

Annual report of the National Library of Mongolia

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1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT:

- The National Library of Mongolia is a governmental organization operating under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sciences and Sports. The Library became the National Central Library by Government Resolution No.23 of 1994 with responsibilities to provide the public libraries of Mongolia with professional methodology guidance and information. Status of the Library was further upgraded to its present status in 2004 by Government Resolution No.196 and it became the National Library of Mongolia with responsibilities to store and preserve the national written heritage, provide public libraries with professional methodology and create and serve with shared resource of books and periodicals published in Mongolia and significant foreign books and publications.

2. FACTS AND FIGURES:

- The National Library of Mongolia was first founded in 1921 as “the Institute of Sutras and Scripts”. The significant dates for the National Library of Mongolia are as follow:
- In 1951 the Library moved to the current building.
- In 1991 the Library joined IFLA.

- In June of 2008 the construction of the new building of the Library has started with a foundation-stone laying ceremony.
- Mongolian Tanjur, a large collection of over 3427 works on ten disciplines created by ancient Indian and Tibetan scientists kept in the National Library of Mongolia, was included in the UNESCO`s Memory of the World Register in 2011.
- "Lu.Altan Tobchi", the handwritten manuscript of 17 century kept in the National Library of Mongolia, was included in the UNESCO`s Memory of the World Register in 2011.
- "Kanjur written with 9 precious stones", the large collection of over 1600 works on ten great and small sciences of traditional Buddhism kept in the National Library of Mongolia, was included in the UNESCO`s Memory of the World Register in 2013.
- In 2014 the Library Act was passed by the Mongolian Parliament.
- In 2015 "Book Cover" project launched in cooperation with ACIP and JCI Capital Mongolia. Since then, over 10 thousand old manuscripts of the National Library have had their cloth covers renewed.
- Stone Stele Monument for Mongolian Tanjur preserved in the National Library of Mongolia was included in the UNESCO`s World Heritage List in 2017.

Average annual budget is 1 billion tugriks (450.000USD).

82 staff members. Professional staff-55, assistant staff-27.

The total collections of National library of Mongolia are as follow:

Category	Volumes
Asian manuscript, printed book Collection	100.000
Tibetan Manuscript Collection	1.000.000
Mongolian printed book Collection	180.000
European printed book Collection	600.000
Mongolian manuscript Collection	57.000
Daily newspapers and journals	200.000

3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:

The World Heritage certificates-conferring ceremony was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on March 6. 2018, after the stone stele monument for "Mongolian Tanjur", along with other two Mongolian heritages had been included in the UNESCO`s World Heritage List in 2017. The stone stele monument for "Mongolian Tanjur" preserved in the National Library of Mongolia was inscribed as world`s

documentary heritage of UNESCO on October 30, 2017. The stone stele was set up in 1929 to commemorate the arrival of 226 volumes of Tanjur sutra in Ulan Bator from Inner Mongolia in 1925 and regarded as the only monument in the world, fully dedicated to a single book.

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING AND MANAGING COLLECTIONS:

In 2016 the process of adaptation of KOHA program launched in National Library of Mongolia. Now all printed books in Mongolian can be searched using online catalog. Currently data input works of European printed books are on development stage.

5. NOTES ON YOUR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS IN YOUR COUNTRY:

Also, the Library provides over 1500 libraries established in 21 provinces of Mongolia with library professional methodology, organizes many advanced professional trainings for rural librarians and sent its specialists to libraries in the countryside to organize and lead trainings.

6. NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:

National Library of Mongolia has book exchange programs in place with over 100 libraries in 70 countries.

In 1999-2010 vast collection of Tibetan manuscripts composed by Tsongkhapa, Khedrubje, Gyeltsabje and several reincarnations of Dalai lama were catalogued and digitilised by ACIP /Asian Classics Input Project/. Also in accordance with bilateral negotiations of Indian and Mongolian Governments, in 2006-2008 a project have been successfully implemented to digitize 296 volumes of Mongol Kanjur (totally 30620 pages), 338 volumes of so called Beijing Tanjur and Kanjur (totally 293680) with financial assistance from Indian Government. Currently due to the implementation of two projects about 20 percent of the Tibetan manuscript collection can be searched on line.