

## **Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNL-AO), 9-11 March 2016, Wellington, New Zealand**

### **Participants**

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<b>UNESCO observer:</b>	Ms Aterina SAMASONI-PELE, Programme Officer, UNESCO Office for the Pacific States, Apia, Samoa

**Members noted the apologies for absence received from the following members:**

<b>Brunei Darussalam</b>	Ms Masdiana DAMIT, Director, Language and Literature Bureau
<b>Myanmar</b>	Ms Mya OO Director, National Library of Myanmar
<b>Nepal</b>	Mr Yadab CHANDRA NIRAUULA, Chief Librarian, National Library of Nepal
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	Mr Walimunige SUNIL Director-General, National Library and Documentation Services Board
<b>Tuvalu</b>	Ms Kana TEAFIULA, Director, National Library

**Other participants:**

Hon. Peter Dunne (Minister of Internal Affairs, New Zealand) – welcome address

Mr Peter Murray (Deputy Chief Executive, Information & Knowledge Services branch of the Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand) – observer at the opening session

Mr Ian McKinnon (Chair, New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO) – observer at the opening session

Mr Lewis Brown (Manager, Planning & Development, National Library of New Zealand) – to give a presentation on the NLNZ's strategic initiative 'Positioning for the Future'

Other NLNZ directors and senior managers participating in the Question & Answer session were: Ms Geraldine Howell (Director, Literacy Learning & Public Programmes), Mr Chris Szekely (Chief Librarian, Alexander Turnbull Library), Mr Corin Haines (Manager, Services to Public Libraries), Ms Alison Elliott (Head of Content Services), Mr Steve Knight (Director, Preservation Research and Consultancy), Mr Peter Whitehead (Head, Collection Protection).

## **Minutes of the Meeting:**

The opening session of the CDNL-AO meeting commenced at 8.50am on Wednesday 9 March, and was followed by a formal business session which concluded at 12pm. A tour of the National Library of New Zealand and discussion session with collection and conservation staff was held from 1.30pm to 5.00pm. The remainder of the programme was run as a professional seminar. Presentations from CDNL-AO members and workshops took place on Thursday 10 March from 9.00am to 4.30pm, continuing on Friday 11 March until 12.30pm. Outcomes of these workshops were shared in a concluding plenary.

Delegates were also offered a pōwhiri (formal Māori welcome) on the evening of 8 March, a diplomatic reception on Wednesday evening, a professional reception hosted by LIANZA (the national library association) on Thursday evening, and a visit to Te Papa (the national museum) on Friday afternoon 11 March.

### **1. Welcome from the Hon. Peter Dunne, Minister of Internal Affairs**

The Hon. Peter Dunne, Minister of Internal Affairs (and Minister responsible for the National Library of New Zealand), welcomed delegates to the CDNL-AO meeting, noting that 17 national libraries were represented. Minister Dunne spoke about changing demographics in New Zealand, with a population growth of almost 50% in the last thirty years. He emphasised the importance of preserving the record of government (National Archives) and the record of society (National Library), as elements that help define New Zealand's national identity. With one quarter of New Zealand citizens living overseas, he also remarked upon the importance of effective information provision online.

### **2. Opening address from Mr Bill Macnaught, National Librarian, National Library of New Zealand**

Mr Macnaught acknowledged the passing of Mr Antonio Santos, the respected director of the National Library of the Philippines, and offered condolences to the delegates from the National Library of the Philippines. He offered sympathies to colleagues in Fiji following the devastation caused by Tropical Cyclone Winston, including widespread damage to schools and school libraries. Mr Macnaught spoke about the importance of collaboration, noting a strong historical relationship with colleagues in Australia and the formal partnerships which the National Library of New Zealand has with the National Library of China and the National Library Board of Singapore.

He outlined the draft strategic directions for the National Library of New Zealand, looking ahead to 2030, and underpinned by three key ideas. These were provisionally called: 1) Creating a nation of readers, 2) Building one knowledge network for New Zealand, and 3) Inspiring hearts and minds through collections.

Mr Macnaught noted that the library sector in New Zealand looked to the National Library for leadership. The Library would be leading discussions about documentary heritage and knowledge-sharing across the country.

### **3. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda of the business meeting was adopted unanimously.

### **4. Adoption of previous Minutes**

There was one minor amendment to the Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> CDNL-AO meeting (Bangkok 2015), received from the National Library of Korea. With that amendment, the Minutes were formally adopted (proposer: Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, NL of Australia; seconder: Ms Dolores Carungui, NL of the Philippines).

### **5. Matters arising from the previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **6. Update on communication of information about CDNL-AO online**

Ms Shihoko Yokota reported on CDNL-AO communications and the CDNL-AO website hosted by the National Diet Library of Japan. A new page would be added to the website to keep member library links up to date. Ms Yokota asked that each member country assign an editorial correspondent. She also called for email addresses and topics of interest for the CDNL-AO newsletter.

### **7. Discussion on venues for the next CDNL-AO meetings**

Mr Winston Roberts reported that the National Library of India had previously offered to host the 25<sup>th</sup> CDNL-AO meeting in 2017 (as reported in the Minutes of the 2014 meeting). However, several attempts to make contact with the National Library of India had not received a response and the offer could not be confirmed. The National Library of New Zealand had attempted communication via the office of the Director-General Dr Chakraborty as well as via the Indian High Commission in Wellington.

It was proposed that the invitation from the National Library of India be postponed, with an alternative venue to be agreed for the next meeting. An invitation from the National Library of China was tabled, referring to 2019. Following discussion, it was agreed that the offer from the National Library of China would be brought forward to 2017 for the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. This was formally accepted by the delegates present.

It was also noted that the National Library of Myanmar had sent confirmation of its offer to host the 26<sup>th</sup> CDNL-AO meeting in 2018, to coincide with the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL).

### **8. Remarks by the National Library of China as host of the 25<sup>th</sup> CDNL-AO meeting in 2017**

Mr Wang Zhigeng delivered a presentation on the National Library of China, noting that CDNL-AO had been last hosted in Beijing in 2004. He proposed a meeting in mid-late May 2017 for three days (Wednesday to Friday). The agenda would include the annual business meeting, a seminar for information exchange, and a cultural activity. Delegates were invited to suggest topics of interest for discussion. Suggestions noted included best practices and preservation practices in China.

### **9. Presentations**

Presentations were delivered by the following delegates. Copies of all presentations will be available on the CDNL-AO website.

Mr Lewis Brown on behalf of the National Library of New Zealand

History of the National Library of New Zealand; current services to schools, libraries and general public; strategic directions

Ms Ai Cheng Tay, National Library Board of Singapore

Ms Tay emphasised the role of the NLB Singapore in hosting the IFLA Regional Office for Asia-Oceania, and its function as a link with IFLA Headquarters. She mentioned the possibility of IFLA taking up the work of the Gates-funded Global Libraries Unit, the need for participation in developing the Regional Office's 2016 work plan (as part of the overall IFLA work plan), and opportunities for member libraries to contribute to the region. It was proposed that the Regional Office liaise with the National Diet Library, Japan, to consolidate information provided for the CNDL-AO website.

Dr Wonsun Lim, National Library of Korea

Collaboration project with schools and military libraries, accepting book donations; guidelines for donors, tax deductions, online operations; coordination with the publishing industry.

Ms Odile Urirau, National Library of the Cook Islands

History of the National Library of the Cook Islands (established 2010); issues with climate; community role; challenges of minimal resources and need for qualified librarians; seeking collaboration.

Mr Kakaito Kasi, Office of Libraries and Archives, Papua New Guinea

Restructuring and new appointments nationwide for library service; establishment of policy, strategy and infrastructure before introducing services; challenge of 800+ languages in PNG; seeking representation from other countries within the Library.

Ms Merewalesi Vueti, Library Services of Fiji

Library Services covers all libraries in Fiji including school libraries; the current focus is on early education; devastation caused by Tropical Cyclone Winston and seeking support; two new initiatives this year – automation, software licensing, database procurement, and creation of a digital hub for information access.

## 10. Workshops

Delegates identified three primary areas of interest and split into three workshop groups to discuss possible collaborative projects in these areas.

### A. Sustainable Library Development for the Pacific Islands

*Led by National Library Board Singapore/IFLA Regional Office, discussing:*

- Building strong library associations for public librarians and school librarians in Fiji
- Partnering with UNESCO – looking at deliverables for 2016 and 2017

Discussion/Outcomes:

- Pacific Islands colleagues - stocktake of collections, SWOT analysis, checklist on roles and responsibilities
- Risk register of the items precious to each country – bring in experts to help
- Staff development:
  - o Building a strong Library Association
  - o Advocacy (looking to other library associations for guidance)
  - o Staff attachment (mentoring; assistance with funding, etc.)
  - o Study visit by politicians
- Potential for partnering with NLNZ, NLA, NLB Singapore, IFLA Regional Office, UNESCO

### B. Role of NL in sustainable development of the nation

*Led by National Library of Indonesia, discussing:*

- Human resources and staff training
- Incorporating some of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within library strategic planning
- Proposal connected to sustainable development, looking for cooperation across Asia-Oceania – possibly a digital library project

- Assistance with collection storage

#### Discussion/Outcomes:

- National Library of Malaysia successful in implementing their own national programme, government is prioritising tourism as a national target; cooperating with Malaysian embassies throughout the world, distributing publications about Malaysia; meeting national targets assists with budget.
- Other libraries looking to share this and implement similar programmes
- Aiming for governments to see libraries as an important part of their national programme. Some libraries fail to see themselves on a national scale and promote themselves this way.
- both Viet Nam and Timor Leste are prioritising education;
- Looking to share examples of successful implementation next time
- Looking at a project in line with ASEAN targets to begin with – aiming for ASEAN countries to understand one another’s culture, languages, etc.
- Using national library profile to raise awareness of SDGs – every citizen needs to understand what this is; needs to be adopted in national library plans
- Proposal for library management, services and programmes to be submitted, encouraging budget officers to grant additional budget with SDGs as incentive

### C. Copyright

*Led by National Library of Korea*

#### Agenda:

- Copyright and different legal frameworks across countries
- Digitisation and online delivery of digitised content
- Implications of TPP

#### Discussion/Outcomes:

- Discussed Korean model and Japanese model to solve copyright issues
- European Union model could be a sustainable model for libraries

## **11. Summary by Rapporteur**

Mr Winston Roberts provided a summary of the three-day CDNL-AO meeting as follows:

#### Presentations at the opening session

- Host library (National Library of New Zealand) is considering its role in affirming national identity; it is looking forward to consulting on a documentary heritage strategy.
- ‘Positioning for the future’ at NLNZ – three strategic arms: one knowledge network, a nation of readers, inspiring experiences
- All countries need a comprehensive documentary heritage strategy for risk mitigation (cf the IFLA initiative)
- Need for national libraries to show leadership, but in a consultative and collaborative manner
- National libraries need to consider their role in support of national education services

#### Business meeting

- Articulation by National Diet Library of need for good communication behind CDNL-AO. All countries need to appoint correspondents to ensure the flow of information is regular.

#### Q&A session with National Library of New Zealand staff

- Interest in preservation facilities and laboratories
- Question of professional training, particularly in the preservation area – possibility of internships to develop skills, could be put into a work plan
- Question of funding support for these areas; leading to national development plans
- Trusted brand of national libraries

### International collaboration

- the IFLA Regional Office in Singapore could be better used as a source of advice; could be in better contact with libraries in the region
- Encouragement to libraries in the region to become members of IFLA if not already – Regional Office could circulate information on this
- Small, under-resourced institutions may have fees waived or have fees covered by larger organisations
- Key indicators for IFLA – including preservation and the risk register
- libraries should also note IFLA's 'Lyon Declaration 2014' and other important policy documents
- Working with UN in refining development goals up to 2030
- ASEAN will celebrate 50th anniversary next year; numerous opportunities for national libraries to get involved in activities related to this

### Presentation: National Library of the Republic of Korea

- Book donations an answer to several problems including lack of resources
- Guidelines could be adapted and applied elsewhere; underlying principles have universal value
- Scheme must be run in consultation, collaborative; rules to enable solutions and not restrict work; professional associations and the education sector needs to be involved and education sector; copyright legislation may need amendment

### Pacific Islands

- Resources are needed for everything
- the Pacific region is prone to natural disasters; collections are vulnerable to climate effects
- Support and advice needed for buildings, advocacy, collections, etc. – CDNL-AO could help by arranging partnerships for aid
- Apart from the smaller Pacific island states, PNG also requested assistance
- it was proposed that CDNL-AO develop one partnership for aid
- Precise instructions can be sent to libraries wishing to provide help

Following the summary by the Rapporteur, the National Library of Australia, the National Library of China and the NLB Singapore requested advice on how they might assist colleagues in the Pacific. Ms Vueti agreed to provide technical advice regarding assistance to libraries in Fiji.

The meeting was formally closed at 12.30pm on Friday 11 March 2016.