

**Minutes of  
19<sup>th</sup> Conference of Directors of National Libraries of Asian and Oceania 2011  
- Envisioning the Future: the Role of National Libraries in the New Era -**

**May 17, 2011 (Tuesday) 09:30-16:40**

**Venue: International Conference Hall, the National Library of Korea**

**1. Start of the meeting**

Mr. Jin Yung Woo, Chief Executive of the National Library of Korea (NLK), opened the meeting at 9:30 am.

Mr. Woo welcomed members and expressed condolences for earthquake victims to the delegate of the National Diet Library of Japan. Mr. Woo noted that over its 32 year history, CDNL-AO has contributed to the promotion of exchanges between national libraries and information sharing. He explained that his aspiration for this meeting was to increase this level of collaboration leading to visible achievements. The participants then introduced themselves in alphabetical order by country.

**2. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> CDNL-AO meeting**

The minutes were approved without amendment.

**4. Country report presentation**

The Chair, Mr. Woo, invited all members to speak briefly and highlight their country reports. Members presented a wide range of achievements including legislation, construction of buildings and digital projects. The presentations commenced with the report from the National Library of Australia.

**5. Discussion on Cooperation**

**5.1 Legal Deposit (including e-legal deposit)**

The Chair, Mr. Woo, noted that inadequacies in legal deposit legislation is a common issue, and invited Ms. Wilawan Sapphansaen, Director of the National Library of Thailand, and participants to present on the issue.

Ms. Wilawan Sapphansaen briefly explained the current situation of legal deposit in Thailand noting the absence of legal deposit legislation and library legislation. The National Library of Thailand relies on the Press Act 2007, and on registration for ISBN and ISSN numbers, to assist with collection building.

a-1) Mr. Asoka Senani Hewage, Director General of the National Library of Sri Lanka, asked how the National Library of Thailand develops its collections in the absence of legal deposit legislation.

a-2) Ms. Wilawan responded that Press Act 2007 requires newspaper publishers to register with the National Library and this combined with the requirement to lodge publications in return for ISBN and ISSN numbers is how the collections are developed.

a-3) Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chief Librarian of the National Library of Nepal, noted that Nepal also has the same issue on legal depositary act. He said that he has served as a director of the National Library of Nepal for last 13 years and worked strenuously, as did his predecessors, to have legal deposit legislation enacted. In Nepal, Publishers and distributors are very reluctant to support legal deposit as they see it as a cost. Somehow their support must be secured as a national library cannot function very successfully without legal deposit.

a-4) Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, Director of the National Library Board Singapore, asked a question regarding the Korean Library Act and digital content of NLK. What do you collect under the library act?

a-5) Mr. Jin Yung Woo, Chief Executive of the National Library of Korea, responded that under the law NLK collects two kinds of digital files; one is online digital files that are deposited by the law, and the other is legal deposit of digital files for the use of people with disabilities.

## **5.2 Standards for digitization of audio and video content / Open access of research content and possibility of federated search across repositories of research materials**

b-1) Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, Director of the National Library of Singapore, suggested that it would be useful for members to share how they digitize different audio and video format files. She noted that NLB Singapore has begun digitizing rare books, newspapers and some photographs. She noted that the National Library of Australia has digitized a lot of audio materials. She suggested that each member could collect and share best practices so that other members can gain from their experiences.

c-1) Ms. Ngian reported that university libraries in Singapore recently asked NLB Singapore to look into how to make research materials more accessible. She noted that having more channels is getting more important to professors, lecturers and university libraries even though they already have own websites and channels. She proposed that members share experiences to learn from each other to increase accessibility, including putting materials out through Google, mobile and other channels.

c-2) Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Director General of the National Library of Australia, noted that the NLA has made good progress in digitizing oral history recordings. She noted that for fifty years the NLA has conducted an oral history program with Australians who have contributed significantly to national life in areas like politics, literature, music, architecture etc. NLA has about 40,000 hours of interviews and digitized close to 25,000 hours with

15,000 hours remaining to digitize. She noted that it has achieved preservation and accessibility by gradually putting materials online, if the interview has no access restrictions. She noted that she was unable to provide details about technical issues at the meeting, but would provide information to colleagues who were interested. Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, Director of the National Library of Singapore, asked for additional information.

Ms. Woro Titi Haryanti, Head of the Centre for Library Services of the National Library of Indonesia, noted that big universities share research papers, however it is expensive to access while government funded universities are required to submit research materials and results. Getting private universities to share research materials is difficult in Indonesia.

c-3) Prof. Antonio M. Santos, Director of the National Library of the Philippines, noted that the members have discussed three matters: legal deposit, the standard of digitized audio and visual contents, and open access. He said that the main issue that all members should consider is copyright. Whether it is legal deposit, digitizing standards or open access of materials, what is needed is the copyright of the item and he referred to the restrictions facing the National Library of Australia in making digitized oral history interviews accessible.

c-4) Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Director General of the National Library of Australia, clarified saying that the access restrictions she mentioned arose from the fact that the oral history interviews were conducted very frankly and so might need to be restricted from public access for a period rather than from copyright difficulties.

c-5) Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, Director of the National Library of Singapore, noted that NLB Singapore users have asked whether they could reuse the contents; books, websites, etc. When they ask, the library finds it hard to trace copyright owner. This is why whenever a person digitally deposit content, NLB Singapore is starting to ask directly the person for permission for use at the point of deposit or donation. She hoped that the rights secured would cut down the time to trace the owner when library users come to (re)use content in one way or another.

c-6) Mr. Harka B. Gurung, Director of the National Library of Bhutan, shared the case study of endangered oral history with the members. He stated that the Royal Government of Bhutan has given priority to recording and capturing the oral history in the ongoing 10th Five Year Plan itself. As such, the National Library and Archives of Bhutan has envisaged to carry out the program during the plan period of the financial year 2011-2012 to interview prominent elderly persons, record the interviews on old folk tales, rituals and their significance and sayings in audiocassettes. These will be archived and will be made accessible after the death of the interviewees.

He further stressed that oral history programs are important and should not be delayed waiting for copyright or other legislation to be passed.

## **6. Special Subjects Presentations**

### **6.1 The Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11**

Mr. Mitsuaki Amino, Director General, Acquisitions and Bibliography Department of the National Diet Library of Japan, gave the meeting details of the Great East Japan Earthquake,

of the damage to Japan and the National Diet Library and how restoration of the NDL was in accordance with a 'disaster plan' devised in early 2010. He noted two lessons from the experience; firstly, that underground stacks are desirable in case of earthquake with some reservations; and, secondly, that dispersal of materials in different places is a countermeasure against earthquakes.

## **6.2 CJKDLI (China-Japan-Korea Digital Library Initiative) Status Report**

### China

Ms. Shen Xiaojuan, Deputy Director of Research Institute of National Library of China spoke to the subject 'Preserving and Disseminating Asian Cultures with the digital library technologies'. She introduced the general situation and development plan of the National Digital Library Project of China. She noted three suggestions; firstly, metadata integration and cross language searching; secondly, resource demonstration; and thirdly, long-term preservation.

### Japan

Mr. Mitsuaki Amino, Director General, Acquisitions and Bibliography Department of the National Diet Library of Japan presented on the 'New Portal service of the National Diet Library'. He introduced the new service that offers a user interface in four languages: Japanese, Chinese, Korean and English. He noted that the new NDL search is now linked with the NLK catalog.

### Korea

Mr. Jinho Park, Senior Researcher of the National Library of Korea spoke about the 'CJKDLI Metadata Registry.' He noted the history of CJKDLI and the importance of the metadata registry. He stressed that members need to go back to the basics and work harder. He said that working with three different languages was not a problem. Instead, it was an opportunity to have three different views of the world. For CJKDLI, the conceptualization and modeling of Asian philosophy should be reflected in its information resource management system.

## **6.3 Case Study Presentation of Korea**

Ms. Young Sook Lee, Deputy Director of the National Library Support Center for the Disabled of the National Library of Korea, made a presentation on the establishment of the support center, and various alternative materials and programs for the disabled.

## **7. Discussion**

### a) National Information and Library Policy (NILP) Special Interest Group of IFLA

Ms. Jaesun Lee, Director, International Cooperation and Public Relations Team of the National Library of Korea, introduced the concept of the NILP Special Interest Group (SIG). She explained that the topics of interest to the SIG would be the scope of information and library policy, the processes for developing such policy and lessons learned from national policy initiatives. The SIG will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> of August at IFLA 2011 in Puerto Rico and Ms Lee encouraged all members to attend.

b) Expansion of attendance at CDNLAO by Member Countries

The Chair, Mr. Jin Yung Woo, Chief Executive of the National Library of Korea, noted that the conference is open to all countries in the region according to Article 2.1 of the Statute, Rules and Procedure of CDNLAO. Nevertheless, most of the members attending are from Northeast and Southeast Asia. He said that increasing participation from other countries would be good for the future, and asked members' opinions on how to achieve this.

Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, Director of the National Library Board Singapore, wondered if funding was one of the reasons making it difficult to participate in CDNLAO meetings.

Ms. Mya Oo, Director of the National Library of Myanmar, noted that she was able to participate in CDNL-AO in Korea with the fund by the Ministry of Culture. No participant was able to attend the CDNL-AO Meeting in Japan due to the funding provision.

Prof. Antonio M. Santos, Director of the National Library of Philippines, pointed out that membership and participation is different matters. For example, there are members who are present at the meeting however they do not participate for some reasons.

The Chair, Mr. Jin Yung Woo, Chief Executive of the National Library of Korea, concluded that a solution to the issue could not be found at this point but observed that the next host would face the same situation.

Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, Director of the National Library Board Singapore, called on CDNL-AO member countries to provide feedback on why they had been unable to attend the meeting in Korea as this would be helpful for future planning.

## **8. Select 2013 Host and Remarks by the Next Host of 2012 CDNL-AO, Indonesia**

a) The Chair, Mr. Jin Yung Woo, Chief Executive of the National Library of Korea, invited members not to hesitate if their country was willing to host the 2013 meeting. There were no volunteers. The Chair asked for the opinion of the next host, Ms. Woro Titi Haryanti, Head of the Centre for Library Services of the National Library of Indonesia.

Ms. Woro Titi Haryanti, suggested Malaysia as the host. Malaysia expressed its willingness to host 2013 meeting of CDNL-AO.

b) Ms. Woro Titi Haryanti, Head of Centre for Library Services of the National Library of Indonesia, invited all members to 2012 CDNL-AO in Bali, Indonesia from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2012. The theme is 'National Heritage Preservation and Dissemination'. The 15<sup>th</sup> CONSAL meeting also will be held in Bali. Each representative of national libraries will be provided with two nights' accommodation, transportation from/to airport and hospitality. Members need to pay for registration of the conference and pay for their own roundtrip air ticket. She noted that the invitations are on the desk of each member.

The Chair, Mr. Woo, thanked Indonesia (the 2012 Host), Malaysia (the 2013 Host) and Thailand (the 2015 Host) nothing that a host is only needed for 2014.

20th meeting (2012) Indonesia  
21th meeting (2013) Malaysia  
22th meeting (2014) Vacancy  
23th meeting (2015) Thailand

The Chair noted that the revised CDNL-AO statute completed by the National Library of Australia is on each table. In addition, the discussion forum information by Japan was noted that anybody from member libraries can access and participate in its website.

## **9. Closed Meeting**

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**Participants List**  
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China	Ms. Chang Pijun, Deputy Director, National Library of China
China	Ms. Shen Xiaojuan, Deputy Director, Research Institute, National Library of China
Indonesia	Ms. Woro Titi Haryanti, Head of Centre for Library Services, National Library of Indonesia
Japan	Mr. Mitsuaki Amino, Director General, Acquisitions and Bibliography Department, National Diet Library
Korea	Mr. Jin Yung Woo, Chief Executive, The National Library of Korea
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Lao PDR	Dr. Bouakhay Phengphachanh, Deputy Director, National Library of Laos
Malaysia	Dato' Raslin Abu Bakar, Director General, National Library of Malaysia
Malaysia	Madam Chin Loy Jyoon, Deputy Director, Corporate Planning and Policy Division, National Library of Malaysia
Maldives	Ms. Aminath Shiuna, Secretary General of Maldives Library Association
Mongolia	Mr. Chilaajav Khaidav, Director, National Library of Mongolia
Myanmar	Ms. Mya Oo, Director, National Library of Myanmar
Nepal	Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chief Librarian, Nepal National Library
Philippines	Prof. Antonio M. Santos, Director, National Library of the Philippines
Singapore	Ms. Ngian Lek Choh, Director, National Library of Singapore
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