

Country Report

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1. General Overview

The National Library of Mongolia, the biggest library and methodology center for around 1500 libraries throughout the country, organized many advanced professional trainings for rural librarians and sent its specialists to libraries in the countryside to lead trainings. In addition, NL of Mongolia organized numerous cultural and scientific events such National Script day, meeting with authors, and open lectures in 2011. President's reading room, opened at the NL of Mongolia, which is a combination of up-to-date technology and comfortable environment, provides modern library services.

2. Relationship to Government

National Library is authorized by Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of Mongolia. The National Library of Mongolia was made the **National Central Library** by Government Resolution Nr. 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 Nr. 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 resources of books and periodicals published in Mongolia and significant foreign books and publications.

3. Key Facts and Figures

The National Library's collection numbered around 2.681.190 items in the end of 2011. National Library of Mongolia has 83 employees.
Total collection of the National Library of Mongolia:

National Library of Mongolia comprises books, newspapers, serial publications, maps and rare, ancient and semi-ancient books. The Library also holds unique and interesting collections which are not possessed by other libraries, consist of:

- Rare books
- Ancient Mongolian maps
- Manuscript collections
- Ph.D thesis collections

4. New Developments in Creating and Building Collection

Library provides the users with access to important foreign electronic recourses such as BioOne, OECD and Oxford Reference Online thanks to its collaboration with the Mongolian Libraries' Consortium.

The National Library has Wi-Fi access in its reading rooms.

5. New Developments in Managing Collection

At present, the Library has two large digital databases: *Mongolian Manuscripts* and *Tibetan Sutras*. These include three titles of Mongolian manuscripts (385 volumes), which were digitized with the funding from the Indian Government, and two titles of Tibetan sutras (226 volumes and 2,840 sutras, written by over 150 Tibetan lamas), which were digitized with assistance from ACIP (USA). However these digital databases are not available to the public, due to the lack of equipment and software for displaying or offering them to the public. Digitization of rare and valuable books is also in the initial stage only. The Library is connected to Internet in 2001. Over the past 10 years, 300,000 books and publications have been electronically cataloged, as part of the efforts to convert the present paper catalog (of three million books) to an electronic catalog.

6. New Developments in Providing Access

National Library is the biggest public library in Mongolia, providing on-site access 5 reading rooms. All reading rooms were visited by around 60.000 readers, who are mostly university and college students and researchers.

7. Collaborations with Other Institutions and Professional Associations

National Library of Mongolia has been member of IFLA since 1991. It has good professional relationships with National Library of Korea, National Central Library of Taiwan, National Diet Library of Japan and National Library of Czech Republic. Book exchanges between the Library and foreign libraries were initiated as early as 1924 and the Library has book exchange programs with over 100 libraries and similar institutions in 70 countries.

As an implementations of partnership between NL of Mongolia and the National Library of Korea has agreed to open Korean Information Center which was launched in 2009.

8. Education and Training

The CDNLAO Meeting was organized in Seoul, South Korea in April. National Library of Mongolia sent a delegate to attend the meeting.