

PAC Centre Annual Report 2021-2022

This report covers the period June 2021-June 2022. A mapping of PAC activity will be shared ahead of WLIC 2022. It will be used to highlight activities of PAC Centres to IFLA's network, as well as inform forward planning.

PAC Centre (hosting institution, country and contact information)

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Workshops/trainings/events (What virtual or in-person events did your PAC Centre organise for the period June 2021 - June 2022? What were the outcomes?)

- On November 11, 2021, a CJK IFLA/PAC Centre meeting was held with the directors of three regional centers—IFLA-PAC China Center, IFLA PAC Korea Center, and IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Asia—in attendance. The meeting was convened by the IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Asia in order to give the directors of the regional centers an opportunity to hold an online conference. During the meeting, each center reported on its recent activities. These three centers were able to exchange information and strengthen their cooperative relationships through this online meeting.
https://dl.ndl.go.jp/view/download/digidepo_12117246_po_NDL-Newsletter243.pdf?contentNo=1&alternativeNo=#page=12
- From December 21, 2021, to January 17, 2022, a video of the 32nd Preservation Forum entitled "Disaster preparedness for library materials" was available online and viewed by 222 people. At the Forum, six presenters reported on material disaster prevention in museums, university libraries, public libraries and the NDL. They also gave a presentation on how to deal with water-damaged materials and training.
<https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/event/events/preservationforum32.html>

External Events (Did you PAC Centre participate in workshops/trainings/events organised by external partners? Which partners did you work with? What were the outcomes?)

- UNESCO held a regional workshop as part of its Memory of the World (MoW) program both online and on-site in Saly, Senegal, from June 15 to 17, 2021. At the workshop, Ms. KOBAYASHI Naoko, former senior librarian of the National Diet Library, made a presentation about disaster preparedness at the National Diet Library. The IFLA/PAC Asia Regional Centre assisted in the preparation of the materials for this presentation (Cf. PAC Regional Centre for Asia Annual Report 2020-2021).
- On September 21-22, 2021, we attended the 2nd Memory of the World Global Policy Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for Sustainable Preservation of Documentary Heritage online.

New material (guidelines, recorded webinars, standards, other tools) which should be shared with the community. (Have you been involved in the creation of any tools that might be useful for others? IFLA is happy to share these! Kindly provide links if possible or contact IFLA HQ to discuss how to promote this material further.)

In 2022, we will release a new training video (disaster preparedness for library materials in Japanese) on the NDL's YouTube channel.

Support - International Cooperation (Has your PAC Centre provided preservation and conservation support on an international level? This can include contact with other PAC Centres. Please provide a summary of what you have done).

- On November 11, 2021, a CJK IFLA/PAC Centre meeting (online) was held with the directors of three regional centers—IFLA-PAC China Center, IFLA PAC Korea Center, and IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Asia—in attendance. During the meeting, each center reported on its recent activities. The IFLA-PAC China Center reported on the restoration of ancient books, construction of a database of ancient Chinese books, and development of human resources for restoration. The IFLA PAC Korea Center reported on its digitization and conservation of LP record albums and other analog media, as well as floppy disks and other digital media. The IFLA/PAC Regional Center for Asia reported on its facilities and equipment for disaster prevention, disaster prevention measures for its materials, and recent cooperation activities related to the preservation of materials. Opinions were exchanged on deacidification of acid paper, cooperative activities related to the preservation of ancient books, and training in the preservation of materials.
- Mr. NAGAI Yoshikazu, director of the PAC/Asia, attended the IFLA/PAC Section Standing Committee Zoom meetings.

Support - Regional / National Cooperation (Has your PAC Centre provided preservation and conservation support within your region or country? This can include contact with other PAC Centres. Please provide a summary of what you have done).

- Japanese translations of the following IFLA/PAC FAQs were posted to the NDL website.
In case of disaster...having a disaster plan
https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/iflapac/pdf/pac_faq_bosai_keikaku.pdf
(https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/pac/Documents/faq_disaster_plan_japan.pdf)
Paper conservation by using Japanese paper, washi
https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/iflapac/pdf/pac_faq_washi_shuhuku.pdf
(https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/pac/Documents/faq_washi_japan.pdf)
- An employee from the NDL's Preservation Division participated in a cooperative activity with the preservation and conservation network by attending the Executive Council of Japanese Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Mitigation Network, which comprises members of the former Cultural Property Rescue Program for areas affected by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.
- An employee from the NDL's Preservation Division was appointed a member of the Japan Library Association Preservation Committee.
- The NDL replied to inquiries about preservation and conservation.

Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Initiatives (i.e. the Risk Register / information sharing)

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Any other information or comments to share?

The activities of the PAC Centre have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with planned visits by preservation specialists from abroad having to be postponed.