PAC Centre Annual Report 2019-2020

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International Cooperation (highlight activities and work the PAC Centre has done in the international preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on an international level)

**■ Cultural Partnership Initiative Training for Foreign Librarians**

On June 26 2019, as part of Cultural Partnership Initiative (CPI) Program, PAC Korea Center implemented materials preservation training program for foreign librarians visiting the National Library of Korea. In 2019, 4 librarians from Bhutan, Myanmar, the Philippines and Cambodia participated in the CPI program. The program explained overall matters on preservation including introduction to PAC Korea Center, preservation & management method, preservation treatment, preservation stacks operation etc. and provided advice to inquiries.

Local Cooperation (highlight activities and work your PAC Centre has done in the local preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on a local level)

**■ Preservation Treatment Support for Valuable Materials in Domestic Libraries**

For active implementation of Preservation Treatment Support & Cooperation Project for Domestic Libraries, PAC Korea Center provided preservation treatment support for valuable materials in domestic libraries. The center assigned conservation of 2 maps held by Busan Metropolitan Joongang Library which are digitalization materials of NLK Policy Information Service Project and supported deoxidization of around 800 books held by the cartoon museum. By doing so, the center contributed in preventing destruction and extending useful life of valuable materials held by libraries in Korea.

**■ Special Stacks Tour on Library Week**

From April 15 to 16 2019 on Library Week, PAC Korea Center provided Special Stacks Tour. The tour was provided to those who apply in advance. Tour visitors could see the inside area of preservation stacks (which is not shown in general tours) and learn how to manage the preservation environment & materials for preservation (the special tour has been given 2 times for 43 participants).

By introducing library’s preservation function which users can not usually experience, the special tour has promoted the importance of materials preservation.
**Workshops/trainings/events** (what workshops/trainings/events has the PAC Centre organised? Which workshops/trainings/events did the PAC Centre participate in? both on international and national level)

■ The 56th KLA General Conference Preservation Seminar

On October 17 2019, the 56th Korea Library Association General Conference Preservation Seminar was held at BEXCO in Busan to share recent library field trends and information. The seminar on the Present and Future of Digital Preservation introduced the purpose and theory of digital preservation, which gathers great attention nowadays, along with actual work practices. Presentation topics are as below.

- Current Status of Audiovisual & Electronic Materials of the National Library of Korea, Park So-yeon (National Library of Korea)
- Introduction to the Radio Audio File System Produced by EBS, Kim Dong-shin (Educational Broadcasting System)

The seminar enabled to increase understanding on topics that can be somewhat difficult to understand with about 100 persons in the library field in Korea attending.

■ Operating Preservation Courses for Librarians

On September 18-20 2019, PAC Korea Center ran Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials learning course for librarians. The course consists of a total of 7 subjects. The first day’s lecture on traditional preservation of library materials provided training on management & maintenance of preservation stacks as well as preservation & conservation of library materials. On the second day, the lecture explained about preservation methods for audiovisual and electronic materials which has become an important issue recently. The last day’s lecture was on prevention & preservation of materials for effective disaster response, how to respond to disasters and materials preservation policies and strategies. As PAC Korea Center’s preservation education provides learning on preservation treatment theory and training, it is popular among librarians working in the library field. 50 librarians participated in the course in 2019.

■ Participating in creating videos for librarians

PAC Korea Center filmed training videos on conservation treatment of library materials for the online librarian education program Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials. The videos are easy to follow without face to face learning and provide an introduction to conservation treatment materials & tools, easy conservation treatment for damaged parts (torn materials etc.), how to make a preservation box etc. The video will be posted on PAC Korea Center website for anyone interested in materials prevention to access.

■ Librarian Internship Training

From April to August 2019, PAC Korea Center provided a preservation education program for library & information science students. The program has been held five times in total and 57 students participated. The students were provided with explanation on NLK’s materials prevention method, process, principle etc. and toured PAC Korea Center. Adding to that, the students received training on how materials for preservation are managed in preservation stacks and how stacks are operated.
Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Initiatives (i.e. the Risk Register/FAQ)

Among PAC FAQ subjects, wrote about the Storage part: Choosing appropriate storage material.

New standards/guidelines/best practices which should be shared with the community

None

Any other comments

None

Add additional resources and pictures at the end of the document.