



The National Library of Myanmar

National Library Development Plan 2040

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Vision



- **Vision of the National Library is ‘To be a National Literary Heritage Centre’. In other words, the National Library is expecting to be a national centre of libraries in Myanmar, and a knowledge bank for Myanmar culture and heritage.**

Objectives



- **National Library is implementing its functions according to the following objectives to meet its vision:**
 - To collect all local publications and rare manuscripts in order to provide access to the researchers as well as to the public
 - To collect materials on Myanmar culture including printed and manuscripts, publications on Myanmar from other countries and preserve them as the national cultural heritage
 - To be a leading role of library system in Myanmar

Goal 1: Collection Development



| Strategy 1 | Collection of national literature |
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| Action plan 1 | Works published in the country |
| Action plan 2 | Works published abroad by nationals, either in the original language or in translation |
| Action plan 3 | Contributions to foreign publications by national authors or artists |
| Action plan 4 | Books or other publications dealing with the country or with a national subject |
| Action plan 5 | Foreign recordings of performances by national artists |

| Strategy 2 | Effectiveness of Legal Deposit |
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| Action plan 1 | Promulgation of National Library Law and Regulations (consisting legal deposit) |
| Action plan 2 | Accumulation and preservation of a national collection of library materials of all kinds by legal deposit law |
| Action plan 3 | Acquire retrospective national imprints through purchase, exchange or gifts |

| Strategy 3 | Collections of foreign literature |
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| Action plan 1 | Acquire collections of foreign literature either to provide encyclopaedic reference and lending services to the nation's researchers and readers or to supplement existing research collections in other libraries of the nation |
| Action plan 2 | Collect more on humanities and the social sciences (literature, the arts, music, law, etc.) |
| Action plan 3 | Acquire foreign publications, especially government documents, through exchange |
| Action plan 4 | Attract gifts from both domestic and foreign donors |

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| Strategy 4 | Collections of Manuscripts & rare collection |
| Action plan 1 | Collect manuscripts and other archival materials of national significance other than public records which are the responsibility of national archives |
| Action plan 2 | Conservation of contemporary manuscript documents of national importance |
| Action plan 3 | Preserving unpublished documents |
| Action plan 4 | Taking inventory of Myanmar traditional manuscripts throughout the country |
| Action plan 5 | Digitizing important text from the collections |

Goal 2: As National Bibliographic Agency



| Strategy 5 | Function as National Bibliographic Agency |
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| Action plan 1 | Establishment of National Bibliographic Agency |
| Action plan 2 | Compiling national bibliography: quaterly; biannually and annually |
| Action plan 3 | Compiling restrospective national bibliographies |
| Action plan 4 | Sponsoring training courses and workshops to promote observance to national standards by other libraries and individual bibliographers |
| Action plan 5 | Promoting and monitoring the use of the International Standard Book Number |
| Action plan 6 | Establish a cataloguing in publication (CIP) programme |

Goal 3: Promotion of Library services



| Strategy 6 | Information Service |
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| Action plan 1 | Conducting surveys for information service periodically in order to develop better services and harmonizing with other libraries' services |
| Action plan 2 | Conducting information services include lending, reference and online searches of national or foreign databases |
| Action plan 3 | Conducting referral services by qualified professionals to advise users on the best possible use of the library's collections and other resources |

| Strategy 7 | Reader services |
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| Action plan 1 | Expanding reading rooms: general, periodicals, newspapers, manuscripts, rare books, music, maps, etc. |
| Action plan 2 | reprography (photocopying): restriction to special collections |
| Action plan 3 | Reference services based on the collections: current Reference sources & databases |

| Strategy 8 | Services to handicapped |
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| Action plan 1 | Formulating policy for library service for the handicapped people |
| Action plan 2 | Providing facilities for implementing the policy |
| Action plan 3 | Collecting resources for handicapped people: books in braille, books recorded on cassettes (audio book), books in large prints, bibliographic aids |
| Action plan 4 | Training and educating library staffs on services for handicapped people |
| Action plan 5 | Implementing policy for library service for the handicapped people |

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| Strategy 9 | Children Library service |
| Action plan 1 | Expanding children corner |
| Action plan 2 | Organizing children library programmes (inside & out reach) |
| Action plan 3 | Organizing educational programmes for parents & teachers |
| Action plan 4 | Organizing children library festivals |

| Strategy 10 | Exhibition & shows |
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| Action plan 1 | Organizing permanent and special exhibitions to illustrate the cultural and other achievements of the country and of the world |
| Action plan 2 | Organizing permanent exhibition shows national imprint collections |
| Action plan 3 | Organizing special exhibitions – based on own collections & other resources |
| Action plan 4 | Hosting fairs & shows related to the library (book fair, funfair, talk-show, etc.) |

Strategy 11**Repositories****Action plan 1**

Operating a national repository (storage area) of extra materials discarded by libraries (if the collection is important for the clients)

Goal 4: Preservation & conservation of library resources



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| Strategy 12 | PAC Center for library resources |
| Action plan 1 | Re-join as a member of IFLA & establishment IFLA/PAC Unit |
| Action plan 2 | Developing policy & providing facilities for PAC work |
| Action plan 3 | Training and educating library staffs for PAC |
| Action plan 4 | Implementing PAC policy |
| Action plan 5 | Developing projects for Digital preservation in order to provide services to clients |

Goal 5: Dissemination & promotion of library & information studies



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| Strategy 13 | Educating on library and information |
| Action plan 1 | Conducting Post Graduate Diploma on Library Management (PGDLM) |
| Action plan 2 | Conducting short courses on basic library management |
| Action plan 3 | Conducting workshops, seminars, forums, talks on library & its related subjects |

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| Strategy 14 | Promotion of user services |
| Action plan 1 | Reading promotion activities in collaboration with iNGO, NGO and government institutions |
| Action plan 2 | Training/ workshop on Information technology (both for staffs & clients) |
| Action plan 3 | Research on library resources, reader services and library functions |

Challenges



- Less library staffs than functions
- Need more support by government (including budget)
- Need skilled librarians (including IT technicians)
- Need innovative librarians
- Need more advocacy & marketing
- Less law enforcement

Thank you!

