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1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT:

NLP is a cultural agency under the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) of the Office of the President that caters frontline services to the public. It has dual function, as a national library and as a public library.

As a national library, it serves as a repository of the printed and recorded cultural heritage of the country and other intellectual, literary and information sources and providing access to these resources for our people's intellectual growth, citizenship building, lifelong learning and enlightenment.

As a public library, the NLP establishes, develops and maintains in cooperation with LGU executives, a system of public libraries and information centers nationwide. Being the central node of the public library system, it provides the books and other materials to affiliated libraries nationwide, install hardware and software and train the librarians to hone their skills and update them on the development and trends in the library profession.

2. FACTS AND FIGURES:

Summary of Pertinent Facts and Figures	
Date of Foundation	August 12, 1887 under the name Museo Biblioteca de Filipinas
Change of Name to National Library of the Philippines	May 13, 2010 under Republic Act 10087
Size of library holdings	1,333,169 volumes
Number of clients served	287,423 (this include tours)
Number of NLP affiliated libraries	1416 libraries
Number of materials acquired	91,011 volumes
No. of ISBN/ISSN/ISMN processed	8,779 applications
No. of Copyright registrations processed	7,945 applications

3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:

1. Conducted Disability Awareness Training in the clusters of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao:
 - a. Butuan City
 - b. Bohol City
 - c. Baguio City
2. Conducted Workshop on Development of Mother Tongue Children's Books Utilizing Bloom Software
3. Launched Chinese Corner Project in selected NLP-affiliated public libraries
4. Launched an Italian Corner at NLP
5. Participated in the Crafting of Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022
6. Affiliated twenty (20) public libraries
7. Conducted Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction
8. Conducted National Conference of Public Librarians, March 7-10, 2016
9. Conducted International Conference on Children's Librarianship in partnership with the Local Government Unit of Butuan City, Agusan Del Sur through its Library, October 13-15, 2016

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING AND MANAGING COLLECTIONS:

1. Retrofitting of the building is 90% done, but restoration component had just started at the ground floor, which are mainly office areas.
2. Reproduction of materials into accessible formats was strengthened with the use of DAISY.

5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS:

1. Procured databases in line with Medium-term Information and Communications Technology Harmonization Initiative (MITHI) program which were distributed to 650 libraries, that includes libraries from partner agencies, State Colleges and University (SUCs) and public libraries.
2. Procured assistive devices and accessible resources (i.e. audiobooks).

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER SERVICES:

1. Conducted orientation, training and allocation of resources to library staff of newly affiliated public libraries
2. E-government services, livelihood program training, and promotion of local culture and products were initiated in selected public libraries
3. Initiated the training-workshop on documenting oral history

7. NOTES ON YOUR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS IN YOUR COUNTRY:

1. Conducted storytelling, puppet shows and other children's activities in partnership with National Museum's Planetarium
2. Launched Tech4Ed projects in selected public libraries in partnership with Department of Science and Technology
3. Participated in formulating Guidelines in Declaring Cultural Property in Libraries, Archives and Museum

8. NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:

1. Co-organized an ICT Literacy for Women entitled "Training of Female Micro-entrepreneurs" with Asia Pacific Women's Information Network (APWINC) of Seoul, Korea held on April 21-26, 2016 in Manila.
2. Attended the IFLA BSLA Global Meeting held in Manila May 30-June 1, 2016.
3. Participated as speaker in the IFLA LPD's satellite conference with the theme "Tailoring the Reading Experience to Meet Individual Needs" held at Louisville, Kentucky, USA on August 11-12, 2016.
4. Attended IFLA Congress in Columbus, Ohio USA and delivered brief lecture with the Multicultural Populations Section delegates on NLP's Initiative on Multicultural Services and Programs, on August 13-19, 2016.
5. 2nd convening of the INELI-ASEAN in partnership with the National Library Board, Singapore, September 5-10, 2016.
6. Attended Meeting of the Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation for Disability-Inclusive Development. Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, UN Headquarters, New York, USA held on November 27-29, 2016.