

**MINUTES OF THE 21ST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF
NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA (CDNL-AO) 2013**

THEME: NATIONAL LIBRARY AS AN AGENT OF TRANSFORMATION

26 MARCH 2013, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Members Present:

COUNTRY	INSTITUTION	REPRESENTATIVES
AUSTRALIA	National Library of Australia	1. Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich Director-General
BANGLADESH	Directorate of Archives & Libraries, Bangladesh	2. Mr. Wadudul Bari Chowdhury Director
BHUTAN	National Library & Archives of Bhutan	3. Mr. Harka Gurung Director
BRUNEI	Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka Brunei	4. Mdm Aminah Momin Director
		5. Hajah Noreidah Binti Haji Ibrahim Library Officer
CHINA	National Library of China	6. Mr. Wei Dawei Deputy Director
		7. Mr. Gan Di Senior Engineer
FIJI	Library Service of Fiji	8. Ms. Merewalesi Vueti Director
INDONESIA	National Library of Indonesia	9. Mdm Sri Sularsih Director
		10. Ms. Woro Titi Haryanti Head of Department
		11. Ms. Ofy Sofiana Head of Department

COUNTRY	INSTITUTION	REPRESENTATIVES
JAPAN	National Diet Library, Japan	12. Ms. Naoko Sato Librarian Counselor, Acquisitions and Bibliography Department
		13. Ms. Yuko Kumakura Branch Libraries and Cooperation Division, Administrative Department
KIRIBATI	Kiribati National Library & Archives	14. Ms. Tamaua Moriati Senior Librarian
KOREA	National Library of Korea	15. Ms. Sook Hyeun Lee Director Library Service
		16. Ms. Hyunah Choi Head of Department
LAOS	National Library of Laos	17. Dr. Bouakhay Phengphachanh Deputy Director
MALAYSIA	National Library of Malaysia	18. Dato' Raslin Abu Bakar Director General
MALDIVES	National Library Republic of Maldives	19. Mr. Ibrahim Shiyam Director-General
		20. Mr. Adam Shahid Computer Technician
MYANMAR	National Library of Myanmar	21. Ms. Myo Head of Department
NEPAL	National Library of Nepal	22. Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula Director-General
NEW ZEALAND	National Library of New Zealand	23. Ms. Geraldine Howell Director Literacy & Learning
PAKISTAN	National Library of Pakistan	24. Mr. Ch. Muhammad Nazir Director

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		Department of Libraries
PHILIPPINES	National Library of the Philippines	25. Mr. Antonio M. Santos Director
SINGAPORE	National Library Board, Singapore	26. Mr. Gene Tan Director
SRI LANKA	National Library and Documentation Services Board	27. Mr. Narasinghe Herath Mudiyanselage Chithrananda Director-General (acting)
THAILAND	National Library of Thailand	28. Ms. Pimpan Paiboonwangchroen, Director (acting)
		29. Ms. Nawarat Panyangam, Senior Professional Librarian
VIETNAM	National Library of Vietnam	30. Mr. Le Van Viet Deputy Director
		31. Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Phuong Deputy Head

Minutes of the Meeting:

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am and concluded at 5.00 pm. The meeting was adjourned for a group photograph and morning tea from 10.30 am to 11.00 am and for lunch from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm.

1. Opening address by the Chair, Dato' Raslin Abu Bakar, Director General, National Library of Malaysia

The Director General of the National Library Malaysia (NLM) opened the meeting and welcomed members to the 21st Meeting of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNL-AO). Dato' Raslin noted that the National Library of Malaysia was hosting the CDNL-AO meeting for the third time, having hosted the meeting in 1992 and 2005. The CDNL-AO meeting was well attended by 31 delegates from 22 member countries which is the highest attendance since the 1st CDNL-AO meeting was held 37 years ago, in 1979, in Australia. Dato' Raslin also noted that the meeting provided an opportunity for CDNL-AO member countries to reflect and share their knowledge, challenges and experiences to bring national libraries to greater heights. He advised that the theme of this year's meeting "National Library as an Agent of Transformation" was very appropriate in this era of globalization. Libraries have to adapt to and adopt the changing environment of information needs and new technology advances in order to stay relevant. Libraries and librarians must work together and share their expertise, skill and knowledge in order to transform their libraries to fulfill the needs of users.

2. Introduction of participants and welcome to new members

Participants introduced themselves in alphabetical order by country. Dato' Raslin also welcomed new member, Ms Tamaua Moriati, a senior librarian from Kiribati National Library and Archives

3. Adoption of Agenda

Dato' Raslin began the meeting by inviting members to adopt the agenda. Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, the Director General of the National Library of Australia

(NLA), proposed to delete the item “Looking ahead to the CDNL Meeting August 2013, Singapore” from the agenda because the item overlapped “Remarks by the next 2014 host country”. Mr Gene Tan, National Library Board, Singapore, proposed that the progress report on National Library Global be reported under Item 5: National Library-Asia Pacific Proposal, and he wished to allocate the time of the deleted item for the announcement and promotion of the IFLA 2013. This was accepted by the meeting and, as there were no other comments from members, the agenda was adopted.

4. Approval of Minutes of the 20th CDNL-AO Meeting

Dato’ Raslin discussed the minutes of the last meeting, which was held in Bali, Indonesia, seeking comments or amendments page by page. The minutes were approved without amendment.

5. Matters arising from the 20th CDNL-AO Meeting

(a) National Library - Asia Pacific Proposal

Mr. Gene Tan, National Library Board, Singapore, gave an update on the plans for launching the NL-Asia Pacific Service. He indicated that the NL Global Initiative will be renamed “NL-Asia Pacific (NL-AP)” to focus on connecting content in the region. The project aims to have ASEAN National Libraries as part of a prototype platform that provides users with a seamless way to search for, and gain access to, the wealth of digitized material held by them. It also aims to encourage greater use and awareness of regional content, thus fostering a higher level of regional unity. The project will also include the National Libraries of China, Korea, Japan and the National Library of New Zealand which has agreed to support the aggregation service by using existing technology that it has developed. The National Library Board, Singapore, has secured funding of USD 40,000 for the first year from the ASEAN Cultural Fund and this funding will be available from April 2013. The National Libraries of the Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei and Malaysia have expressed interest in joining the pilot project. Mr. Gene Tan provided CDNL-AO with additional information about the pilot project and the benefits of joining the project.

He reported that the official signing ceremony by Regional NL-AP Country Representatives would be held on 17th August 2013 at the ASEAN Caucus event which will be part of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Singapore.

(b) Establishing a Framework for Excellence in Library Management, Singapore

Mr. Gene Tan reported that the Framework for Excellence in Library Management, Singapore, had been circulated to all CDNL-AO members for comment. He invited CDNL-AO members to participate in this project.

6. Presentation on Special Subjects from National Libraries

The National Libraries of Australia, Korea and Singapore each presented papers based on the meeting theme “National Library as an Agent of Transformation”.

(a) A presentation on “Building A New Digital Library For The National Library of Australia” by the National Library of Australia

The first presentation, entitled "Building a New Digital Library for the National Library of Australia", was by the Director General of the National Library of Australia (NLA), Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich. In her presentation, she gave a report on replacing the NLA's existing digital library infrastructure with one that enables the Library to increase its capacity to collect digital content, digitize paper and other analogue collections, to deliver digital content online and work towards a National Digital Library of Australia.

(b) A presentation on “National Digital Library of Korea” by the National Library of Korea

The second presentation, entitled "The National Digital Library of Korea", was made by the delegate from the National Library of South Korea, Ms. Sook Hyeun Lee. Her presentation covered three main aspects namely collecting digital resources, building metadata in Metadata Object Description Schema (MODS),

providing services in a digital environment and the plans for enhancing the Digital Library.

She also touched on providing e-resources such as e-books, e-journals, movies and audio books, through the Dibrary Portal. The plans for enhancing the Digital Library of Korea include revising the Legal Deposit Act for online materials, expanding e-resources collections and preserving e-resources. Ms. Sook Hyeun Lee also highlighted that the ultimate goal of the Digital Library of Korea is to facilitate users' access to e-resources.

(c) A presentation on “Libraries for Life” by the National Library Board, Singapore

The third presentation was by Mr. Gene Tan, National Library Board, Singapore, with the title "Libraries for Life." His presentation touched on issues such as new library service directions, readers for life, learning communities and a knowledgeable nation. In addition, he presented updates on the Singapore Memory Project and national initiatives to build a national identity and collection, develop information discernment and a national reading habit.

During the discussion session, Mr. Gan Di, National Library of China, enquired about the CNN coverage of the Singapore Memory Project. Mr. Tan advised that CNN interviewed the National Library Board but that this did not include coverage of the project.

In response to a question from Ms. Aminah, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka Brunei, about the information literacy programme, Mr. Tan explained the four simple steps in S.U.R.E. (which stands for source for information, understand, research and evaluate the information).

7. Announcement from the CDNL-AO Website

Ms. Yuko Kumakura, from the CDNLAO Newsletter editorial office at the National Diet Library, Japan, sought CDNL-AO's advice on the three following matters:

(a) Statutes and Rules of Procedures of CDNL-AO

Ms. Yuko Kumakura enquired whether the Statutes and Rules of Procedures of CDNL-AO, which were drafted by the National Library of Australia and proposed at the 18th CDNL-AO Meeting held in Singapore, had been adopted. She proposed that the Statutes be uploaded to the CDNL-AO website if they had been adopted.

Mr. Antonio Santos from the National Library of the Philippines raised the issue of what the next steps were for CDNL-AO if the Statutes had been adopted. Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, National Library of Australia, proposed that the members at this meeting adopt the Statutes and Rules of Procedures of CDNL-AO and endorse the document being loaded to the CDNL-AO website. Should there be any comments on the Statutes and Rules of Procedures of CDNL-AO, they can be discussed at the 22nd CDNL-AO meeting to be held in Canberra, Australia in 2014. The members of the meeting agreed to this proposal and adopted the Statutes and Rules of Procedures of CDNL-AO.

(b) CDNL-AO Editorial Correspondents

Ms. Yuko Kumakura explained the difficulties of securing sufficient material for the CDNL-AO Newsletter which is published three times a year in March, July and November. She asked once again each CDNL-AO member country to assign at least one editorial correspondent who works on editing the newsletter together with the editorial office.. The members agreed to inform the names and contact information of their editorial correspondents by 30th April 2013.

(c) CDNL-AO Newsletter

Ms. Yuko Kumakura announced that the paper-copy service of the CDNL-AO Newsletter will be terminated in July 2013 and all future publication notices will be sent by email.

8. IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2013, Singapore

Mr. Gene Tan announced that the IFLA WLIC 2013, with the theme “Future Libraries: Infinite Possibilities” will be held in Singapore from 17th to 23rd August 2013 at the Suntec Singapore Convention Center. He invited all CDNL-AO members, as well as librarians from their countries, to attend the conference.

9. Presentation of Country Reports

The Chair invited all members present to speak briefly about the highlights noted in their country reports. Members noted a wide range of achievements including new and amended legislation, legal deposit of digital materials, new library buildings and new digital projects. Further information is available in the Country Reports, under the heading ‘21st CDNL-AO Meeting’, on the CDNL-AO website <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/index.html>

10. Selecting the host country for the 24th CDNL-AO Meeting in 2016

The National Library of New Zealand offered to host the 24th CDNL-AO Meeting in New Zealand. Members welcomed the invitation and approved New Zealand as the host of the 24th CDNL-AO Meeting in 2016. Members also noted that the 23rd CDNL-AO Meeting and the 16th CONSAL meeting will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2015. Ms. Pimpan Paiboonwangchroen, the Director (acting) of the National Library of Thailand announced that a website of the 16th CONSAL meeting was already open and she welcomed all members at <http://www.consalxvi.org/>.

11. Remarks by the National Library of Australia as host of the 22nd CDNL-AO Meeting in 2014

Australia will host the next meeting of CDNL-AO and Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich confirmed that Australia looks forward to next hosting CDNL-AO and invited and welcomed all members to attend the 22nd Meeting of CDNL-AO which will be held in Canberra in February 2014. A seminar about the collaboration between State and Territory Libraries and the National Libraries of Australia and New Zealand will also be held in conjunction with the CDNL-AO meeting.

12. Any Other Business

(a) International Digital Library Conference: Towards Regional Cooperation and Collaboration

Dato' Raslin announced that the National Library of Malaysia will host the International Digital Library Conference in October 2013. ASEAN Member States will be invited to attend the conference with funding from the ASEAN-COCI Cultural Fund. Dato' Raslin also invited CDNL-AO members to attend the conference.

(b) 2012 China-ASEAN Cultural Forum & the 7th 10+3 Workshop on Cooperation for Cultural Human Resource Development

Dato' Raslin brought to the attention of members the Nanning Initiative of East Asian National Libraries which was discussed during the 2012 China-ASEAN Cultural Forum & the 7th 10+3 Workshop on Cooperation for Cultural Human Resource Development hosted by the National Library of China in Guangxi, China from 10-18 September 2012. The forum was attended by Directors of National Libraries in the ASEAN member states with China and Japan. The Initiative proposed that a Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia be established.

Malaysia and Indonesia were of the opinion that the proposed Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia would be a duplication of CDNL-AO and recommended that the membership of the proposed Conference be extended to include heads of university and public libraries in Asia.

13. Closure and Thanks

In closing the meeting, Dato' Raslin expressed his sincere thanks to all the members present for their active participation during the meeting and hoped that the ideas shared at, and the results of, the meeting would be implemented and give mutual benefit to all member countries.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm

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