

**17th Conference of Directors of National Libraries
in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO)
30th Anniversary of the formation of CDNLAO
- Consolidating and Strengthening -**

April 20, 2009 (Monday) 13:30-17:30

Venue: Meeting Hall, National Library of Vietnam
31 Trang Thi, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Vietnam

Present

No.	Nation	Participant
01	Australia	Ms. Jan Fullerton Director General, National Library of Australia
02	Brunei Darussalam	Mr. Haji Sahari bin Haji Nassar Chief Librarian Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka Brunei. Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
03	Cambodia	Ms. Chhoun Mony Deputy Director, National Library of Cambodia
04	China	Mr. Zhang Yuhui Deputy Director, National Library of China
05	China	Mr. Wu Bin Chief Engineer of Computer and Network System Department, National Library of China
06	Indonesia	Mr. Dady P. Rachmananta Director National Library of Indonesia
07	Indonesia	Mr. H. Zulfikar Zen Secretary General of Indonesia Library Association Faculty of Humanities, University of Indonesia
08	Indonesia	Ms. Sri Sularsih Vice-president, Indonesian Library Association National Library of Indonesia
09	Japan	Ms. Yukiko Saito Director General, International Library of Children's Literature, National Diet Library, Japan
10	Korea	Mr. Kwang Moo Park Director General, Planning and Management Department, National Library of Korea
11	Korea	Ms. Jae Soon Jo Librarian, National Library of Korea
12	Korea	Ms. Nan Young Kye Researcher, National Library of Korea

13	Laos	Ms. Kongdeuane Nettavong Director, National Library of Laos
14	Malaysia	Mr. Raslin Abu Bakar Director-General, National Library of Malaysia
15	Malaysia	Ms. Chin Loy Jyoon Deputy Director, Corporate Planning and Policy Division National Library of Malaysia
16	Myanmar	Mr. U Kyaw Oo Director, National Library of Myanmar
17	Pakistan	Mr. Ch. Muhammad Nazir Director-General, National Library of Pakistan
18	Philippines	Ms. Prudenciana C. Cruz Director, National Library of Philippines
19	Singapore	Dr. N. Varaprasad Chief Executive, National Library Board Singapore
20	Singapore	Ms. Ngian Lek Choh Director, National Library Board Singapore
21	Sri Lanka	Mr. M. K. Weerasinghe Director General, National Library and Documentation Services Board
22	Thailand	Ms. Wilawan Sapphansaen Director, National Library of Thailand
23	Vietnam	Mr. Pham The Khang Director, National Library of Vietnam
24	Vietnam	Ms. Bui Thi Thuy Head of International Relation Division National Library of Vietnam

Absent

No.	Nation	Participant
01	Bhutan	Mr. Gyonpo Tshering Director, National Library and Archives of Bhutan
02	Fiji	Ms. Sokoveti Tuimoala Director, Library Services of Fiji
03	India	Dr. R. Ramachandran Director, National Library of India
04	Nepal	Mr. Dasharath Thapa Director, National Library of Nepal
05	New Zealand	Ms. Penny Carnaby Chief Executive/Chief Librarian

		National Library of New Zealand
06	Vanuatu	Ms. June Bela Norman Chief Librarian National Library of Vanuatu

1. Start of the meeting

The meeting was opened at 13:30 with a short welcome remark by the Chair, Mr. Pham The Khang, Director of the National Library of Vietnam (NLV). Then participants introduced themselves. The 17th CDNLAO meeting had presence of 24 participants from 16 national member libraries.

2. Approval of the agenda

In response to the request by Dr. Varaprasad (National Library Board Singapore), the Chair proposed a change in the sequence of the proposed agenda that the section “Reports on Special Subjects” and “Confirmation of the future host library” will be presented before the Country Report Section. Delegates all agreed and the agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 16th meeting

Ms. Yukiko Saito, Director General, International Library of Children's Literature National Diet Library, Japan chaired this section. She gave a brief review of the 16th CDNLAO Meeting's minutes that has been sent to all member libraries before the 17th CDNLAO meeting and called for contribution from participants. The conference had no more contribution for the 16th meeting's minutes and the minutes were then approved.

4. Reports on and discussions on 30th Anniversary of CDNLAO Foundation

The section was started by the presentation of *Ms. Jan Fullerton*, Director General, National Library of Australia on CDNLAO Formation and Development. In response to the presentation, the Chair suggested an idea of writing our memories and impression on CDNLAO through the time. He called national member libraries for contributing their ideas to consolidate and strengthen CDNLAO.

The Chairman continued the 30th Anniversary of CDNLAO Foundation by delivering a paper on National Library of Vietnam's suggestions to consolidate and strengthen CDNLAO. Major points of the NLV's suggestions included:

1. Strengthening the organizing of CDNLAO by promulgating CDNLAO's Statutes and Rules.
2. Integrating among national member libraries and intensifying activities to foster library in developing countries.
3. Voting for a chair person of CDNLAO for a three-year term. The chair is responsible for the content of the meeting. The host country is responsible for the organization and support the chair in developing the content.
4. CDNLAO should be seen as a section of IFLA. CDNLAO will effectuate policy and plans of CDNL and IFLA. Requesting the presence of representatives of IFLA and CDNL to attend CDNLAO meetings.

Comments

Ms. Jan Fullerton/National Library of Australia: CDNLAO is an independent forum but not a section of IFLA. NLA suggested IFLA can address their representatives to CDNLAO annually, who are not necessary the Chairman or General Secretary. NLA agreed that CDNLAO has never been officially institutionalized since it was found but it is partly responsibility of national member libraries. NLA appreciated National Library Board Singapore for their participation to CDNLAO by cooperation with other national member libraries.

Mr. Pham The Khang/National Library of Vietnam proposed that CDNLAO should associate with IFLA in strengthening its power. He emphasized on the need of institutionalization to consolidate CDNLAO in a higher level.

Dr. Varaprasad/National Library Board Singapore pointed out that geography

and political sensitiveness in Asia and Oceania block the cooperation among CDNLAO's national member libraries. Thus, it shows that bilateral cooperation and projects be more effective and practical than multilateral ones.

Mrs. Cruz/National Library of Philippines expressed her support on the above suggestion.

National Library of Australia affirmed that CDNLAO has been regulated under the CDNL's Statutes and Rules even though it has difficulties in geography and political sensitiveness. They agreed on which the host national library will cover the cost of organizing the conference and recommended the Chair person of the conference should be elected for a four-year term.

National Library of Vietnam agreed on what National Library of Australia and National Library Board Singapore suggested and proposed National Library of Australia to draft the first of Statues and Rules of Procedure for CDNLAO which will be then contributed and completed by national member libraries through next meetings.

5. Extra presentation on Digital National Library and Dibrary Portal by National Library of Korea

National Library of Korea presented a brief introduction to the “dibrary” service which sits close to nature-friendly park, provides cultural space to all users, and integrates various high digital technologies while offers convenient access for everyone.

“For the more happiness and development of Asia & Oceania”, National Library of Korea would like to invite national member libraries to join their Dibrary to participate in Dibrary-Multicultural portal; to exchange information between Dibrary and NLG; and to joint research on difficult digital problems.

6. Reports on special subjects

6.1 A report on Digital Preservation by National Library Board (NLB) of

Singapore

This report is a status of the NLB Digital Preservation Services (DPS) Project. The presentation introduced several models which are being currently used in DPS project to provide services to users, namely as Revenue Generation Models, Business Model, Governance Model. The estimated costs reported thus far are Digital Preservation setup costs at an average of US\$ 0.30 per item ingested. The trusted store costs is US\$ 0.03 per item per year. This is the cost incurred to ingest and store in a trusted repository and provide access to the items in the repository. It is planned that digital preservation services will be rolled-out in October and come into operation by the end 2009.

6.2 A report on Open Source Software by National Library of Australia

The National Library of Australia (NLA) made a presentation titled “*Use of Open Source Software at the National Library of Australia*”. The NLA has had a long-term user of open source software to support generic Internet services and software development. More recently the Library has actively investigated the use of open source software to support core Library activities. This paper uses a case study approach to review the Library’s experience with open source software as following points: Search Engine, Replacing the Library’s Online Catalogue, Web Curator Tool, Open Journal System, and Digital Preservation. NLA concluded the paper by their practical experience that open source software development offers a range of potential advantages.

Q & A

Ms Cruz/National Library of Philippines raised a question on how it is economical when using open source software and which model should be built for the commercial sector.

Ms Fullerton answered open source software will benefit the library in saving their time and budget in cataloguing by online catalogues. NLA recommended that it is better to consider the library’s collections, purposes and demands before using open source software.

6.3 A report on Web Archiving by National Diet Library, Japan

National Diet Library (NDL) reported on Web Archiving in NDL context under the following points: Forthcoming issue-Web archiving, Web archiving project in NDL and how to promote Web archiving in CDNLAO. The number of websites and people using them comprehensively increased for the last decade, thus Web archiving is crucial. Practically, Web Archiving Project in NDL has been institutionalized since 2002. Being added to the report, NDL emphasized on the needs of International Cooperation in Web archiving, and suggested a questionnaire survey to promote it in CDNLAO.

7. Confirmation of future host libraries

Host libraries of future meetings were confirmed as follows:

18th meeting (2010) Pakistan

19th meeting (2011) Korea

The National Library of Pakistan made a confirmation of being the host library for 18th CDNLAO meeting, the meeting will be organized in about March 2010.

8. Country report presentations

Each member library reported the activities of their own national library and library at the national level updated since the 16th CDNLAO meeting. The Chair then summarized the main points as follows:

- New projects have been developed in libraries even in a several months.
- Library networks in rural areas have been established.
- Some national member libraries launched their programs approaching new and modern technologies.

9. The next host library's proposal

Mr. Ch. Muhammad Nazir/National Library of Pakistan (NLP) proposed that CDNLAO Meeting should last for two days. The second day of the meeting will be spent for discussion to find out opportunities for bilateral and multilateral cooperation among CDNLAO member libraries as well as solutions for national member libraries to overcome difficulties. He further stated that the 18th CDNLAO meeting in Pakistan which lasts for two days will be organized in March, 2010.

NLP also suggested key milestones for the 1st draft of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure for CDNLAO:

- NLA should draft for the Statutes and Rules of Procedure for CDNLAO within the next three months.
- The Draft need to be sent to the national member libraries before August 31st, 2009.
- Ideas and suggestions for the draft will be collected between August and October (until 31st, Oct., 2009). The Draft will be then completed by NLA by December 31st, 2009.
- The Final Statutes and Rules of Procedure for CDNLAO will be announced to all members the following month (The deadline is January 31st, 2010).

Discussion

Mr. Khang, National Library of Vietnam supported for NLP's proposal. NLV expected that all member libraries in CDNLAO will support for NLP's recommendation. There should not be any delay in communicating, submitting reports and sending their ideas contribution to the Draft which are all the difficulties for the host library to organise the conference successfully.

National Library Board of Singapore agreed on the idea of 2-day meeting for CDNLAO and recommended that participants will report their country updated

reports on the 1st day. The 2nd day is for topic discussion. Thus topics and questions for discussion should be raised and announced to members before the meeting.

Ms. Jan Fullerton, National Library of Australia accepted the proposal to draft the first the Statutes and Rules of Procedure for CDNLAO. However as there has not been a CDNLAO Secretariat to be responsible for documents delivery and ideas contribution collection, she suggested that NLP should be the CDNLAO's Secretariat at least from now until the next meeting for communicating the Draft to member libraries. NLP agreed for the above suggestions.

NLV recommended that NLP should explain the necessary of their recommended key milestones.

NLP pointed out one of the big difficulties that they may be facing is that the participants at CDNLAO 2009 may not attend the 18th meeting in Pakistan. Thus, if there is any change in participants, please inform Pakistan for that.

NLV closed the meeting and express their sincere thanks to all member libraries.

The meeting was concluded at 17:30

The MOU Ceremony between the National Library of Vietnam and the National Library of Vietnam continued from 17:30 to 18:00

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