ASEAN COOPERATION PROJECT

PROJECT TITLE
DIGITAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE:
TOWARDS REGIONAL
COOPERATION AND
COLLABORATION

Ministry of Information Communications and Culture
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project aims at creation of regional cooperation and collaboration in implementing digitization activities among ASEAN Member States libraries to enable information sharing, networking and preservation of our rich cultural heritage.

Participants from ASEAN Member States will attend a two-day conference cum one-day workshop to bridge the digital divide and to draw up a framework for digitization activities in order to ensure standardization and quality.
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED

There is a lack of cooperation and coordination at national and regional level in the implementation of digitization activities among libraries in the ASEAN Member States. This is due to the fact that there is a lack of expertise in developing an integrated digital library system at both the national and regional level.
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

The hosting of the Digital Library Conference in August 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will enable libraries in ASEAN Member States to stay relevant and accessible anytime, anywhere and by anyone in this era of globalization with the theme “Preserving, Linking, Using and Sharing” through cooperation and collaboration among ASEAN Member States.
OBJECTIVES

• Overview of the current development of digital libraries among ASEAN Member States.
• Provide platform for librarians and ICT professionals to discuss the planning and development of digital library system for the ASEAN region.
• Encourage and develop creativity to enrich digital content, its culture and heritage.
• Formulate national and regional digital library framework and ensure the implementation of digital library in ASEAN Member States.
SUCCESS INDICATORS

• To implement Digital Library in ASEAN Member states. Able to carry out digitization projects in their own country on cultural information and heritage.

• Strengthened networking between ASEAN Member States. Foster goodwill and better understanding among ASEAN Member States.

• Participants would have the basic skill and knowledge needed in the digitization of the library materials in various formats accessible from anywhere, at anytime and by anyone.
SUCCESS MEASURES

By the end of the conference, participants from ASEAN Member States would have gained better understanding, expertise and skill on the usage of the latest technology and policies in the digitization of library materials.
OUTPUTS

• Ability of participants from ASEAN Member States in acquiring the skills and competency for implementation of national digital initiatives.

• A draft framework on the digital library programme on completion of the conference.

INPUTS

- 3 experts from:
  - National Library of Australia
  - National Digital Library of Korea
  - National Library of Netherlands

- 10 Director General/ Directors and 10 senior librarians from National Libraries of 10 ASEAN Member States

- Country report on the digitization initiatives of ASEAN Member States
INPUTS

- Funding from the ASEAN Cultural Fund
- Conference programme and agenda
- Local and foreign participants from libraries in Malaysia and ASEAN Member States.
BUDGET AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

The Project amounting to US$50,000 is proposed to be funded by the ASEAN Cultural Fund:

- Conference Package = USD 7,200.00
- Expert/Resource Persons = USD12,300.00
- ASEAN Participants = USD13,000.00
- Per Diem = USD13,000.00
- Local Transportation/ Report/ Contingency = USD 4,500.00

TOTAL = USD50,000.00
THANK YOU

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