

PAC Centre Annual Report 2020-2021

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International Cooperation (highlight activities and work the PAC Centre has done in the international preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on an international level)

- Ms. SATO Yoriko, previous director of the PAC/Asia, attended the IFLA/PAC Section Standing Committee Zoom meetings.
- The NDL posted on its website an article on preservation and conservation entitled "Ten years after the Great East Japan Earthquake: National Diet Library support for disaster-affected libraries."
https://dl.ndl.go.jp/view/download/digidepo_11647201_po_NDL-Newsletter237.pdf?contentNo=1&alternativeNo=#page=13
- On February 16, 2021, the NDL participated in a web talk with the National Library of Peru and made a report entitled *Conservation of Paper Materials and Disaster Management at the NDL*.
- On April 1, 2021, Mr. NAGAI Yoshikazu became the new director of the PAC/Asia.

Local / Regional Cooperation (highlight activities and work your PAC Centre has done in the local preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on a local and/or regional level)

- Japanese translations of the following articles about IFLA/PAC FAQ 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.ifla.org/files/assets/pac/Documents/faq_washi_japan.pdf
(https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/iflapac/pdf/pac_faq_wasi_shuhuku.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.

Workshops/trainings/events (what workshops/trainings/events has the PAC Centre organised? Which workshops/trainings/events did the PAC Centre participate in? both on international and national level)

- The NDL annually holds a one-day program on preservation and conservation of library materials for librarians working in Japan. The programs was not held In 2020, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Japanese and English versions of the video “動画で見る資料保存：簡易補修(Conservation of Paper Materials: Minor Repairs)” are available on the NDL’s YouTube channel for remote training. The Japanese-language video “動画で見る資料保存：簡易帙をつくる (conservation of paper materials: how to make a simple folding case)” was also newly posted channel.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhX0ofDu2HU&list=PLXvKjMC1JnVvrSqPUKKzKPqIRDY8X0wle>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmxgH_dUKZs&list=PLXvKjMC1JnVu50NOnLQh5_rBq-U5LpzFj
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXvKjMC1JnVsWhs4DGNn6knpu7sRaKlKf>
- From December 16, 2020, to January 15, 2021, a video of the 31st Preservation Forum entitled “Strategic Use of Enclosures—A variety of ways to protect materials” was available online and viewed by 302 people. At the forum, four speakers reported on enclosures for ancient Japanese treasures and documents, development and dissemination of enclosures in modern times, and current uses. Answers from each speaker to the questions received after the forum are posted on the NDL website.
<https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/event/events/preservationforum31.html>
- 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. Naoko KOBAYASHI, 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.
<https://en.unesco.org/news/regional-capacity-building-workshop-documentary-heritage-preservation-memory-institutions>
<https://en.unesco.org/news/preservation-documentary-heritage-africa-memory-institutions-prepared-face-disaster-risks>

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

- The Centre participated in a project to create promotional material for PAC.
- The IFLA/PAC Asia Regional Centre cooperated in a review of *IFLA Disaster Preparedness and Planning: A Brief Manual*.
- The PAC director also served as information coordinator for the Preservation and Conservation Section.

Suggestions to IFLA HQ on improvements to the PAC Centre network (e.g. gaps in expertise covered by the current PAC Centre network, communication issues, support requests (non-financial) etc.)

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New standards/guidelines/best practices which should be shared with the community

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Any other comments

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.