



**IFLA - Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania
(IFLA - RSCAO): Sub-Regional Report
[Reporting Period 27 February 2021 – 10 August 2021]**

Sub-region: South East Asia Convenor: Dolores Carungui

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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):

IFLA is very visible in activities of Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) and the National Library of the Philippines. Whenever there is an opportunity, IFLA-RSCAO information is incorporated/disseminated during fora, seminars, conferences and other related events. I usually share/disseminate posts of IFLA in facebook and emails.

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

Always in any given opportunities, I introduce/inform colleagues in the profession about IFLA, the vast information it has in its website and its activities. I also encourage individuals to join/be a member of IFLA when there is opportunity during small talks and in any events/gatherings of colleagues in the profession.

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):

Not applicable.

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

None.

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

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 organisation

Country	Activities	Impact
1. Brunei Darussalam	#1 Name and Date: Details	
	#2 Name and Date: Details	
2. Cambodia	#1 Name and Date: Details	
	#2 Name and Date: Details	
3. East Timor	#1 Name and Date: Details	
	#2 Name and Date: Details	
4. Indonesia	#1 Name and Date: Details	
	#2 Name and Date: Details	
5. Lao People's Democratic Republic	#1 Name and Date: Details	
	#2 Name and Date: Details	
6. Malaysia	#1 Hari Pustakawan Malaysia/Malaysia Librarians Day: 6 June 2021 Details: Malaysian librarians as well as library and media teachers celebrated Hari Pustakawan Malaysia	SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice SD 3 – connect and empower the field

	<p>for the 6th time on 6 June 2021. A number of virtual activities were organised by PPM and other libraries. The theme for this special day was #thrivingforthenation</p>	SD 4 – optimise our organisation
	<p>#2 Persidangan Tahunan Perpustakaan Malaysia 2021/Annual Malaysia Library Conference 2021 (PTPM 2021): 14 to 18 August 2021</p> <p>Details: PTPM is an annual conference organised by PPM. For 2021, PPM co-organised the conference with the Office of the Library and Knowledge Management, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan. More than 500 participants attended the virtual conference. Topics ranged from competencies to services rendered by the various libraries in Malaysia during the COVID-19 pandemic. The theme of the conference was Stay@Home: Libraries and librarians striving during the pandemic.</p>	<p>SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries</p> <p>SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice</p> <p>SD 3 – connect and empower the field</p> <p>SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p>
7. Myanmar	<p>#1 Name and Date: Details</p>	
	<p>#2 Name and Date: Details</p>	
8. Philippines	<p>#1 Webinar Series on Regional INELIs: Sharing Innovations, Ideas, and Inspirations April 8, 2021</p> <p>Details: The National Library of the Philippines thru the Public Libraries Division, in partnership with the ASEAN Public Libraries Information Network (APLiN), and in collaboration with African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA), Asia Network of Library Innovators' Foundation (ANLIF), and Arab Federation for Libraries and Information (AFLI) spearhead the conduct of a series of webinars to support INELI Regional Connect (iRC) goals of building, sustaining, and branding global presence of INELI graduates of regional networks and accelerating social development across all continents.</p> <p>Course Objectives: 1. Gain knowledge on public library program/service innovations, and</p>	<p>SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries</p> <p>SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice</p> <p>SD 3 – connect and empower the field</p>

	<p>highlights of collaborative projects initiated by regional INELs within their respective region.</p> <p>2. Describe the challenges met in the conceptualization and implementation of the said innovations and/or collaborative projects.</p> <p>3. Explain the necessary actions undertaken to overcome these challenges/barriers, and share the outcome and/or reception of their target audience.</p>	
	<p>#2 Southeast Asian Librarians Leadership Convergence, July 22, 2021</p> <p>Details: This Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and the Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians (PRBFL), in partnership with the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), is working for an ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Library Services.</p> <p>The activity held in July 22, 2021 was part of the organization and orientation meeting on this endeavor which aims to discuss the manifesto, recommendations for library education, library practices and ethics that will all form part of the MRA. The working committee gather the leaders of different library association, representatives from national libraries and the academe in the SEA region to determine commonalities on education and practice, identify gaps and differences and propose recommendations for the gaps; discuss the content of a “Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (MRPQ) that will lead to expressions of intent and/or signing of MRPQ Memorandum of Understanding.</p>	<p>SD 1 – strengthen the global voice of libraries</p> <p>SD 2 – inspire and enhance professional practice</p> <p>SD 3 – connect and empower the field</p> <p>SD 4 – optimise our organisation</p>
<p>9. Singapore</p>	<p>EnvisAGE 2021: Envisioning Meaningful Ageing Together, an online symposium jointly organised by the National Library Board, Singapore and Singapore University of Social Sciences was held on Zoom & Facebook on 11 June 2021 and was attended by 1,916 participants.</p> <p>Details: At the symposium, Gerontology professionals, Elder Care industry practitioners, Granfluencers and seniors were able to envision how ageing can be an enabling and empowering experience, when it is fully embraced by seniors towards a fulfilling, meaningful life. The symposium explored diverse perspectives on living arrangements, physical and mental well-being, reminiscence therapy, virtual reality tours, and entrepreneurship. The four segments are:</p>	<p>The activity is aligned to IFLA’s Strategy Direction to optimise our organisation through the provision of useful information and support for the elderly and ageing community.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Envision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Future of Aged Care ▪ The Value of Specialisation in Gerontology for Holistic Care Amongst Ageing Population b. Embrace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior Living Options Around the Globe c. Enable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Virtual Reality Tourism for Seniors ▪ Reminiscence in Dementia d. Empower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motivation for Entrepreneurship and Active Ageing 	
	<p>Read! Fest (RF21) , is an annual event organised by the National Library Board, Singapore to promote reading. This year's theme was <i>Reboot</i> and the event was held from 25 June to 18 July 2021.</p> <p>Details: RF21 invited participants to re-examine and refresh our lenses on ubiquitous aspects of life today such as how we approach work, nature, creativity, identity, and technology. Anchored by 12 key books and topics, RF hosted over 60 programmes, from talks by world-renowned authors to workshops.</p> <p>RF21 will head to the parks and the libraries from mid-July to 31 October 2021. An interactive literary trail that would take participants through the East Coast Park, West Coast Park and National Library Building in a multi-sensory reading experience like no other. Titled "<i>The Curious Adventure of the Salaryman</i>", Gerry, who is a digital protagonist, navigates his own adventure to reinvent himself and disrupt his tiresome routine. The public will be invited to embark on journeys of self-discovery inspired by the festival theme of <i>Reboot</i>.</p> <p>RF21 featured Read For Books, a charity book drive to raise awareness and share the gift of reading with the less privileged; as well as Big Book Giveaway, an annual community event by the National Library Board where pre-loved books can be taken home for free. More info on RF21 can be found on go.gov.sg/nrm-readfest21.</p>	<p>The event is aligned with IFLA's Strategy Direction to optimise our organisation. through the promotion of reading and engages our community by hosting over 60 programmes from talks by authors to workshops. NLB also reached out to the less privileged by featuring the charity book drive to raise awareness and share the gift of reading.</p>
<p>10. Thailand</p>	<p>#1 Name and Date: Details</p> <hr/> <p>#2 Name and Date: Details</p>	

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11. Viet Nam	#1 Name and Date: Details	
	#2 Name and Date: Details	