



**IFLA- Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania
(IFLA - RSCAO)
Bi-annual Sub-Regional Report
[Reporting Period November 2020 – February 2021]**

Sub-region: North East Asia Convenor: Chen Ying

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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):

1\ Work closely with IFLA Chinese Language Center to translate IFLA’s advocacy, statements and important articles into Chinese and share with the Chinese Library Community, for example, work with IFLA HQ to make the Chinese version of webpage of *IFLA and COVID-19*.

2\ Also functioned as the Vice President of the Library Society of China, promote the values, key initiatives of IFLA to the Chinese Library community, and encourage libraries and other relevant institutions to join IFLA as member. Encourage the member libraries of IFLA in China to submit ideas and feedbacks on IFLA Governance Review.

3\ Keep close contacts with the Library Community of Japan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea, and Mongolia, and share information of IFLA.

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

1\ Spread the call for papers, and encourage the librarians of Chinese Library community to submit papers, articles to IFLA Asia and Oceania Regional Quarterly Newsletter, CDNLAO Newsletter, IFLA Journal, IFLA website..

2\ Spread the information of WLIC (future conferences arrangements) .

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):

Keep close contacts with Linli Soh, Manager of IFLA AO Regional Office on the preparation for future Mid-term meetings.

与国际图联亚大地区办公室经理苏林丽女士密切联系，了解未来年中会议的组织工作。

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

Facebook can not be accessed at the National Library of China.

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

Submit sub-regional report in time and make more contributions to the Focus Area 2 of the Action Plan

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.

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 organization

Country	Activities	Impact
1. China	<p>#1 The 6th National Rare Ancient Book Directory and the 6th List of National Key Ancient Books Preservation and Conservation Institutions are announced on November 13, 2020</p> <p>On November 13, a press conference on the 6th National Rare Ancient Book Directory and the 6th List of National Key Ancient Books Preservation and Conservation Institutions was held at the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.</p> <p>Since Chinese Ancient Books Preservation Plan was implemented in 2007, remarkable achievements on Chinese ancient books preservation had been made through unremitting efforts. Six National Rare Ancient Book Directories had been announced successively, including 13,026 ancient books in total. Six lists (233) national key ancient books preservation and conservation institutions had been nominated. Local precious ancient books directory and evaluation system of key ancient books preservation and conservation institutions had been gradually established, which greatly promoted ancient books classification and preservation at all levels.</p> <p>Links: http://www.nlc.cn/newen/nlcnews/202102/t20210202_199415.htm</p>	<p>2. Inspire and enhance professional practice</p> <p>3. Connect and empower the field</p>
	<p>#2 The NLC wins the award of Top 10 China Documentary Promoters in 2020 on December 16, 2020</p> <p>On December 16, at the Guangzhou International Documentary Film Festival, China, the NLC won the award of <i>Top 10 China Documentary Promoters</i> in 2020 for its documentary National Library of China: An Oral History.</p> <p>For a long time, the NLC had been committed to the rescue and construction of oral history, as well as the production, collection and dissemination of</p>	<p>1. Strengthen the global voice of libraries</p> <p>3. Connect and empower the field</p>

	<p>documentaries. In 2019, the NLC celebrated its 110th anniversary. The NLC had specially produced a documentary named <i>National Library of China: An Oral History</i>, which showed the development of the NLC in the form of oral history of senior librarians. This was the first oral history documentary to show the development history of the NLC from the perspective of personal experience, and was also the first oral history documentary to record and show the development of Chinese librarianship.</p> <p>Links: http://www.nlc.cn/newen/nlcnews/202101/t20210114_198764.htm</p>	
	<p>#3 Smart Library Development Research Theme Seminar held in Jiangxi Provincial Library on December 8-10, 2020</p> <p>From December 8th to 10th, 2020, the <i>Smart Library Development Research Seminar</i> hosted by the Chinese Library Association and the Jiangxi Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism was held in Nanchang, Jiangxi. The course planning of the seminar is highly targeted and cutting-edge, the seminar format is flexible and diverse, and the training content is rich and detailed, which has been widely praised by the students. The success of the seminar will have an important impact on further strengthening the connection between scientific and technological innovation and the development of the library business in the future, promoting the theoretical research and work practice of smart libraries, cultivating professional talents, and improving the professional capabilities of practitioners.</p> <p>Links: http://www.lsc.org.cn/contents/1342/15074.html</p>	<p>2. Inspire and enhance professional practice 3. Connect and empower the field</p>
	<p>#4 Recipients of the 2019-2020 Byung Mock Rhee Exchange and Cooperation Funding Project announced in December 2020</p> <p>In order to strengthen the exchange and cooperation between the libraries of China and Korea, the Library Society of China established the <i>Byung Mock Rhee Exchange and Cooperation Funding Project</i> in 2012. The project funds were donated by Mr. Byung Mock Rhee, honorary professor of Yonsei University, to fund those who contribute to the exchanges between libraries in China and Korea. After the open application, in December 2020, the China Library Association Exchange and Cooperation Committee organized the <i>Byung Mock Rhee Exchange and Cooperation Funding Project</i> jury to discuss the situation of relevant candidates in 2019-2020. Jin He, Director and research librarian of the Yanbian Library in Jilin Province, won the award of 2019-2020.</p> <p>Links: http://www.lsc.org.cn/contents/1342/15098.html</p>	<p>3. Connect and empower the field</p>

2. Japan	<p>#1 A new English version of the Research Navi is released on January 27, 2021</p> <p>First launched in 2009, the National Diet Library's Research Navi provides information on how to conduct web searches, where to find useful materials, and how to use the NDL's Special Materials Rooms as well as recommended databases and websites. The new English version includes a collection of articles in English about the Research Navi. These articles were written by employees who work in the Special Materials Rooms at the NDL. The Research Navi website is compatible with smartphones and tablets. Patrons can also receive notification of updates via an RSS feed reader.</p> <p>Links : https://www.ndl.go.jp/en/news/fy2020/210128_01.html</p>	2. Inspire and enhance professional practice
	<p>#2 Webinar: <i>Libraries in the New Normal</i> will be held on February 26, 2021</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about tremendous changes to our daily lives, and libraries everywhere now face the challenge of maintaining and improving their services while ensuring the safety of patrons and staff. The National Diet Library will host a web lecture featuring Ms. Christine Mackenzie, president of the IFLA, who will talk about measures taken by the IFLA and libraries around the world in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as potential future international cooperation, which will help deepen understanding of how libraries must operate in this "new normal" as well as prove useful in the planning of library activities.</p> <p>Links: https://www.ndl.go.jp/en/news/fy2020/210127_02.html</p>	<p>2. Inspire and enhance professional practice</p> <p>3. Connect and empower the field</p>
3. Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	<p>#1 The Grand People's Study House active in organizing lectures and training courses for the public in 2020</p> <p>The Grand People's Study House has been active in organizing lectures and training courses for the public through the year. Some of these activities are organized on site while some are online. The lecturers are from the Grand People's Study House, universities, and relevant agencies. These lectures and training courses are of great help in supporting life-long learning and social education.</p> <p>Links: http://www.gpsh.edu.kp:8080/thismonth.lecture!2#lecture-schedule</p>	<p>1. Strengthen the global voice of libraries 发展目标1. 强化图书馆的全球话语权</p>
4. Korea, Republic of	<p>#1 On November 12, NLK held 2020 Linked Open Data Annual Conference on the theme Post Covid-19, with Covid-19.</p>	<p>2. Inspire and enhance professional practice</p> <p>3. Connect and empower the field</p>

	<p>Since 2014, LODAC has been held annually and this year, especially, the conference was run non face-to-face/online, broadcasted live on YouTube. At the online conference, 4 data experts discussed about the post covid-19 era.</p> <p>Links: https://www.nl.go.kr/EN/contents/EN1070000000.do?schopt5=NLNE&schM=view&act=UPDATE&page=1&ordFld=regdt&ordBy=DESC&viewCount=9&id=37660&schBdcode=&schGroupCode=</p>	
	<p>#2 2020 NLK Cooperation Seminar on November 26, 2020</p> <p>On November 26, the NLK held the 2020 Cooperation Seminar at the International Conference Hall of the Library. NLK awarded 34 prizes, including a commendation from the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism to libraries and librarians who contributed to improving library service this year.</p> <p>Links : https://www.nl.go.kr/EN/contents/EN1070000000.do?schopt5=NLNE&schM=view&page=1&viewCount=9&id=37660&schBdcode=&schGroupCode=</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the global voice of libraries 2. Inspire and enhance professional practice 3. Connect and empower the field
<p>5. Mongolia</p>	<p>#1 The Library of the National University of Mongolia organized a <i>Together Against covid-19</i> campaign on December 11, 2020</p> <p>The Library of the National University of Mongolia raised funds, and donated masks and hand sanitizers to the maintenance workers who are working around the clock to keep the streets and roads clean and tidy, and to the public transport workers who are at risk during the strict curfew.</p> <p>Links: https://library.num.edu.mn/?p=5235</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the global voice of libraries
	<p>#2 The Library of the National University of Mongolia donated books for children in special educational institutions on Dec 15, 2020</p> <p>The library staff of the National University of Mongolia donated books with the motto <i>Every child has the right to read</i> for the children of the special educational institution of Honhor village, formerly the 411th children's prison.</p> <p>Links: https://library.num.edu.mn/?p=5240</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the global voice of libraries