

Meeting Minutes
23rd Meeting of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and
Oceania (CDNLAO)
June 10, 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

Participants:

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| Australia | Anne-Marie Lucienne Schwirtlich Director-General, National Library of Australia |
| Bangladesh | Tahmina Akter Programming Officer, National Library of Bangladesh |
| Bhutan | Harka Bahadur Gurung Director, National Library of Bhutan |
| Brunei Darussalam | Noreidah Ibrahim Dewan Bahasa and Pastaka Library Masdiana Damid Dewan Bahasa and Pastaka Library |
| China | Wei Dawei Deputy Director, National Library of China Song Shu Senior Engineer, National Library of China |
| Fiji | Merewalesi Vakarewa Vueti Director, Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts |
| Indonesia | Sunyariningsih Welmin National Library of Indonesia |
| Japan | Hiroko Ishiwatari Director General of Reader Services and Collections Department, National Diet Library |
| Korea | Lee Jaesun Director General of Library Services Department, National Library of Korea Cho Sulhee Deputy Director of International Cooperation and Public Relations Team, National Library of Korea |
| Laos | Khanthamaly Yangnouvong Director, National Library of Laos |
| Malaysia | Hajah Nafisah Binti Ahmad Director General, National Library of Malaysia |

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| | Chin Loy Jyoon Senior Deputy Director, National Library of Malaysia |
| Maldives | Mahasin Ahmed Didi Director, National Library of Maldives Aminath Shiuna Director of Digitization and Training, National Library of Maldives |
| Myanmar | Dr. Kay Thi Htwe Director, National Library of Myanmar Mya Oo Director, National Library of Myanmar |
| New Zealand | Andrew Hamish Neale Head of DigitalNZ, National Library of New Zealand |
| Pakistan | Ch. Muhammad Nazir Director General, Department of Libraries, Islamabad |
| Philippines | Antonio M. Santos Director, National Library of the Philippines |
| Singapore | Tay Ai Cheng Deputy Chief Executive, National Library Board of Singapore Lee Mei Chen Manager, National Library Office |
| Sri Lanka | Walimunige Sunil Director General, National Library and Documentation Services Board of Sri Lanka |
| Thailand | Pirapon Pisnupong Deputy Director-General, The Fine Arts Department Kanok-on Sakdadata Director, National Library of Thailand |
| Timor-Leste | João Fátima da Cruz Director, National Library of Timor-Leste Américo Benigno Ximenes Assistant Director, National Library of Timor-Leste |
| Vietnam | Nguyen Xuan Dung Deputy Director, National Library of Vietnam Bui Thi Thuy Head of International Relations Division, National Library of Vietnam |

Minutes of the Meeting:

The meeting commenced at 2:00 pm and concluded at 5:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea from 3:30-3:50 pm.

1. Opening address by the Chair, Mr. Pirapon Pisnupong, Deputy Director General, The Fine Arts Department

Deputy Director-General of The Fine Arts Department, Mr. Pirapon Pisnupong, welcomed delegates of the 23rd Meeting of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO). He conveyed sincere sympathy to the Nepal delegation for the regrettable destruction of libraries, historical monuments and human loss in the recent earthquake and expressed confidence that Nepal will recover.

Mr. Pisnupong said it was a great honor for Thailand to host CDNLAO, which aims to be an exchange of information and ideas on how to support library development in Asia and Oceania. This meeting would be an opportunity for participants to analyze and strategize future plans for sustainable development of libraries in Asia and Oceania. He noted that many participants had the opportunity on June 9, 2015 to visit the Thailand Creative and Design Center (TCDC) library, which is an example of improving access to knowledge through innovative methods, where Thais can experience the achievements of the world's thought leaders.

2. Introduction of participants

Participants introduced themselves and thanks the host country for a warm welcome.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda of the 23rd CDNLAO Meeting was approved without any changes.

4. Approval of Minutes of the 22nd CDNL-AO Meeting

On behalf of the former host country for the 22nd CDNLAO Meeting, Ms. Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Director General of the National Library of Australia sought comments on the minutes of the 22nd CDNLAO Meeting. The minutes were approved without any changes.

5. Matters Arising: Special Presentations by Host Country

5.1 The first presentation entitled "D-Library: National Digital Content of National Library of Thailand" presented the progress and achievements of Thailand's Fine Arts Department in the Digital Library (D-Library) development. Built on the principle of user-centered design, the project includes digitized collections of historical images, manuscripts, rare books, newspapers and journals, searchable by keywords as well as geographical locations, and sharable among different repositories. Next steps are to digitize maps, film, sound recording, and

collections at all 11 branches of the National Library of Thailand. Thailand's D-Library is expected to begin online services in 2016.

5.2 The second presentation entitled "The National Library Development for Life Time Knowledge Resources Project" introduced the Lifetime Knowledge Resources Project by the National Library of Thailand. The project aims to improve library acquisition, provide resources for local communities and promote literacy. Project activities include the bimonthly outdoor festivities to promote literacy, public workshops on historical documents and rare books preservation, as well as a variety of programs in provincial chapters of the National Library of Thailand to promote youth literacy and increase library accessibility for all users.

6. Country reports

Mr. Pisnupong invited participants to present country reports on the recent achievements of CDNLAO member countries. Participants commended fellow member countries for diverse achievements ranging from digital library projects, digitization of rare collections, literacy outreach programs in rural and urban communities, as well as domestic and international inter-library collaboration. In addition, several countries shared new insights on strategic planning and invited participants to rethink how libraries measure performance and impact. Country reports will be made available on the CDNLAO website.

7. Remarks by the host of the 24th CDNLAO Meeting in 2016

On behalf of the National Library of New Zealand, Mr. Andrew Hamish Neale shared a video presentation about the vision and services of New Zealand's National Library. He expressed excitement to welcome all participants as the next host of CDNLAO Meeting on March 9-11, 2015. Letters of invitation will be sent to each National Librarian following this Bangkok meeting.

8. Concluding remarks

Mr. Pisnupong congratulated all member countries for their significant achievements in sustainable library development. He invited participants to join the 16th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) on June 11-12, 2015.

The meeting concluded at 5:30 pm, followed by a group photograph.

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