Note from IFLA Regional Office

For this quarter, we have several events happening in Asia & Oceania Region where there would be many opportunities to get to know each other better. It is a great chance to meet, exchange ideas and collaborate for the future of the libraries.

At the end of this month, most of us will convene at the IFLA WLIC 2018 held in Kuala Lumpur. We will cover more information in our next issue. Do send us your stories about WLIC and what's happening in your countries!

Thank you and enjoy reading. (link)

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Myanmar successfully hosted the 17th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians Conference for the first time from 2 to 5 May 2018 at MICC Nay Pyi Taw. The Myanmar Library Association, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture took the leading role for this Congress. Article by U Thein Lwin (link) and article by Ni Ni Niang (link).

Two-day IFLA Global Vision workshop in Hanoi, Viet Nam, led by IFLA Secretary General, Gerald Leitner, held on 24 – 25 May 2018. Librarians & library leaders from the Asia & Oceania Region came together to come up with ideas for actions. (link)

The National Library Board (NLB), Singapore is pleased to announce that the NLB (Amendment) Bill was passed by Parliament on 9 July 2018. The amendments allow NLB to collect e-books, online magazines, websites and streamed content, which is a wider range of Singapore-related materials in electronic form. (link)

What is trending in the region?

• Transforming the World Together: IFLA President and Secretary General Meet with China’s Librarians (link)

• Working Together: IFLA President-elect speaks of Southeast Asian Librarians (link)

• Syrian experts attend workshop at the PAC Regional Centre for Asia (link)

• Pratical Solutions to Global Challenges: Libraries Speak at Arab Sustainable Development Forum (link)

• Australian Libraries Support the Sustainable Development Goals (link)

• Guardians of the Memory of the World! Librarians from the Middle East and North Africa discuss on their Global Vision (link)

• Libraries and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: How can Russian Libraries Further Develop? (link)

• Welcome Address by Sanjay Bihani, Chair, IFLA – Asia and Oceania in the Opening Ceremony of 4th LLA Conference on 9th May 2018 (link)

• IFLA-Asia and Oceania collaborated with Lebanese Library Association (LLA) Conference (link)

• China The Founding Ceremony of the Silk Road International Library Alliance and the “Reading, City, Culture” Academic Forum in Chengdu (link)

• Chinese Library Annual Conference in Lang Fang, Hebei (link)

• Fiji Pacific Libraries Summit: Public Libraries for Sustainable Development (link)

• Malaysia Let’s Read Together for Ten Minutes (link)

• Nepal Report on BSLA Project in Nepal (link)

• Myanmar Myanmar Library Association and 4th Regional Workshop on School Libraries in Southeast Asia (link)