

National Library & Archives of Bhutan



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Presentation outline

- ▶ Over view of Institution
- ▶ Collection
- ▶ Preservation
- ▶ Service/accessible
- ▶ Challenges

Over view of Institution



- ▶ Established: in 1967 with small collection



- Present: shifted to the present four storied building since 1984.



- ▶ Established archives from 2006 onwards

NLAB consist of: Foreign Language Section, Classical/Choekey Section and Archives Section.

Collections

▶ Classical/Choekey Texts –
16,100 titles with 1 million subtitles.



▶ English or Modern Language-
collections -12,624



- ▶ Archival Materials-
 - 2400 in printing materials
 - 1200 in soft form (microfilming and digitization)



- ▶ Xylographic Blocks -11000 wooden block & 700 metal block.



- ▶ Digital Collection- 3797 titles from (BDRC) &4500 titles of Buddhist scriptures with collaboration with *Loden* (CSO)

Library activities on preserving:

- ▶ Legal deposit
- ▶ Digital collection
- ▶ Hard copy collection
- ▶ Donation collection
- ▶ Digitization
- ▶ Research

Service/Accessible

- ▶ We focuses more on younger generation
- ▶ Provide free space for more facilities. (Coffee shop, enough rest room, open space, entertainment etc.)
- ▶ Provide seven days Services.
- ▶ Provide soft copy
- ▶ Publication of research finding
- ▶ Through website

- ▶ Manuscript conservation
- ▶ Fumigation
- ▶ Basic Library management training program
- ▶ Print Heritage museum
- ▶ Wood block printing
- ▶ Microfilming and digitization
- ▶ Reference service



Challenges:

- Funding
- Technical skilled manpower
- Lack of storage capacity in server for online data sharing
- Lack of public involvement

Thank you