



What Is Our Future ? National Libraries In 2040

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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	322 million MMK -
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	73 30 43
c	Collection Size (up to Dec 2018) i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	1122452 14268
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	17020 7052
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	Nil

2. Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

- a) Renovation of historic building for the National Library (Yangon) has been doing since 2017. The renovation will be completed in 2019 and preparation to move the new building is now being started.
- b) During the fiscal year, children library programmes were arranged monthly and, from 2018 November, the programmes are increased twice a month. We invited students to the library and run programmes not only by the library staffs but also in collaboration with other associations like British Council, Tha Byae children education and health care association and other NGOs.
- c) The National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) organized the activities for 50th ASEAN in August 2017 with forum and children library activities.
- d) The National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) arranged children library festival and fun fair on 14-16 December 2018. Average 2500 people including children from Nay Pyi Taw participated in the festival. We invited senior cartoonists, crafts practitioners, Tha Byae children education and health care association and other NGOs to the festivals to conduct the activities. Book shops and fast food corners were arranged in the compound of the library.
- e) The National Library of Myanmar conducted short courses on basic library administration both in the library and at Bago Region. Approximately 150 persons from basic education school teachers and government staffs including public library staffs attended the courses. In addition, Mobile Information Literacy training courses were organized for the departmental staffs from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.
- f) The National Library of Myanmar hosted 26th CDNLAO meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 May 2018. Altogether delegates participated in the meeting and shared the activities of heritage preservation.

3. Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

- a) In cooperation with the Myanmar Library Association, the National Library of Myanmar hosted 17th CONSAL in MICC 2 in Nay Pyi Taw on 2-5 May 2018. The Congress was participated by 700 people from local and abroad.
- b) The National Library of Myanmar participated the exhibition in the activity of 'Reading for every literate-one' hosted by the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw. The Director of the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) participated in the discussion on the theme.

4 International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

- a) The National Library of Myanmar restarts the book exchange programme with the national libraries of Southeast Asia in 2018-2019 fiscal year. We have requested the embassies in Myanmar to support the delivery of exchanged materials via diplomatic pouch.
- b) As a member of CDNL and CDNLAO, the National Library of Myanmar participated in the CDNLAO Meeting in Myanmar in May 2018 and CDNL meeting in Malaysia in August 2018.