Director General National Library of Australia
Haji Abu Bakar Haji Zainal	Chief Librarian Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka Brunei
Mr. Yan Xiangdong	Director, International Cooperation Division National Library of China
Mr. Chen Li	Deputy Director National Library of China
Mr. Dady P Rachmanata	Director National Library of Indonesia
Mr. Noritada Otaki	Deputy Librarian National Diet Library, Japan
Ms. Yoriko Sato	Planning and Cooperation Division National Diet Library, Japan
Mr Jae Yoon Kwon	Deputy Director National Library of Korea
Dr Young Sook Lee	Support and Cooperation Division National Library of Korea
Dr Haji Wan Ali bin Wan Mamat	Deputy Director General National Library of Malaysia
Mr K Yaw Oo	Director National Library of Myanmar
Mr U Cho Aye	Associate Treasurer National Library of Myanmar
Ms. Prudenciana C. Cruz	Director National Library of Philippines
Ms Ngian Lek Choh	Deputy Chief Executive

Mr Kieu Van Hot	National Library, Singapore Deputy Director National Library of Vietnam
Mr R Ramachandran	Secretary General of IFLA

Absent with Apologies

Directorate of Archives and Libraries, Bangladesh

National Library of Bhutan

National Library of Cambodia

Cook Islands

National Library of India

National Archives and Library of Kiribati

National Library of Lao

National Library of Maldives

Bibliothèque Nationale du Mali

National Library of Mongolia

Nepal National Library

National Library of New Zealand

National Library of Pakistan

National Library Services, Papua New Guinea

National Library Services, Solomon Islands

National Library of Sri Lanka

National Library of Thailand

National Archives and Library of Tuvalu

Present as Scribe

Mr. Hao Jinmin, International Cooperation Division, National Library of China

AGENDA of the 12th CDNLAO Meeting

- 1. Welcome Address by Mr. Chen Li, Deputy Director of the National Library of China**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Minutes of the 11th CDNLAO Meeting**
- 4. Country Reports**
- 5. Highlights from country reports**

6. CDNLAO resolutions

7. Future meetings

8. Presentations:

“To Share Asian Resources: National Diet Library’s Library Cooperation in Asia and Oceania ” --by the National Diet Library

“Introduction of National Digital Library of China Project” --by the National Library of China

9. Closure and Thanks

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Welcome Address

Mr. Chen Li, Deputy Director of the National Library of China expressed his welcome to the participants and specially to Mr. Ramachandran, IFLA Secretary General and said it is great honor to host the CDNLAO 2004. And he also hope that the participants enjoy their stay in Beijing.

He informed that the cultural exchange among the Asian and Oceanian countries has a long history and in recent years, the communication and the cooperation among the libraries of these countries have been enhanced and which will help to promote the library undertaking in this area.

On behalf of Mr. Chen Li, Mr. Yan Xiangdong gave a brief introduction of the agenda of CDNLAO 2004. It included several presentations as well as country reports. He emphasized that the outcome of the meeting should be that members keep in close cooperation and in touch with each other.

Members then introduced themselves to each other. Mr Ramachandran made a short speech and said that it was nice to see many new face attending CDNLAO

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was agreed directly.

3. Adoption of Minutes of 11th CDNLAO Meeting

No amendments

No matter rising

4. Country Reports

1. Australia
2. China 3. Indonesia
4. Japan
5. Korea
6. Malaysia
7. Myanmar
8. Philippines
9. Singapore
10. Thailand
11. Vietnam

5. Highlights of the Country Reports

5.1 Australia

Ms. Pamela Gatenby, Assistant Director General of the National Library of Australia introduced the project of archiving the web resources, Which is called [Pandora](#) and informed that the [Conference of Archiving web resource](#) will be held in November in NLA.

The ISSN conference 2005 will be held in the National Library of Australia in October, 2005. She hoped other national libraries would send representatives to that conference.

The National Library of Australia has experienced an increasing demand for electronic reference services whilst demand for face to face reference service is declining. Over the past year, the Library has purchased substantial electronic resources, many in full text which are available in the Library's Reading Rooms. In an effort to market and promote these resources monthly tutorials have been offered to end users. Web site usage has increased significantly and the Library's digitisation initiatives will ensure the availability online of many of the Library resources, including pictorial material, rare maps and music.

She emphasized that the National Library facilitates the continued development of a national bibliography through support for Kinetica, the Internet-based national

bibliographic service. The National Library is also the Australian agency for ISSN and ISMN.

Australia has recently negotiated a Free Trade Agreement with the United States. The Agreement includes a chapter on intellectual property. In August 2004 enabling legislation for the FTA was being debated in the Australian Parliament.

5.2 Brunei

Mr Haji Abu Bakar, Chief Librarian of the National Library of Brunei Darussalam, mentioned the [11th meeting](#) which was held in Brunei and after the meeting, the project of building 4 new branch libraries had begun. It would be supposed to be finished in October, 2004.

He said that the National Library of Brunei would organize a seminar on the digital library in October and he emphasized the digital library project has already finished 40%.

He also highlighted that there will be some staff of the National Library of Brunei to study abroad including himself.

5.3 China

On behalf of Mr. Chen LI, Mr Yan Xiangdong made the country report and firstly, he gave a brief introduction of the development of the NLC in the past year. Mr Chen Li, Deputy Director, National Library of China gave a brief introduction about the library development in China, including National Library, public library system and the CAS (China Academy of Science) library system. In 2002, the library has a total collection of about 23 million volumes and received 5 million users. At the end of 2001, there were 2,696 public libraries, 127 libraries belonging to the CAS system, 1,300 university and college libraries.

Mr .Yan Xiangdong introduced the special services of NLC, such as holding exhibitions, having lectures and providing trainings. All these was to play its functions like education and cultural dissemination.

Mr .Yan Xiangdong also mentioned that At the end of 2003, the National Library of China Phase II and National Digital Library project was officially launched. The total

construction area of the Phase II building is 77,687 square meters with a total investment of 1,235 million Yuan from the state. Due to complete in 2007, the new building will accommodate compactus shelving for 12 million items, reading rooms with a total of 2,900 seats, and access to the National Digital Library and associated facilities. By that time, the premises of the National Library of China will cover an area of 250,000 square meters.

Mr .Yan Xiangdong said that because of the “Chinese Rare Books Re-creation Project”, 180 titles of re-created rare books have been published. This project helps not only to preserve, regenerate and make good use of rare and ancient books but also make copies accessible to academic researchers as well as members of the general public.

5.4 Indonesia

Mr Dady P Rachmananta, Director of National Library of Indonesia reported that NLI had a task of developing all types of libraries and promoting librarianship in Indonesia, particularly the school and public libraries.

The National Library has also obtained loans from the World Bank to implement the Library Development Project in Indonesia for the period 2001–2004 targetting on public and school libraries in three provinces. In an attempt to further promote the reading interest of the public and encourage them to visit to the library, the month of May has been declared the “National Month of Book” and 14 September as the “Library Visit Day”.

NLI had also helped to develop the Reading Habits Programme in the Community.

Library education is carried out in state and private higher learning institutions, also by the National Library itself, at the levels of diploma, undergraduate and graduate studies and library trainings as well.

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In September 2002, the 9th Congress of IPI was held in Batu, East Java, and has elected the succeeding executive members for the period of 2002–2006.

In Indonesia the protection of copyright is known as Hak Atas Kekayaan Intelektual/HaKI (Intellectual Property Rights). This regulation consists of 5 laws that will protect the copyright of individuals as well as corporates:

- Act No. 30 of 2000 concerning trades secrets
- Act No. 31 of 2000 concerning industrial design
- Act No. 14 of 2001 concerning patent Act No. 15 of 2001 concerning brand
- Act No. 19 of 2001 concerning copyright

The institution that deals with copyright matters in Indonesia is the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, more precisely the Directorate General of the Intellectual Property Rights.

The National Library maintains cooperation with various non-governmental and private organizations, e.g.

- Ikatan Pembaca Buku Indonesia Sumatera Utara (Association of Book Readers of South Sumatera)
- Jendela Dunia (Window of the World) “ Gerakan Masyarakat Gemar Membaca (Readers’ Community Movement)
- Yayasan Bina Anak Indonesia (Indonesian Children Development Foundation)
- Kelompok Cinta Membaca (Reading Lovers Group)
- Gerakan Pemasarakatan Minat Baca (Movement for Promoting Reading Interest)

5.5 Japan

Mr. Noritada Otaki, Deputy Director of National Diet Library focused on the services of the NDL. He said that throughout FY 2003, the NDL continued its efforts to further improve its services, building on what has already been accomplished since the full opening of the [International Library of Children’s Literature](#) in May 2002 and the opening of the [Kansai-kan](#) in October 2002. Three facilities of the NDL, namely, the Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan and the International Library of Children’s Literature, function as a single institution.

Mr. Noritada Otaki also mentioned the NDL worked out its "[NDL Vision 2004](#)" in January 2004, which confirms its mission and roles and clarifies four priority areas for the years to come as follows: 1) Enhancement of legislative support function, 2) Creation of digital archives, 3) Improvement of access to information resources, and 4) Promotion of cooperation. To give a concrete shape to one of the above-mentioned priority areas "Creation of digital archives," the NDL formulated the NDL Digital Library Medium Term Plan 2004 and expanded the digital contents it provides through its website.

Mr. Noritada Otaki then introduced the collections profile, services of NDL and other issues.

Mr. Noritada Otaki also hoped that the international community to share information and thoughts on the development of the library undertaking.

5.6 Korea

Dr Young Sook Lee, Librarian of International Relation, National Library of Korea, the [IFLA conference 2006](#) will be held in Seoul by the National Library of Korea and welcome the representatives from the national libraries.

Some of the statistical highlights in terms of the structure of the library system in Korea were as follows:

- Total No. of libraries: 10,543
- No. of new public libraries built in 2003: 701
- No. of library visitors at national level: 205,005,363
- Total collection at national level: 181,361,573
- No. of Librarians: 18700
- No. of Databases: 9 (full text) and 2 (bibliographies and contents)

Every year, local public libraries organize Reading Promotion activities for primary and secondary school children with the support of the National Library of Korea.

National Library of Korea had created a website for the visually impaired in order to help search OPAC and other information. Daily connection to the website is around 90.

Full text databases that are available for sighted people only and are being edited for those who use screen readers.

Dr Young Sook Lee mentioned that NLK had collected many materials through national campaign.

5.7 Malaysia

Dr. Haji Wan Ali bin Wan Mamat, Deputy Director-General, National Library of Malaysia informed the meeting that the CDNLAO 2005 will be held in Malaysia and he suggested the conference would last for 6 days. Because of the other participants' disagreement, the duration of the meeting will be 4 days.

He also mentioned that the [International Islamic Digital Library](#) (IIDL) was established to serve as an authoritative and reliable source of information on Islam and Muslims. 10 major libraries with substantial collection on Islam participated in the project with the National Library of Malaysia as Coordinator and the Multimedia Development Corporation as Adviser.

He then introduced the reading promotion in Malaysia, including the Kuala Lumpur International Book Fair 2004, National Reading Month 2004 and National Library of Malaysia Book Award 2004.

NLM are carrying out two regional and international programmes: Pre WLIC/IFLA Workshop on Leadership Development for Directors of National Libraries in Developing Countries, Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program 2004, UNESCO Regional Workshop on Digital Preservation and CDNLAO 2005.

He informed the meeting that a UNESCO Regional Workshop on Digital Preservation will be organized by the National Library of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur from 4–8 October 2004. 16 participants from National Libraries and Archives in Asia Oceania will be participating in the Workshop.

A fleet of 6 mobile internet libraries named e-Pustaka built by the National Library of Malaysia was launched on 27 May 2004 by the Honourable Minister of Education Malaysia, Dato' Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein. The mobile libraries will be distributed to 5 State Public Libraries in Malaysia to operate rural library services.

He highlighted that the implementation of the Universal Services Provision (USP) Project under the Ministry of Energy, Telecommunication and Multimedia now known as the Ministry of Energy, Water and Communication, saw a total of 174 rural libraries throughout Malaysia in 2003 provided with 3 telephones, 3 computers and Internet connection each. The project is a tremendous boost in bridging the digital divide between rural and urban areas. In 2004, a further 200 libraries will be connected, thus providing a state of the art delivery system for libraries and library networks. A series of training programmes for personnel of rural libraries under the USP project has been conducted to promote the use of the facilities provided in the libraries concerned. This programme helps to bridging the digital divide.

He also mentioned the digital library conference (Sixth International Conference on Asian Digital Libraries) held in Kuala Lumpur in Dec 2003.

5.8 Myanmar

Mr U Kyaw Oo, Director, National Library of Myanmar, highlighted that there are 4 major types of libraries in Myanmar.

- No. of National Library: 1
- No. of Public library : 435
- No. of Academic Library/School Library: 212/40056
- No. of Special Library and Private Library: 1516

He also reported that the new building of the National Library of Myanmar had finished and the staff and collections had been moved there and they opened the knowledge corner, Magazine and Journal reading room, Reference reading room, etc. Dual Cataloguing Systems (OPAC and Cards), current newspapers and journals are easily read and studied on Ground Floor of Building A. E-Library control Room is fitted in First Floor of Building A. and LAN, Data Entry and e-book creations are controlled. Building A (50m x 20m x 41 m 8 storeys with basement) are sent present completed. At the end of 2005 we have scheduled to complete Building B and D (66m x 18m x 38m 7 storeys) and Building C (42m x 18m x 39m 7 storeys) and will be officially open.

Six Reading Rooms have opened recently and ASK NOW section has also opened in Reference Reading Room. Every body can asked the separated ASK NOW Section Phone (95-1-541732) for any questions. In the lobby (Ground Floor), current and

Newspapers have been read easily, VCD/ DVD such as science, computer technology and language etc can be choose and show freely for knowledge. So that not less than 100 users have come to National Library daily although it is under construction period. At the end of 2004, OPAC searching will be impart use for user (say Rare Books and over 100000 on Myanmar). At present situation catalogue cards and OPAC dual systems are used and, OPAC counter staff help for searching data's and skill.

He mentioned that Ms. Lapapan Choovong (National Programme Officer) Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO) had visited and discussed for IFAP Project and ALIC 2004. The library has begun the digitization project and 200 books had been scanned and hope to finish 500 books at the end of 2004.

Based on NLMS software, the National Library Management System could be assessed through OPAC and Card catalogue system. There will be needed 24 months to be completed data entry for all of our collections. Now the data entry works are nearly completed on Books and all collections will be complete at February 2005 hope.

At the end of 2003, the National Library of Myanmar had got its own email and fax facilities.

5.9 Philippines

Ms Prudenciana C Cruz, Director of National Library of the Philippines mentioned that digitization is the conversion of printed forms such as books, periodical, manuscripts and photos into electronic forms. It is completely new to preserve the library materials. NLP is now selecting the rare books, manuscripts, rare pictures, maps, special collections from its collections to digitize for the e-library.

She emphasized that In Philippines, the librarian must be issued a license from the government. Now it has more then 3,000 licensed librarians of whom 65 are working with the NLP.

There are other library associations and noteworthy to mention are the Public Librarians Association of the Philippines, the Philippines Association of Academic and Research Librarians, the Association of Special Libraries in the Philippines, and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Librarians Association of the Philippines.

She emphasized that NLP carries out reading promotion activities to raising the interest of reading good books and eliminate the illiteracy. NLP also makes recommendations to the writer of the children's book and celebrate the "BOOK DAY" in July.

She introduced some programmes on the preservation and conservation and training; And he said that NLP had good funding initiatives.

She agreed that the CDNLAO 2006 as well as the CONSAL 2006 would be held by the National Library of Philippines.

5.10 Singapore

Ms. Ngian, Deputy Chief Executive of the National Library Board Singapore informed the meeting that the management of NLB has changed and the New Chief Executive is from the National University of Singapore.

On January 28, 2003, the National Library Board (NLB) announced the impending closure of the National Library at Stamford Road on April 1, 2004. To mark the closing chapter of the landmark red-brick building, which housed the National Reference Library and the Central Community Library, a closing ceremony was held on March 31, 2004. About 7,000 people visited the National Library on its last day. The new National Library will be relocated to its new site at Victoria Street and it is slated for opening in 2005.

There was a drop in membership and visitorship at the public libraries in Financial Year (FY) 2003. Membership statistics dropped from 2.1 million in FY2002 to 1.7 million. This is due to the clean up of the membership database to capture deceased members and expired foreign members. The number of visitors to the library decreased from 31.8 million to 31.2 million due to the outbreak of SARS in April to May 2003.

"Singapore Pages", NLB's gateway to online and print resources on Singapore was launched on October 31, 2003. One of the resources available in this portal is the digital collection of old and rare Singapore imprints, taken from both NLB's collection and that from other libraries such as the British Library's Collection. More than 13,000 digital images documenting Singapore's history currently reside in the "Singapore Pages".

ISEAS Library began digitizing the Dorothy Pelzer's collections of slides and negatives during the year. A total of 6,933 slides and 10,464 negatives were digitized in the first phase.

Ms. Ngian proposed to share the digital resources among the national libraries in Asia and Oceania. However, the language barrier exists.

5.11 Thailand

National Library of Thailand had submitted the country report. However, Miss Orapin Limskul, director general failed to attend the meeting because of the tight schedule.

5.12 Vietnam

Mr. Kieu Van Hot, Deputy Director of National Library of Vietnam introduced the administrative structure of Vietnamese Libraries:

- No.of National Library in 2003: 1
- No. of City and Province Library in 2003: 62
- No.of District Library in 2003: 608
- No.of Commune Library in 2003: 8267
- No.of Reading Room for children in 2003: 498

Some figures in 2003 about the development of NLV list as follows:

- NLV received 399,995 visitors in 2003
- NLV issued 28,115 new reader cards as NLV has extended to allow students of the third year at university to use NLV.
- Legal Depository collection received in 2003 : 11,897
- National Databases : 222,499 records for books; 6211 for periodicals and 10,538 for thesis

The number of professional librarians under the Public Library System is 1957. There are 5 library training schools in the whole country.

The activities in 2003:

- Held successfully 2 National Conferences on professional guidance with 400 participants through out the country.

- Donated 10,900 books for local libraries, army libraries and libraries in remoted areas.
- Open 5 class of fostering Information skill for 200 core librarians of National Libraries and Province Libraries.
- Implement the following 3 projects with total value of USD 3,268,000:
 - DDC and AACR2 Translation into Vietnamese.
 - Distribute 80,000 books sponsored by The Asia Foundation to Vietnamese Libraries.
 - Project on Translation of manuals on the preservation of material and on-site training.
- Receive 1 set of Scanner Minolta PS 7000 and computer for digitizing materials from an IT project of CONSAL headed by Singapore and 4 low-vision machines from Force Foundation.

6. CDNLAO Resolutions

On behalf of Mr. Chen Li, Mr Yan Xiangdong informed the meeting that no resolutions would be taken at this meeting

7. Future Meetings

The National Library of Malaysia has agreed to host the meeting in 2005, The CDNLAO 2006 would be held in Philippines.

8. Presentations

To Share Asian Resources: National Diet Library's Library Cooperation in Asia and Oceania

Ms. Yoriko Sato from National Diet Library (NDL) gave a brief presentation on NDL's cooperation with the libraries in Asia and Oceania. The outline is as follows:

- CDNLAO newsletter on the website of NDL
- NDL's work as the IFLA/PAC center for Asia
- Asian information services of the Kansai-Kan of NDL.

- Other activities, such as ILCL(International Libraries of Children's Literature), mutual visits with the libraries in Asia, etc.

Introduction of National Digital Library of China Project. Mr Sun Wei, Engineer of the National Library of China gave a presentation on the project of the National Digital Library of China.

- Scale: 77,687m², including 64,766 m² for National Library of China Phase II and 12,921 m² for National Digital Library of China Project
- Scope: National Library of China Phase II, includes a bibliotheca containing 12 million books, reading rooms with 2900 seats, accomodating 8,000 visitors/per day
- Total Investment: about 12 billion RMB from National Budget
- Project Management: leadership group, advisory Board, open biding by agent
- Construction Period: 2003–2007
- Then he gave some thought on the structure of the National Digital Library.

The meeting ended at 5.30 pm. Reported By: Mr. Hao Jinmin, International Cooperation Division, National Library of China