

**MINUTES OF THE 22ND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF
NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA (CDNL-AO) 2014**

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Participants:

Australia	Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich Director General, National Library of Australia
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India	Dr P Y Rajendra Kumar Director General, National Library of India Ms Monali P Dhakate Director, Libraries, Ministry of Culture, Government of India
Indonesia	Ms Welmin Sunyi Ariningsih Deputy Director, Collection Development and Information Services National Library of Indonesia
Japan	Mr Toru Toyoda Director General, Acquisitions and Bibliography Department National Diet Library
Korea	Ms Sook-Hyeun Lee Director, Library Services Department, National Library of Korea Ms Yoo-Kyung Choi Senior Librarian, National Library of Korea

Malaysia	Dato' Raslin bin Abu Bakar Director General, National Library of Malaysia
	Mdm Chin Loy Jyoon Deputy Director, National Library of Malaysia
New Zealand	Mr Bill Macnaught National Librarian, National Library of New Zealand
Papua New Guinea	Mrs Karina Bundu National Librarian, National Library Service of Papua New Guinea
Philippines	Mr Antonio M Santos Director, National Library of the Philippines
Singapore	Mr Gene Tan Director, National Library, National Library Board
	Ms Mei-Chen Lee Manager, National Library Office, National Library Board
Taiwan	Dr Tseng Shu-Hsien Director General, National Central Library
Thailand	Ms Kanok-on Sakdadate Acting Director, National Library of Thailand
Timor Leste	Mr João Fátima da Cruz National Director of Libraries
Vanuatu	Ms June Bela Norman National Librarian, National Library of Vanuatu
Viet Nam	Mrs Phan Thi Kim Dzung Director, National Library of Viet Nam
	Ms Nguyen Thi Thu Phuong Deputy Head, International Relations Division, National Library of Viet Nam

Minutes of the Meeting:

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am and concluded at 4.15 pm. The meeting was adjourned for a group photograph and morning tea from 10.00 am to 10.45 am, and for lunch from 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm.

1. Opening address by the Chair, Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Director General, National Library of Australia

The Director General of the National Library of Australia (NLA), Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich welcomed participants to the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNL-AO). Ms Schwirtlich noted that it was a great honour for Australia to host CDNL-AO. Ms Schwirtlich welcomed new participants to CDNL-AO and to the meeting. Ms Schwirtlich acknowledged the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was being held and paid respects to their elders past and present.

The origins of CDNL-AO go back to 1979 when the then Director General of the National Library of Australia, Dr George Chandler, invited directors of national libraries in the Asia Pacific region to a meeting at the NLA. After that first meeting, CDNL-AO met every three or four years until 2000 when it began meeting every year. This is the third time that Australia has hosted the meeting which is the same number as Malaysia and one fewer than Singapore.

CDNL-AO's objective is to facilitate discussion and to promote understanding and cooperation on matters of common interest to national libraries in the Asia and Oceania region. CDNL-AO has been an excellent forum for this exchange of information. It has promoted cooperation for the development of libraries and library service in the region and has fostered a better understanding of the issues facing libraries in the region.

CDNL-AO is not a formally established association but it does have Statutes and Rules of Procedure that were drawn up in 2010. It meets once a year and between

meetings staff at the National Diet Library compile and publish the CDNL-AO newsletter three times a year. Ms Schwirtlich passed on appreciation for this contribution by National Diet Library staff.

2. Introduction of participants and welcome to new members

Participants introduced themselves. Ms Schwirtlich conveyed apologies from colleagues from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Kiribati, Myanmar, Nepal and the Solomon Islands.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Ms Schwirtlich drew participants' attention to the agenda noting that the Statutes and Rules of Procedure provide that items may be added to the agenda during the course of the meeting with the consent of the members present.

Mr Toyoda, Director General, Acquisitions and Bibliography Department, National Diet Library, proposed that he would inform CDNL-AO about the *World Through Picture Books* exhibition during the Any Other Business section of the meeting. This was accepted by the meeting and the amended agenda was adopted.

4. Approval of Minutes of the 21st CDNL-AO Meeting

Ms Schwirtlich thanked Dato Raslin and colleagues in Malaysia for preparing the minutes of the last meeting in Kuala Lumpur. She noted that Mr Toyoda had proposed some small amendments to pages 4, 5, 8 and 9 of the minutes which will be accepted. After seeking comments or amendments page by page, the minutes were approved without further amendment.

5. Matters arising from the 21st CDNL-AO Meeting

(a) Nomination of editorial correspondents

Ms Schwirtlich brought item 7(b) of the minutes to the attention of the meeting noting that the CDNL-AO Newsletter Editorial Office at the National Diet Library asked members to nominate an editorial correspondent by April 2013.

(b) Proposal for a Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia

Dato Raslin informed the meeting that the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia was formed in late 2013. During a short discussion members agreed that there would be no duplication between the work of the new group and that of CDNL-AO.

6. Presentations on Special Subjects from National Libraries

**(a) A presentation on “E-legal deposit of online publications in Japan”,
Mr Toyoda, National Diet Library**

Mr Toyoda gave a presentation on progress in Japan towards e-legal deposit. Laws in Japan have been amended to allow for the National Diet Library (NDL) to acquire electronic publications and online material. In 2013 new amendments came into force allowing the NDL to provide free access to privately published online material. While publishers of the material are concerned about security and piracy, Mr Toyoda informed members that the NDL is committed to working with publishers to form an agreement on archiving and access arrangements. Members discussed the presentation noting that a number of countries face similar issues.

(b) A presentation on “Digital Asia Pacific” by Mr Macnaught, National Library of New Zealand

The National Librarian of New Zealand, Mr Bill Macnaught, led a discussion on measuring the impact of digital services provided by libraries and the need for libraries to demonstrate the effectiveness of their services. Mr Macnaught also demonstrated the Digital New Zealand service which collects and provides access to metadata for digital items. The service is very popular and there are many innovative ways the metadata is being used. The service operates under the open access and licensing framework in New Zealand.

Mr Macnaught gave a presentation about "Digital Asia Pacific". The project is aimed at collecting metadata about digital items from across the Asia Pacific region and is working to show benefits when metadata is shared and allowed to be used without restriction. The National Library of New Zealand is working with the National Library Board of Singapore on the project.

(c) The National Library Board, Singapore: Update on the National Libraries Asia Pacific project

Ms Mei-Chen Lee explained that the purpose of the National Libraries Asia Pacific Project is to collect metadata to make content from the Asia Pacific region easy to discover and access. The project is using technology developed by the National Library of New Zealand for the Digital New Zealand service. The benefit of the Project is to provide a unified search and discovery service to showcase library materials. A demonstration of the service was shown at a meeting held in February 2014 to a good reception. Since last year's CDNL-AO meeting the project has benefitted from a partnership and funding through ASEAN libraries. Further meetings will be held with partner libraries in early 2015.

Mr Gene Tan addressed the meeting and expressed thanks to libraries that are partners in the Project. Mr Tan encouraged all CDNL-AO libraries to join the project noting the benefits to libraries. Ms Schwirtlich noted there has been significant progress with the Project in the last 12 months and thanked Ms Mei-Chen and Mr Tan for the presentations.

7. Presentations from the National Library of Australia

(a) Trove

Dr Marie-Louise Ayres, Assistant Director-General, Resource Sharing at the National Library of Australia, addressed the meeting with information about Trove. Trove is a free, online, national content delivery and discovery service built and managed by the National Library of Australia. It provides access to over 400 million resources across different library collections as well as links to the archives and

museum sector. Content available through Trove is growing rapidly and the use of Trove, particularly by people using mobile technology, is also increasing.

The Library recently conducted a user survey which found that 98 per cent of Trove users are happy with the service. Use of Trove across Australia represents the geographical distribution of the population. User engagement is a feature of Trove and the Library has calculated the value of volunteer text correcting for digitised newspapers at approximately \$20 million. Permission is not required to access Trove data through the Application Programming Interface and the data has been accessed over 600 times. Trove is now five years old and the Library is working to expand and sustain growth in content and users.

(b) Reading Room Integration

Ms Margy Burn, Assistant Director-General, Australian Collections and Reader Services at the National Library of Australia, gave a presentation about the forthcoming integration of the Library's specialist reading rooms. The Library building is a nearly 50 year old heritage listed building and has not had a major refurbishment since it opened. In 2008, the Library developed a Building Master Plan for staged improvements to the building. The objectives of the refurbishment are to make spaces which are not only functional and beautiful but also enhance learning and knowledge creation opportunities through easy and intuitive access to collections and resources. The new arrangements will also support efficient and integrated workflows.

The project will improve the reader experience as it will tackle the issues that readers have identified as detracting from their experience, for example, it will make it possible to use multiple collection formats simultaneously. The project will also create quiet study spaces and group spaces. There will be many benefits for readers including greater access to staff expertise, greater access to technology to support research, consistency in arrangements across the collection formats and flexibility for the future.

8. IFLA Trend Report

In 2013 IFLA released a Trend Report *Riding the Waves or Caught in the Tide?* and invited the global library community to discuss the issues raised in the Report and to provide feedback. CDNL-AO held a detailed discussion of the five high level trends identified in the Report and resolved to convey a summary of its discussion to IFLA.

During discussion of the Report, members agreed that international collaboration by national libraries to face the strategic issues raised in the Report is now more important than ever.

9. CDNL-AO Statutes and Rules of Procedure

Ms Schwirtlich clarified that the CDNL-AO Statutes and Rules of Procedure were endorsed at the 2013 meeting and that no proposals to change the Rules and Statutes had been made since that meeting. The Chair asked if there were any proposals from participants at the meeting to change the Statutes and Rules, noting that any significant changes would need to be agreed by ballot in order to include the views of those not represented at the meeting. No changes to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure were proposed.

10. Presentation of Participants' Reports

Ms Schwirtlich invited participants to speak briefly about the highlights noted in their reports. A wide range of achievements were noted including new and amended legislation, legal deposit of digital materials, new library buildings and new digital projects. The Reports will be made available on the CDNL-AO website.

11. Any Other Business

Mr Toyoda, Director General, Acquisitions and Bibliography Department, National Diet Library, delivered a presentation on the World Through Picture Books travelling

exhibition. Books in the exhibition were collected through a project, led by the Libraries for Young Adults Section of IFLA, with the aim of making a book set of picture books recommended by librarians from around the world. Two complete sets of the exhibition have been formed and the exhibition held at the National Diet Library is available to loan, free of charge, to any CDNL-AO library. Mr Toyoda distributed to the meeting information about the contents and arrangements for the exhibition. Ms Schwirtlich thanked Mr Toyoda for the presentation and asked that participants consider hosting the exhibition at their libraries.

12. Selecting the host for the 25th CDNL-AO Meeting in 2017

Ms Schwirtlich advised the meeting that the National Library of India had offered formally to host the 25th CDNL-AO Meeting in Kolkata. The meeting formally approved India as the host of the 25th CDNL-AO Meeting in 2017 with the dates for the meeting to be determined later. The 24th CDNL-AO Meeting will be held in New Zealand, as agreed at the 21st meeting. The Chair noted that the next three hosts of CDNL-AO will be hosting the meeting for the first time and welcomed their commitment to CDNL-AO.

Dr Tseng Shu-Hsien offered to host CDNL-AO's 26th meeting in 2018 in Taiwan. Mr Santos advised that, as the 26th meeting will coincide with the 17th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) which is scheduled to be hosted by Myanmar, he believed that Myanmar might expect to host the 26th meeting of CDNL-AO in association with CONSAL. Dr Tseng indicated that Taiwan was prepared to host the meeting in 2019 – the meeting appreciated the offer but decided that it would not be appropriate to make a decision so far in advance.

Remarks by the National Library of Thailand as host of the 23rd CDNL-AO Meeting in 2015

Thailand will host the next meeting of CDNL-AO and Ms Kanok-on Sakdodate, the Acting Director of the National Library of Thailand, noted that Thailand is delighted to

host meeting and confirmed that it will take place on 9-11 June 2015 in association with the 16th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians which has as its theme 'ASEAN Aspirations: Libraries for Sustainable Advancement'. Ms Sakdadata showed a presentation about the National Library of Thailand and its facilities to host the meeting.

13. Closure and Thanks

Ms Schwirtlich thanked all participants for their contribution to the meeting and expressed her appreciation for the range of presentations made and for the thoughtful discussion of the IFLA Trend Report.

The meeting closed at 4.15 pm

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