

# NL ASIA PACIFIC

A PROPOSAL TO CONNECT  
NATIONAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

a joint proposal by  
National Library of New Zealand  
National Library Board Singapore

NL Global (current name) started as an initiative to **connect collections of National Libraries** around the world.

Provide users with a seamless way to **search and access digitised collections** offered by National Libraries.

BACKGROUND

The project was proposed at **CONSAL 2012** and received interest from the National Libraries of Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei and Malaysia.

For the **ASEAN countries**, NLB Singapore received approved funding of US\$40,000 from Apr 2013.

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Moving forward, the project which was initially proposed by NL of New Zealand with support from other regional partners to focus on Asia-Pacific.

Hence the proposal from NLB Singapore and NL of New Zealand to **rename it NL Asia Pacific**

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Digital Material  
in Existence &  
Offered by  
National Library

Aggregation Technology to  
collect metadata from the  
website or digital repository

Agreement by the NL for  
Descriptive Metadata to be  
Shared

With metadata, an NL-Asia Pacific **Discovery Service**  
to be developed so that materials can be displayed  
in different apps  
(with the permission of the NL as long as items are  
attributed)

Technology developed by  
NLNZ and egs in  
[www.digitalnz.org](http://www.digitalnz.org) or  
[www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz)

PROPOSAL

Unified Search OF ASIA-  
PACIFIC collections

Showcase your country's material to promote  
knowledge exchange and cultural understanding

Publish metadata via API for software developers  
with potential new uses for content.

Build a lasting network between digital  
teams across the Asia-Pacific Region

BENEFITS

BEFORE AUG 2013

Demonstration Website

At IFLA 2013

Agreement of participating countries to be signed

Server Installation Aug-Oct 2013

For hosting countries. At the moment, Singapore and New Zealand are offering to host the servers for their respective regions

Training and Troubleshooting Oct-Dec 2013

by NLNZ and NLB Singapore

First Meeting of Participating Countries +  
Training and Tests Jan-Mar 2014

Regional meetings for NLA-P Countries

TIMELINE

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