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1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library:

1.1. Innovation:

- On June 8, 2010, National Library of Vietnam (NLV) has officially received one more building of 1,650m² from the Government. This building is currently next to the NLV's building and has opened the NLV new prospects of development. This event has marked a great investment from the Government to build a friendly, modern, civilized, dynamic – developing National Library of Vietnam.
- On October 2nd, NLV officially launched 2 new Reading Room: Reading rooms for Researchers and Businesspeople; Multilingual Reading Room which enable the NLV creating the most convenient and friendly reading environment for readers, launching a campaign for building user-friendly environment among public library system. In addition,

some of Reading rooms such as Multimedia room and Open stacks for Social Science and Humanities have been renovated to create the most convenient reading environment for readers. On February 15th, 2011, the NLV officially launched its website in three languages Vietnamese, English and French. This has helped to increase the number of access to the NLV's website to 4,186 turn a day on average

1.2. Achievements

1.2.1. Seminars, Workshops and Conferences

Many training workshops and Conference and seminars have been held nationwide for librarians on professional skills, among them, almost of them have speakers overseas coming to supports the NLV under cooperation programs or working visit trip to the NLV.

- The NLV receives strong support from the Ministry of Information and Communication (MIC), directly is the Publishing Directorate to implement the Cataloguing in Publication (CIP) project which is started implementing with 12 Publishers. The project is now attrated effective cooperation of 50 Publishers and 18 Book Distribution companies and Booksellers nationwide. Dozens of training courses have been done for over 300 staff in charge from the Publishers on providing CIP in North, Central and South of Vietnam.
- NLV organized two “Advanced traing workshops on the Vienamese Abridged DDC14 and materials processing for libraries in Vienam” in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh city in 2010.
- November 2010, NLV held a training workshop on “New challenges in Conservation and restoration”, presented by Dr. Reinhard Feldmann – Head of the department "Handwritten Documents, Historical Holdings and Preservation of Holdings” of the University and State Library.
- 25th February 2011, the NLV organzied the Seminar on “RDA and its applicability to Vietnam”
- 9th March, a seminar about CIP, its electronic system and experiences from the Library of Congress, presented by former Chief Executive of Cataloguing in Publication Division, Library of Congress, the U.S.A.
- A training workshop entitled “Preservation of materials – preventive measures and restoration treatment” was held on 23&24 April 2011, presented by Ms. Christiane Baryla, IFLA-PAC Core Activity Director, BnF Paris, France and Ms. Else Delaunay, preservation specialist, National Library of France.
- On 5th and 6th of May 2011, the NLV cooperated with the Asia Foundation in Vietnam held a training course on service provision for books for Asia program's recipient libraries in the South of Vietnam. The course aims to strenghthen capacity for librarians to serve readers effectively in the new era.

1.1.2. Social and cultural events

- The NLV Successfully organized “Books reading festival and the world copyright day and has received active contribution from Embassies, Internantional Organization, Publishers, Book Houses, Book companies, Universities, Libraries and Information agencies. On this occasion, the Organizign Board collected 23.600 donated books and objects valued 43,500,000 VND from Embassies, Publishers, Book companies, Private corporation, domestic and foreign departments to give 26 libraries in difficultiesin remote areas.
- The NLV and other library instituions have successfully organized series of cultural activities celebrating 1000 years of Thang Long – Ha Noi
 - Organizing documentation exhibition on “Thang Long – Ha Noi, a thousand year of civilization”, especially the series of this exhibition by the NLV in France (May, 2010), Laos (July, 2010) and Hanoi (October, 2010). It marked the first time the National Library of Vietnam organizing event abroad.
 - Cooperating with Hanoi Publishing House to launch the “Thang Long – Ha Noi bookcase”, a main work to celabrate 1000 years of Thang Long – Hanoi at the NLV, cocurrrently launch the “Digital collection of Thang Long – Ha Noi”. This event is one of ten events of the country to celebrates 1000 years of Thang Long – Ha Noi. On this occasion, the NLV called and received sponsorship from the Embassies, Publishing Directorate, Journalism Department, Publishers, Book companies, private corporation and other agencies 9 computer sets (valued \$5,500); 34, 348 books and hundred of pictures to 13 libraries in Southwest and 6 libraries in Northeast of Vietnam.
 - NLV published the book “Thăng Long – Hà Nội. a selected bibliography” in three languages Vietnamese, English and French
 - NLV has participated in the International Book Fair in Vietnam in as a member of Organizing Board with an NLV booth to display precious materials about Thăng Long – Hà Nội (September 2010)
- The NLV in cooperation with embassies and international organization to hold a series of cultural events at the NLV such as book commemorate the 120th birthday of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam-China Paintings and Calligraphy exchange Exhibition, signing MOU between National Library of Vietnam and Goethe Institute and received donated books from International Frankfurt Book Fair, Venezuela, Panama Culture Week in Vietnam, ,Environmental Exhibition of the Asia Foundation, International non-violence day and the 141th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, Book Donation Ceremony of Pakistan

Embassy to Vietnamese libraries, Cuba Embassy donated books on José Martí's life and career to the National Library of Vietnam, Venezuela Embassy introduced the work "Ho Chi Minh's military ideology" in Spanish, receiving books donated from the Korean Cultural Center in Vietnam, Ceremony of launching the Vietnamese version of book "The Magician's hat" by the Finland Embassy etc. has confirmed the role of bridging cultural diplomacy of the National Library of Vietnam.

1.2.2. Projects, cooperation programs:

- The NLV continues to implement following projects
 - CIP project has step up with expansion to 59 Publishers nationwide and Booksellers, Book Distribution companies taken part in the program.
 - Project to translate the full version of DDC22 into Vietnamese has been implemented phase 1 with the accomplishment of translation 4 volumes into Vietnamese and is on the second phase of editing the translation
 - Books for Asia Project with 40,000 English books donation to over 100 libraries in Vietnam every year (from the Asia Foundation/USA.
 - Project of building collections for 10 commune libraries in Vietnam with LEAF-VN; for the 2011-2012 period, through NLV, the ten commune libraries will be sponsored over \$10,000 to purchase core books and newspapers.
- Project "Strengthening capacity on digital library and digital preservation at the National Library of Vietnam" approved and assigned by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism on 20 January 2010.
- The NLV has signed 3 MOU of cooperation with National Library of France (February 2011), Goethe Institute Vietnam (September 2010) and District 5160 of Rotary International (USA) (March 2011).

2. Library's relationship to government, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate and other legislation which directly effects the library's operations

The National Library of Vietnam (NLV) is the center library nationwide. It operates under the management of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam. NLV has the strongest professional influence over other libraries in the country. It is also Vietnam's biggest library, the national bibliography publisher and the sole national legal depository agency which acquires and houses most sufficient collection of materials published in Vietnam. The following legislation has set out library's mandate and activities:

- The Library Ordinance No. 31/2000/PL-UBTVQH of the National Assembly dated on 28 December 2000 and Decree No.72/2002/NĐ-CP dated on 06 August 2002 of the Government on implement the Library Ordinance.
- Decree No. 92/2006/NĐ-CP dated on 7 September 2006 of the Government on establishment, approval and programming management.
- Decree No. 581/QĐ-TTg dated on 6 May 2009 of the Prime Minister on approving the cultural development target 2020
- Decree No. 56/2007/QĐ-TTg dated on 3 May 2007 of the Prime Minister on approval of “Program on digital content industry of Vietnam to 2010” signed by the Prime Minister.
- Decree of the Prime Minister on National campaign of reading culture promotion.
- Decree No. 257/QĐ-BVHTTDL dated on 20 January 2010 of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam approved and appointed the NLV to implement the project “Strengthening capacity on digital library and digital preservation at the National Library of Vietnam”
- Decree No.1051/QĐ-BTC dated on 13 May 2010 of Ministry of Finance on assets transfer.
- Decree No 2607/QĐ-BVHTTDL dated on 26 July 2010 of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism on approval of assets value transfer received from the National Archive I belonged to the Home Affairs to the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism for management, usage for assignment.
- The Decree No. 2638/2008/NĐ-CP dated on 11 June 2008 of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism Vietnam assigned functions, mission, rights and organizational structure of the National Library of Vietnam.
- Decree No. 10/2007/QĐ-BVHTT dated on 4 May 2007 of the Ministry of Culture and Information on approval of library development programming to 2010 and orientation to 2020.

3. Key facts and figures

The National Library of Vietnam has a staff of 180 employees and it is divided into 13 divisions. Every years, the NLV issued over 30,000 membership cards to its users.

NLV is the largest library in the nation with **collections** of all kinds in various languages. The NLV holds the legal depository collections in Vietnam average 20,000 volumes each year from 60 Publishing Houses.

The total collection of the NLV is about 1.7 million volumes including

- Vietnamese collection: 1,500,000 volumes
- Foreign languages: 89,318 volumes (not included books in French)
- Indochina collection: 67,800 volumes
- Rare books: 5,265 vols.(includes 910 volumes of manuscripts)
- Doctoral thesis: 14,924 titles
- Reference collection: 4,000 volumes
- Periodicals: 8,677 titles
- Microfilm: 220 titles

National Bibliographic databases:

- SACH database: 459,373 records of Vietnamese books published since 1917 and books in Latin languages acquired by the NLV since 1980.
- LA Database: over 17,000 records of doctoral thesis by Vietnamese citizens
- JM Database: 6,272 records of Vietnamese and foreign newspapers and magazines published from 1954 to present
- NCUU Database: 1,718 records of periodical titles published in Indochina before 1954 and those published in Saigon before April 1975.
- Press clipping Database: 60,000 records of abstract of 61 titles of national and special periodicals and newspapers of Vietnam.

Fulltext Databases:

- Doctoral thesis of Vietnamese people: fulltext database with over 2,000,000 digitalized pages appropriate to 16,000 volumes; about 172,002 pages (6,402 vols.)
- English books about Vietnam: 92,520 pages (appropriate 338 volumes)
- Indochine collection: about 150,000 pages (appropriate 1.350,000 vols.)
- Sino-Nom collection: 220,200 pages (appropriate 1,351 vols)

- Books and Maps about Hanoi: over 200,000 pages
- CD collections: over 2,000 items

4. New developments in creating and building collections

- In 2010, the NLV has added to its collection with total 154,505 volumes in 2010, in which 88,808 volumes of books, 1,000 volumes of doctoral thesis, 64,958 volumes of newspaper and magazines (about 1,318 titles) and 539 titles (863 volumes) of special publications. All volumes are collections by acquired, legal deposit submission, exchange and gift.
- the NLV continues to become partner of international organization in receiving and distributing books to Vietnamese libraries such as book donation program from Embassy of Cuba, China, India, Korea, Pakistan, Venezuela, International Frankfurt Book Fair (800 German books), Goethe Institute Vietnam (50 German books), La Trobe University (800 English books)

5. New developments in managing collections

- In order to ensure quality of library's collection, the NLV has focused on develop the digitalized collection for preservation and continues to do research and learn from other experiences of how to do digital preservation.
- The NLV applies international library standards while doing Cataloguing in publication which facilitate the library collection management and promote the NLV's intergration process into the region and the world library community.

6. New developments in providing access to collections

- The NLV has organized regularly class on library using guidance for new registered membership (35 training courses for new library members organized annually)
- To develop Q&A services onsite and via the library's website
- The NLV has it own policy to improve quality of library's information resources, besides Sino-Nom collection, digital collection about Thang Long – Hanoi and Indochina collection are now available on Internet for access.
- Provide services of compiling bibliography of special subjects, person and regional
- The NLV bibliography compile, distribute and publish national bibliography, while the annual national bibliography is still published in printed format, the monthly national bibliography is no longer published in printed format, it is put on the NLV website now.

7. Collaboration between the library and other national collecting institutions

- At present, the NLV has been maintaining the books exchange relationship with over 80 libraries of 30 countries over the world.

- Recently, the NLV signed in the MOU with National Library of France (February 2011) and Goethe Institute in Vietnam (September 2010) which enables the NLV extend international cooperation in the fields of materials exchange, resources sharing and staff training.

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