Report of Activities
IFLA PAC Regional Centre for Asia

Asian seminar on
“Preservation and the Four Elements: Air, Water, Earth and Fire”

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Closing
Our mission

- National Library
- IFLA PAC Regional Centre for Asia since 1989
Activities based on

- IFLA PAC Action Plan
- IFLA PAC Action Plan for Asian Regional Centers 2006-2008
1. Publication and Information Sending

- Contribution to IPN
- Translation of IFLA Publications
- Distribution of IPN
Translation into Japanese

- “Library Disaster Planning” (1995)
- “IFLA Principles for the Care and Handling of Library Materials” (1998)
- “Care Handling, and Storage of Photographs” (2002)
- “A Blue Shield for the Protection of our Endangered Cultural Heritage” (2003)
2. Training

- Preservation and Conservation Training Program (one day)
- E-learning
- E-learning for digitization
Other training program

- Branch Libraries in Government Offices and the Supreme Court
- Annual Training Program on Rare Books
  “How to Handle and Preserve Japanese-style Books”
3. Dispatching instructors

- On request from libraries inside and outside Japan
- We dispatch our staff member as the instructor of a seminar at libraries in regions of Japan
4. Acceptance of trainees

- On request from libraries inside and outside Japan
Acceptance of trainees inside Japan

- Every year
- University student
- Experience of preservation as part of their curriculum
Acceptance of trainees from foreign countries

- Two trainees from NLK in 2008
- A trainee from NLC in 2009 (as part of the curriculum)
- A French student in 2010
5. Raising awareness

- Preservation Forum
- Tokyo International Book Fair
- Children's Tour Day
Preservation Forum

- Since 1990
- Professional, practical and hot issues
- Participants: wide community
Themes of preservation forum

- 2007: Deterioration of Microform
- 2008: IPM
- 2009: Preservation Research Projects in Holland, Special Collection in Koninklijke Bibliotheek
Children’s Tour Day
6. Cooperation

- Cooperation with preservation organizations
- Social Meeting for Experts
- Preservation Conference of China, Korea, Japan
- The 16th CDNLAO
Cooperation with

- The Preservation Committee of the Japan Library Association
- The Standing Committee of the Preservation and Conservation Section of IFLA
Social Meeting for Experts in Preservation

- December 2008: Management of environment for preservation
- January 2010: Disaster preparedness
Preservation Conference of China, Korea, Japan

- Since 2004
- We have shared our experiences with each other.
- Fruitful and stimulating
The 16th CDNLAO

October 2008

“Cooperation in a Knowledge-based Society”

Special report on disaster

Cooperation in areas of digitization
The 16th CDNLAO in 2008
7. Research on paper (Field of excellence)

- pH testing
- Examination of deterioration of Japanese books
- Deacidification
pH testing

- From 1986 to 2007
- Promote the use of acid-free paper
- In 2008 the NDL announced the rate of acid-free paper was over 95% of current Japanese publication in total.
Examination of deterioration of Japanese books

Sample: 2,000 books published between 1950 and 1990

We examined 41 aspects.

Suitable for ordinary use?

Deacidification

- Two methods
- Book Keeper Method
- Dry Ammonia Ethylene Oxide Process
- Report to be published in 2010
8. Promote IPM

- Monitor, Record
- Report at the Preservation Forum
- Discussion at the Social Meeting for Experts
- Regular meeting in the NDL
9. The principle to protect materials from disaster

- Human life is most important.
- Preventive measures
- Prioritize materials
- Record damaged materials
- Promptness
- Specialty in preservation
- Cooperation
Under the principle, we will

- Improve existing manuals,
- Make new manuals,
- Compile them into the disaster plan
10. Preservation reformatting

- Method: basically digitizing since 2009
- Digitizing 9,000,000 materials for two years (2009-2010)
11-1. Preservation of digital materials

- Research on obsolete audio – visual media
- Research on the distribution, use, and preservation of e-books
11-2. Cooperation on digital preservation

- Digital Information Resources Round Table in Japan
- Cooperation on digital archiving project between China, Korea, and Japan
- Cooperation with IIPC etc.
12. Development of human resources

- To cope with a variety of preservation issues
- Providing staff members with opportunities for various kinds of training inside and outside Japan is necessary.
Closing

To cope with variety of issues, I hope

- The cooperate network among Australia, China, Korea and Japan will become closer.
- Preservation in the Asia Oceania region furthermore will go from strength to strength.
Thank you!

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