03 Confirmation of Minutes of the Mid-Term Meetings held in Yokohama, Japan on 9 – 11 February, 2015

IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) Activities at IFLA Mid-Term Meetings held in Yokohama, Japan on 9 – 11 February, 2015

MINUTES
(Revised July 22nd 2015, Confirmed on August 16, 2015 in Cape Town)

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| 01   | RSCAO held its mid-term meeting at Tsurumi University and half-day seminar at the Japan Library Association in Tokyo, Japan. The Japan Library Association hosted the evented and was organized by Takashi Nagatsuka, the Secretary of RSCAO.  
Chair Chihfeng P. Lin welcomed SC Members: Chihfeng P. Lin (Chair), Takashi Nagatsuka (Secretary), Dan Dorner (Chair of Division V, Member), Fawz Abdallah (Member), Jayshree Mamtora(Member), Teresita Moran(Member), Tao Yang (Member), Sanjay Kumar Bihani(Corresponding Member), Rashidah Begum Bt. Fazal Mohamed (Advisor); Shawky Salem(Advisors), Yap Ian (Regional Office) and Janice Ow Fung Yin (Regional Office).  
Chihfeng also welcomed observers in the meeting. Chihfeng conveyed apologies from the following members who were unable to attend the meeting: Diljit Singh (Member), S. B. Ghosh (Member), Jaesun Lee (Member), Hassnnaa Askhita(Member), Michael Robinson (Member), Roza A.Berdigalyeva (Member), Winston Roberts (Member), Mihyang Park(Member), M. Al Mamun (Corresponding Member), Hilda T. Nassar(Advisor),  
Absent reply: Sonny Vikash Chandra(Member), Mya Oo(Member), Kieu Thuy Nga(Member), |                                                                                                                              |
| 02   | Matters and activities after the SC meeting in Lyon  
The Minutes of Asia and Oceania Section Standing Committee Meetings held on 17 and 21 August 2014 at the World Library and Information Congress in Lyon were confirmed. Takashi reported the important issues as follows:  
- August 2014: -The invitation as a committee member of RSCAO of IFLA for Hasna Askita. |                                                                                                                              |
- **September 2014:** Program Committee form up the theme for WLIC 2016 in Cape Town, South Africa. Call for professional project funding requests for 2015

- **October 2014:** Takashi called for paper for The Mid-term Meeting & Seminar 2015 in Tokyo. Continuing encourage colleagues to work on signing Lyon Declaration. Lyon Declaration - let the world know that libraries and literacy matter. (modified the message and sent to sub-region chairs) Call for paper for 2015 program, Themed Repositioning Libraries in the Asia Pacific Region: Evolving Strategies, Innovative Services. Sent 3rd time Lyon Declaration promotion message to sub-regions. Call for paper for 2015 program, Themed

- **November 2014:** Sent Program Enquiry Form for A&O Section 2015 program. Joint session with IT Section themed "Technology facilitating access to information: libraries supporting development. RSCAO Newsletter December Issue is out.

- **December 2014:** A&O Program and joint Session with IT Section, joint session with Genealogy Section were approved by the Professional Committee. Jayshree is drafting the RSCAO’s Section’s Handbook.

- **January 2015:** Preparation of the mid-term meeting in Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan.

| 03 | Matters and activities after the SC meeting in Lyon were reported by Takashi and were discussed. |
| 04 | Discussed the RSCAO Strategic Plan for 2014-2015 based on the reports from Chair and Sanjay Bihani(South Asia) and Fawz Abdallah(West Asia-Arab Countries) Sub-Committees of Regions |
| 05 | Report and update on IFLA Policies, ALP, BSLA, capacity building and the regions was reported by Dan Dorner (Chair of Division V, Member). Dan explained the IFLA International Advocacy Programme (IAP). 1. What is the IFLA International Advocacy Programme? 2. What are the expected outcomes? 3. What is included in the programme? What is not included in the programme? 4. What are some of the issues the programme aims to address? 5. How to get involved in IFLA's other programmes – eg BSLA? 6. How can my country participate? How will participants be invited? Discussed policy and advocacy issues and feedback on the programme’s scoping study, convening and country project formats. |

| 06 | **Administrative Reports** |
| 06.1 | The Regional Office, Mr. Ian Yap reported Financial, Administrative and Meeting Budget. |

| 07 | **Information Reports** |
| 07. | The Chair, Chihfeng P. Lin reported the activities after Lyon. |
| 08. | The Information Coordinator, Premila Gamage reported the |
The Regional Office, Mr. Ian Yap reported the activities after Lyon.

**10. Current ALP Projects, BSLA Projects, Future ALP Projects and BSLA Projects were discussed.**

**11. IFLA World Library and Information Congress**

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11.1 Chihfeng reported how to proceed for the Open Session — Repositioning libraries in the Asia Pacific region — evolving strategies, innovative service — Asia and Oceania. The chair of the program committee, Jayshree reported the result of paper selection by the program committee from 21 abstracts which were submitted.

11.2 Chihfeng reported the Joint Session — Libraries and Archives at the Service of Asian and African Genea — Asia & Oceania with Genealogy and Local History in Cape Town.

11.3 Chihfeng reported the Joint Session — Technology facilitating access to information : libraries supporting development — Asia & Oceania with Information Technology, Library and Research Services for Parliaments and Public Libraries in Cape Town.

**Other Matters**

12. To find budget resources to support Asia/Oceania colleagues to attend IFLA WLIC was discussed.

13. Fawz Abdallah reported preparations for Mid-Term Meeting 2016 in Lebanon.

13.1 Applications from Potential 2017 Host Countries or the RSCAO Mid-term Meeting and Seminar were reviewed and the committee reconsiders the potential countries in 2017 until the meeting in Cape Town.

14. The number of vacancies for the Section was reported.

15. Jayshree reported the draft of IFLA RSCAO Section’s Handbook. It was decided the Handbook uploads to the RSCAO HP.

16. Chihfeng reported a program in 2016 WLIC in Ohio with ALA/CALA chapter.

17. Annual Report 2014 should be prepare until the end of March.

18. Close of Meeting