PAC Centre Annual Report - July 2016 – June 2017 – Sri Lanka

Year of report
2016-2017

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)

IFLA(PAC) Centre provided logistics for the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Capacity Building Training Program held in December 2016 in Colombo. UNESCO experts of Prof. Rahul Goswamy & Prof. Satija served as resource persons of this workshop. IFLA PAC Centre hosted UNESCO ICH policy mission program from 23rd-27th January 2017 in Sri Lanka. All the ICH stakeholders of the country attended this meeting. Prof. Rahul Gosawamy experts from UNESCO and Prof. Sera Garder chaired the policy mission program. Compilation of ICH National policy is at the final stage now. IFLA PAC Centre in collaboration with Ministry of Education and National Arts Council submitted a nomination on String puppetry arts of Sri Lanka to the UNESCO representative list of humanity in March 2017.

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)

Laboratory at the IFLA(PAC) Centre continued the pest control research in this year. Product of “Vapromate” contains Ethyl Formate tested against library pests. Test was successful and the experiments is being continued to find out the proper chemical dosage.

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)

Workshops Organized Local Level
1. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding-stage I on 07th and 08th July 2016 at Library Services Board in Central Province. 26 Record Room Keepers attended the workshop.
2. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding-stage I for Gampaha District in Western Province on 14th - 16th July 2016 at Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha of Sri Lanka. 23 public library officers attended this workshop.
3. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding-stage I Kalutara District in Western Province on 28th - 30th July 2016 at Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha of Sri Lanka. 30 public library officers attended the workshop.
4. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding-stage II on 25th and 26th August 2016 at Library Services Board in Central Province. 29 Record Room Keepers attended the workshop.
5. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding on 11th November 2016 at Bingiriya. 15 public library officers attended the workshop.
6. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding on 18th November 2016 at Library Services Board in Central Province. 21 public library officers attended the workshop.

7. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding on 28th November 2016 at Kurunagala. 30 public library officers attended the workshop.

8. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding on 09th December 2016 at Bentota. 07 public library officers attended the workshop.

9. Conducted a workshop on Conservation of Palm Leaf Manuscripts and books Conservation on 16th-17th December 2016 at Eastern University. 11 officers attended the workshop.

10. Conducted a workshop on library Conservation book Binding on 16th-17th December 2016 at Eastern University. 24 officers attended the workshop.

11. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding -stage I on 27th and 28th February 2017 at National Library of Sri Lanka. 32 Record Room Keepers attended the workshop.

12. Conducted a workshop on Library Conservation and Book Binding -stage I on 08th and 09th March 2017 at Library Services Board in Central Province. 32 Record Room Keepers attended the workshop.


Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Risk Register (e.g. promotion etc.)

Suggestions to IFLA HQ on improvements to the PAC Centre network (e.g. gaps in expertise covered by the current PAC Centre network, communication issues, support requests (non-financial) etc.)

“International preservation news” was published three times a year. It was an important magazine in library preservation. Experts in PAC centres could provide new knowledge to start a new magazine which is a timely requirement.

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

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices can be promoted among public libraries instead of using high concentrations of toxic pesticides in libraries to control library pests.

Any other comments
Add additional resources and pictures at the end of the document.

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