

## 2009 CDNLAO COUNTRY REPORT

### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MYANMAR

#### 1. General Overview



After Cyclone Nargis, National Library moved to new quarter. It is not far from old National Library (8 storey building) which was destroyed by Nargis. New National Library has two completed RC buildings, 3 storey each and more than 70,000 sq ft in floor area. It is situated in the very silence compound and 2 compact buildings are convenient for library works and users. We get the time of totally four months for salvage and rehabilitation time for collections which were felt the damages of Nargis, transferring time and preparation time to open as National Library. Expect the salvage time, National Library opened through time to user ,even the transferring time we used over lapping method, when a section was closed and transfered another sections were opened. While the first section was prepared open, second section closed and transferring. So library not closed all sections at the same time . We could opened National Library completely at 8 Aug 2009.



In the new building, our first activity is opening the Basic Training for Library 3 months Course (1/2008) (24.11.2008-23.2.2009). Eighteen trainees attend and they are assistant directors and staff officers of Department of Archaeology, National Museum & Library and also responsible persons for Divisions and States. They studied 3 months library course and at the end of training, they reported 18 Library Thesis to the Department through National Library. Coming May we have the fixed plan to open the next 3 months Library course (2/2009) in the National Library.

Another activity is we tried to launch the internet access. Now we get the ADSL and website, end of May we launch our website and domain name is *nlm.gov.com* and website is *www*.

## **2. New Information Products**

Creating to e. format, Rare Book (Myanmar) 470. Books (English) 1188, Magazines 1190. Gazetteers 245, Archaeology report 23. Rare Newspapers 867, Bibliographies 90 years as e. books completed.

Data Entry to OPAC, Books (Myanmar) 193518, Books (English) 1788, Magazine (Myanmar) 164206 (24 items), Magazine (English) 2157 (3 items) manuscript 4946 are completed.

## **3. New Information Services**

We have 3 reference rooms and still attached Ask Now Section. Ask Now telephone is very effective for distance users. Next couple of months user can use the email and internet. For reading promotion we attached the knowledge corner with general reading room. Knowledge corner has satellite news, discovery, animal planet, net geo wild program and we collect separate index for fast ready use for users, eg. History of Temple and Pagoda (so many Temple and Pagoda everywhere in Myanmar.) History of customary & dressing of minorities (more than 100 minorities in Myanmar) etc. In the year of 2008-2009 budget we purchased. Books 6102, magazine 2885, journal 7636, newspaper 2160 and we get from donations and may user can access the internet, they can access the e. creation format as digital library services.

#### 4. New and on going project

In the year of 2008-2009 ,7 seminars were held in Nay Pyi Taw , three Departments of Archaeology National Museum and Library ,Fine Art and Historical Research Department are prepared and paper reading alternatively per month Ministry wide . 1 ASEAN SCC meeting held in Bagan regional wide.

#### *Staff*

Total no of staff	50
Professional	19

#### *Collection*

Books (Myanmar)	174459
Books (English)	50326
Magazine (Myanmar)	241112
Magazine (English)	18232
Newspaper (Myanmar)	279754
Newspaper (English)	16991
Palm leaf	17301
Folded paper	1966
Manuscript	345
CD	1805
Tape	2

#### *Damaged Collections*

Books (soaked)	85358
Magazine(soaked)	12416
Newspaper(soaked)	21780
Total	119554

Present situation according to our salvage and recovered all damaged collections on pressed ,air dried and bulb heating method ,all are good condition now.



