



**IFLA - Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania
(IFLA - RSCAO)
Bi-annual Sub-Regional Report
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Sub-region: South East Asia Convenor: Dolores Carungui

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I. Achievements in the key roles and responsibilities as sub-regional convenor:

A. Promotion of IFLA and IFLA-RSCAO and its programs and activities in the sub-region (Please provide details):

IFLA is very visible in activities of Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) and the National Library of the Philippines. Whenever there is an opportunity, IFLA-RSCAO information is incorporated/disseminated during fora, seminars, conferences and other related events.

B. Encourage professional colleagues in the sub-region to join IFLA and its activities (Please provide details):

Always in any given opportunities, I introduce/inform colleagues in the profession about IFLA, the vast information it has in its website and its activities.

C. Work closely with the Regional Office and organizers, if a country in the sub-region has been selected to host the mid-term meeting (Please provide details):

Not applicable.

D. Arrange and upload photos and short write ups of activities for the RSCAO Facebook page (Please Provide details):

None.

E. Other activities, if any (Please provide details):

- II. Brief details with links to information where available, of **two (2) most impactful activities in each country** in the sub-region, for example, activities of: library association/s; different types of libraries; library studies programs; any conferences, workshops or seminars and so on. Please add more rows, etc. as required.
- Network of Emerging Filipino Library Innovators (NEFLI) - a three (3)-year leadership training program for public librarians in the country, adopted from one of the Global Libraries Initiatives, which is the INELI. It is implemented by the Public Libraries Division (PLD) that involves public librarians in the country and other interested participants to leverage appropriate solutions that will enable public library leaders who share a common vision for economic, political and socio-cultural development and integration particularly focusing and strengthening capacities of public librarians in the country. Cohort 2 started last October 15, 16 & 20, 2020 during the NEFLI combined convening (3rd convening of Cohort 1 and 1st convening of Cohort 2). For more details, click this link <http://web.nlp.gov.ph/nefli/>.
 - First Southeast Asian Librarians Leadership Convergence: A Prelude to the Establishment of Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications among ASEAN Countries.

Initiated by the Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians (PRBFL), in partnership with the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), this activity was conducted online. Pre-convening was held on September 15, 2020 and the convergence proper was held on November 10-11, 2020.

The PRBFL and PLAI engaged the participation of educators and practicing professionals in LIS from 10 ASEAN member countries. The objectives of this first ever Convergence principally aim to attain the following:

1. To gather the leaders of the different library associations, representatives from the National Libraries and the academe in the Southeast Asian region to look into the LIS education and practice (examination, experience, ethics, and continuing professional development, including career progression and specialization);
2. To find out commonalities of LIS education and practices, identify gaps, and come up with recommendations to bridge the gaps; and
3. To discuss how to go about identifying and establishing the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (MRPQ) that will lead to expression of intent and/or signing of MRPQ MOU.

III. For impact, please state the **related IFLA Strategy 2019-2024**

- SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries
- SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice
- SD 3 – connect and empower the field
- SD 4 – optimise our organisation

Country	Activities	Impact
1. Malaysia	#1 Name and Date: Annual General Meeting of Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia (PPM) – 25 July 2020 <u>Details</u> PPM held its AGM on 25 July 2020 at the Selangor State Library. The Meeting was held following strict SOPs. A new Council was elected to serve the 2020/2022 term.	SD1 SD2 SD3 SD4
	#2 Name and Date: Librarian’s Day – 6 June 2020 <u>Details</u> Since 2015, Malaysian librarians have celebrated Librarian’s Day since 2015. For 2020, PPM celebrated the event virtually. The event began with the Minister of Tourism, Arts and	SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field SD 4 – optimise our organisation

	Culture giving her congratulatory address and this is followed by an online discussion on the theme #stayingrelevant.	
2. Philippines	<p>#1 Network of Emerging Filipino Library Innovators (NEFLI). Cohort 2 started on October 15, 16 & 20, 2020 during the NEFLI combined convening (3rd convening of Cohort 1 and 1st convening of Cohort 2)</p> <p>A three (3)-year leadership training program for public librarians in the country, adopted from one of the Global Libraries Initiatives, which is the INELI.</p>	<p>SD 3 – connect and empower the field</p> <p>SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p>
	<p>#2 First Southeast Asian Librarians Leadership Convergence: A Prelude to the Establishment of Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications among ASEAN Countries. Pre-convening was held on September 15, 2020 and convergence proper was held on November 10-11, 2020.</p> <p>The ultimate goal of this gathering of leaders of the different library associations, representatives from the National Libraries and the academe in the Southeast Asian region is to discuss how to go about identifying and establishing the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (MRPQ) that will lead to expression of intent and/or signing of MRPQ MOU.</p>	<p>SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries</p> <p>SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice</p>
3. Singapore	<p>#1 <i>The Leaders' Conversations: Libraries in the Post-COVID-19 World</i> - A series of three webinar conversations with the National Libraries, Public Libraries and Academic Libraries jointly organised by the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania and the National Library Board, Singapore (NLB), in support of the IFLA Global Vision. The Conversations were held on 18 and 29 Sep and 16 Oct 2020 respectively.</p> <p>At the Conversations, library leaders shared their COVID-19 experiences with special attention to libraries in the post-COVID-19 world. They addressed issues on the future of digital services, hybrid libraries, funding for libraries and relevance to stakeholder, and services to communities at risk. They also shared their views on the importance for libraries to collaborate and forge partnerships to strengthen and grow in the Post-COVID-19 World.</p>	<p>This inaugural series is aligned to IFLA's Strategy Directions to strengthen the global voice of libraries and to connect and empower the field. It provided a platform for leaders in the region from and beyond (Australia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, New Zealand, The Philippines, Britain, Singapore and Sri Lanka) to share their insights into the major challenges and developments in the library world, so as to inspire and enhance the professional practices.</p>

	<p><i>#2 Documenting COVID-19 in Singapore.</i></p> <p>The National Library Board Singapore (NLB) and the National Museum of Singapore (NMS) jointly invited public to contribute records of their everyday experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this joint public call for materials, NLB and NMS seek to engage the public to capture a key historical moment as it unfolds. The aim to capture a fuller picture of life during these times, add to the nation's history and archives, and enrich generations' understanding of this extraordinary period.</p>	<p>This activity is aligned with IFLA's Strategy Direction to optimize our organization. It is part of the efforts to build the nation's contemporary collection, and to collect today's history for tomorrow. Doing so will help to preserve and present a more complete and richer picture of life in Singapore during COVID-19 for future generations.</p>
Thailand	<p><i>#3 The Little Book Box: Get your child hooked on books with NLB's book delivery subscription service.</i></p> <p>The children's book subscription service launched in Oct 2020 allows subscribers to receive a monthly doorstep delivery of eight curated English books. NLB also partnered with the Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund to sponsor 200 children with a free nine-month book subscription service. Reading is a special gift we can provide for our children, and now it has become easier to get their hands-on books from our librarians' choice list.</p>	<p>The activity is aligned with IFLA's Strategy Direction to optimize our organization. Through this activity, NLB provides innovative services and support for our information community i.e. children. The subscription service would provide families with convenient access to reading materials and cultivate a love for books. She also shared a few titles of books that would be included in the service.</p>
	<p><i>#4 Book Dispenser at Lot One Shopper' Mall for patrons residing in Choa Chu Kang.</i></p> <p>NLB's first-ever Book Dispenser @ Choa Chu Kang, launched on 17 July 2020 allows patrons to conveniently browse and borrow a selection of curated books, eBooks and materials for all ages. Through its interactive screen, patrons can also pick up reserved books and other materials at the dispenser – much like the reservation lockers at our libraries. The Book Dispenser was brought in as the Choa Chu Kang public library is undergoing renovation.</p>	<p>The activity is aligned with IFLA's Strategy Direction to optimize our organization. Through this activity, NLB provides innovative services and support for our information community. Patrons residing at Choa Chu Kang now have another way to access books and materials they love, while waiting for the renovation of the library to be over. It is library services un-interrupted.</p>
	<p><i># 5 Storytime with our Librarians</i></p> <p>NLB conducted online storytelling for children between four and ten years old during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. This was possible as several publishers had generously allowed NLB's Librarians to read their books online for the enjoyment of many children at no cost and for a limited period only.</p>	<p>The activity is aligned with IFLA's Strategy Direction to optimize our organization. The online storytelling is intended not to let COVID-19 put a damper on children's love for libraries but help them stay connected with NLB through online storytelling session in the four languages of English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil.</p>
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4. Viet Nam	#1 Name and Date: Details	
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