

Minutes of the 20th CDNL-AO Meeting
National Heritage: Preservation and Dissemination
Monday, 28 May 2012
Discovery Room, Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel, Bali, Indonesia

Present Members:

<i>Australia</i>	Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich
<i>Brunei Darussalam</i>	Mr. Haji Sahari Haji Nassar
<i>Cambodia</i>	Ms. Chhoun Mony
<i>China</i>	Mr. Wang Jun Mr. Wang Zhigeng
<i>Indonesia</i>	Mrs. Sri Sularsih Ms. Woro Titi Haryanti
<i>Japan</i>	Mr. Hidetoshi Kanebako
<i>Korea</i>	Ms. Sook Hyeun Lee Ms. Hyun-kyoung Lee
<i>Laos</i>	Ms. Khantamaly Yangnuavong
<i>Malaysia</i>	Dato' Raslin Abu Bakar Madam Chin Loy Jyoon
<i>New Zealand</i>	Mr. Andy Neale
<i>Pakistan</i>	Mr. Ch. Muhammad Nazir
<i>Philippines</i>	Mr. Antonio Santos
<i>Singapore</i>	Ms. Ngian Lek Choh
<i>Srilanka</i>	Prof. Samaratna Balasooriya
<i>Thailand</i>	Mrs. Wilawan Supphansaen
<i>Timor Leste</i>	Mr. Abilio da Conceicao Silva Ms. Catarina Sarmiento da Costa
<i>Vietnam</i>	Mr. Dang Van Uc Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Phuong

1. Start of the meeting

The Director of National Library of Indonesia, Mrs. Sri Sularsih opened the meeting and welcomed the members. After giving short remarks, Mrs. Sri Sularsih asked the audience to have a photo session. The meeting started again with the introduction of each delegate in alphabetical order.

2. Adoption of the agenda

After giving the last introduction from Indonesia, Mrs. Sri Sularsih initiated the meeting by asking the members to give their comments on the adoption of the meeting agenda. Mr. Antonio M. Santos from Philippines proposed that the session for country reports to be put later after other important matters. The agenda was approved after no comments from other members.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the 19th CDNLAO meeting

Mrs. Sri Sularsih came into the next program to discuss about the last meeting minutes in Seoul, Korea. Regarding this, she asked Ms. Woro Titi Haryanti, the Head of Center for Library Services and Information of the National Library of Indonesia to chair and lead the meeting. Ms. Woro started the discussion by asking the audiences to give their comments or any changes for each page of the minutes. Ms. Woro approved that the minutes was adopted after no comments were given. The meeting proceeded to the discussion of the proposed projects.

4. Discussion on projects

A. The Future of LAP: Libraries of Asia Pacific Directory, Australia

The first item for discussion was the report from Australia on the Future of the Libraries of Asia Pacific Directory (LAP) project. Before giving the report, Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich of National Library of Australia (NLA) expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Sri Sularsih for her generosity in hosting and welcome to the meeting. Ms. Schwirtlich said that the Directory was an initiative of CDNL-AO's meeting in 2000. The Directory was a useful and successful tool in its first few years. In 2003, it became possible for countries to update their own entry. More recently, the National Library of Australia (NLA) has noticed that most entries are out of date and the directory is not used online because each institution has developed its own websites. The NLA is not in a position to support the IT infrastructures for the directory anymore. Therefore, she proposed 2 (two) possibilities. Firstly, CDNL-AO could decide not to have this directory any longer. Secondly, the directory could be maintained by another CDNL-AO member. Ms. Schwirtlich said that it was NLA's recommendation to allow the directory to lapse because it has served its purpose over the last eight or ten years. CDNL-AO agreed to allow the libraries of Asia Pacific Directory to lapse. The meeting agreed to adopt her recommendation.

B. Digitization: Indonesian Newspaper, Indonesia

Ms. Woro continued the session with the report on the Digitization Activity at National Library of Indonesia project delivered by Ms. Liliek Soelistyowati, Deputy Director for Library Materials and Information Services Development of National Library of Indonesia. She reported that the National Library of Indonesia (NLI) had the most complete collection of Indonesian newspapers. In accordance, it is important to digitize the collections in order to save the information and to invite other countries and institutions to join the project.

b.1) After hearing the reports, Ms. Woro added that although it is planned that the Library of Congress, the National Library of Australia, the KITLV of Netherlands, the Center for Scientific Documentation and Information of the Indonesian Institute of Science (PDII-LIPI) will take part in the project. She invited all national libraries especially the members also to join the project. She said that although it is only a one year project, it can be extended into a multi-year project. She then invited all the members to give their comments or questions.

b.2) Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich asked for a clarification on what collection NLA shall digitize in accordance to the project.

b.3) Ms. Woro pointed out that both libraries are expected to exchange their digitized collection to make a complete collection for the project.

b.4) Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich asked if the NLA had the least collections and Indonesia had the most collections, the NLA could do the digitations of their collection by themselves and send it to Indonesia.

b.5) Ms. Woro agreed with that. Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich and Ms. Woro looked forward to having more discussions on the project.

C. A Digital Bibliography of the 10 Top treasures in each Country's National Library or Libraries in ASEAN Countries, Singapore

Ms. Ngian Lek Choh explained that the project was intended to collect a list of top 10 (ten) treasures in each national library and to create a digital bibliography in order to be aware of what are the most valuable top ten treasures of each national library of CONSAL member countries. She also added that if they are able to get the funding they will publish the list as well. She then invited all the members to give their comments and questions.

c.1) Ms. Woro asked whether all the members are invited to join the project.

c.2) Ms. Ngian Lek Choh responded that the project is intended first for the CONSAL member countries. She informed that they have so far received entries from 6 (six) countries. Once they have received from all member countries they will compile a digital list and share it with all members.

D. Establishing a Framework for Excellence in Library Management, Singapore

Ms. Ngian Lek Choh said that the framework for business excellence is something they have been thinking about having participated in the Singapore Quality Award process. She also informed that they have received the second Singapore Quality Award. This award required them to present to a national agency that looked into components such as visions, missions, the planning process, the use of information, also the system and processes that they set up plus the services that they provided to customers. The last category is the business results which are on the key performance indicators along with financial and other operational aspects of libraries. She would like to extend the invitation to CDNLAO members to join the project team to develop a framework of business excellence in library that is applicable to all types of library. According to her, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand have shown their interests in joining the project and she invited other CDNL-AO members who are interested in the project to let her know after the meeting.

E. National Libraries Global (NLG), Singapore

Ms. Ngian Lek Choh explained that the National Libraries Global (NLG) project was started by the National Library of Australia, National Library of New Zealand and National Library Board of Singapore. The project was intended to develop a platform to share both records and selected contents that can be shared with other libraries. Ms. Ngian Lek Choh suggested that those who are interested in joining the project should consult with the NLB Singapore.

e.1) Mr. Andy Neale of National Library of New Zealand noted that other regions in the world have also the similar program such as Europe with their Europeana. He thought that it would be useful for Asia and Oceania to at least investigate the option.

e.2) Ms. Woro noted that Indonesia has also been developing 6 (six) centre for excellences for local content information around Indonesia.

e.3) Mrs. Sri Sularsih also added that the National Library of Indonesia has a great interest and consideration in preserving the national heritages. The National Library is assigned to manage the Memory of Nation which was declared on May 2nd, 2012. The National Library of Indonesia has participated in the Memory of the World program.

e.4) Ms. Woro noted that considering the Memory of the World Indonesia has proposed Babad Dipanegara or Autobiographical Chronicle of Prince Dipanegara to be a part of it. She also noted that one of National Library of Indonesia's old manuscript collections, Negarakertagama, has been awarded as a part of the Memory of the World.

e.5) Dato' Raslin Abu Bakar from National Library of Malaysia gave his appreciation for Indonesia's achievement. Regarding the Memory of the Nation program, he asked whether the National Library of Indonesia carried out the program alone or together with other agencies in the government.

e.6) Ms. Woro responded that it is actually carried along together by the National Library of Indonesia and other institutions such as the National Archive, Ministry of Communications and Information, Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy, Ministry of Education and Culture and also with private sectors, universities and associations. She said that this year they have set up a committee and prepared for the manuals and mechanisms.

e.7) Dato' Raslin Abu Bakar replied that they would support the program and hopefully could do more later.

e.8) Ms. Woro said that they are open for other countries to have a further discussion.

e.9) Ms. Ngian Lek Choh asked a question about the rights of the contents and the rights for the contributors.

e.10) Ms. Woro responded that they have started with non-copyright materials such as old manuscripts and rare books.

e.13) Mr. Antonio M. Santos from the Philippines also shared their experience related to the discussed matter that in 2009, Philippine Legislature set up a role in conserving the cultural heritage under a program called National Protection for Cultural Heritage. The agency was assigned to implement the intent of the law in the National Commission for Culture and Arts. The National Library worked together with the National Archive, National Museum, Cultural Center of the Philippines, the Commission of Philippine Language and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines and other related institutions. At first stage, they had to define the parameters for what a cultural heritage is. Related with the top ten treasures proposed by the Singapore, he said that they are now in the process of meeting with stakeholders to at least gradually meet or concern the university libraries who might have some precious Philippines publications. He also reported that they are now implementing budget for it.

F. The Great East Japan Earthquake and Libraries

Mr. Hidetoshi Kanebako of the National Diet Library (NDL), Japan gave his presentation on the library reconstruction activities after the Great East Japan Earthquake. In his presentation he noted that there are several activities undertaken such as salvaging damaged materials, support for the restoration of libraries and reading environments in stricken areas, support of stricken areas through library services and internet portal sites for supporting affected libraries. Beside the reconstructions, he also noted that the NDL has been doing the effort to build a digital archive of the Great East Japan Earthquake which aims at establishing a portal, web archiving and long-term preservation. In his conclusion, Mr. Kanebako pointed out three important points: earthquake-resistant measures for

facilities, building a cooperative framework among libraries and establishing first a collaborative relationship with museums to restore and preserve damaged materials.

f.1) Mrs. Sri Sularsih showed her deep condolences for all lost caused by the earthquake in Japan as it was also experienced by Indonesia in 2004. She hoped that Japan can recover soon.

f.2) Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich showed her appreciation about the presentation given by the NDL and the effort of the salvage and reconstruction after tsunami. In accordance with the presentation of building a Digital Archive of the Great East Japan Earthquake to pass its impact and experience on to future generation, she asked who could post audio visual materials related to the earthquake including photographs and moving images on the website – if it is limited only to organization, institutions, etc. or individual citizens are also allowed to do.

f.3) Mr. Kanebako explained that the archive is willing to accept posting from individuals and that the NDL was presently working together with other institutions to collect various materials related to the earthquake for the archive.

G. Additional Presentation from the National Library of China

Mr. Wang Zhigeng, on behalf of Mr. Wang Jun, explained his presentation on the relocation project of National Library of China last year. Due to the low equipment and lack of maintenance, the main building could no longer continue to meet the demand of collection management and the service. Therefore, the National Library of China has made a decision to close the building and start the renovation. The effort to transfer some of the collections including books and journals has been made.

In addition, Mr. Wang Jun also mentioned that National Library of China is going to organize a conference on September 2012. The topic of the conference is Collaboration between Libraries in Asia. He would send the materials and proposal to all directors of National Library.

g.1) Ms. Woro offered all colleagues to ask question.

g.2) Ms. Ngian Lek Choh asked whether the National Library of China had any collaborative project with CDNLAO member countries so far.

g.3) Mr. Wang Jun explained that they had collaborative project with the National Diet Library of Japan and the National Library of Korea about Digital Library. He thought it would be a good start for the National Library of China to collaborate with other countries to digitize the contents.

5. Country Reports Presentation

It is agreed that all member countries presented briefly and highlighted their country reports.

6. Selecting host country for the 22nd CDNL-AO Meeting 2014

6.1) Australia offers to be the host for the 22nd meeting in Canberra.

6.2) It is approved that Australia will be the next host for the 22nd CDNL-AO meeting in 2014.

7. Remarks by the next Host Country for the 21st CDNL-AO Meeting in 2013

The upcoming host Malaysia represented by Dato' Raslin Abu Bakar gave his remarks by confirming that Malaysia is ready to be the next host, invite and welcome all the members to come and participate the meeting.

8. Closing

Ms. Woro handed over the chair of the meeting to Mrs. Sri Sularsih. Mrs. Sri Sularsih gave her closing remarks by expressing her appreciation for the participation during the meeting with the hope that the result of the meeting will be implemented and give mutual benefit to all member countries.

9. Presenting the Token of Appreciation

Mrs. Sri Sularsih presented the token of appreciation to each representative of CDNL-AO member countries.

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