

# PAC Centre Annual Report 2019-2020

## PAC Centre for Asia

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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)

- The director attended the business meeting held at the WLIC2019 and then Zoom meetings of the PAC directors. She also presented a paper at a WLIC session co-sponsored by PAC on disaster mitigation measures for NDL facilities.

**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)

- NDL employees were dispatched to assist in the rescue of library materials and museum collections damaged by a typhoon that hit Eastern Japan in October 2019.
- An NDL employee from the Preservation Division participated in a cooperative activity with the preservation and conservation network by attending the Executive Council of Japanese Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Mitigation Network, comprising members of the former Cultural Property Rescue Program for areas affected by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.
- An NDL employee from the Preservation Division was appointed a member of the Japan Library Association Preservation Committee.
- The NDL provided tours for international and domestic visitors interested in learning about preservation activities at the NDL and also replied to inquiries about preservation and conservation.

**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 NDL holds an annual one-day program on preservation and conservation of library materials for librarians in Japan. This program includes a lecture on basic preservation theory and a workshop on elementary techniques for mending paper materials. This program was held three times in September 2019 for a total of 70 trainees.
- In response to requests from four different libraries or library associations, NDL employees were dispatched and conducted training sessions on preservation for a total of 71 trainees.
- The NDL offers online training courses for librarians. Of particular note is a course entitled *Conservation of paper materials: minor repairs*, which is available online in both Japanese and

English on the NDL's YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhX0ofDu2HU&list=PLXvKjMC1JnVvrSqPUKKzKPqIRDY8X0wle>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmxgH\\_dUKZs&list=PLXvKjMC1JnVu50NOnLQh5\\_rBq-U5LpzFj](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmxgH_dUKZs&list=PLXvKjMC1JnVu50NOnLQh5_rBq-U5LpzFj)

- In December 2019, an NDL Preservation Forum entitled *Disaster Preparedness for Archival Materials: daily preparedness, disaster response, and cooperation* was attended by 107 people. The program comprised five speakers from related organizations who spoke on daily disaster preparedness and the establishment of a framework for both local and regional cooperation, followed by a lively Q&A session.

[https://dl.ndl.go.jp/view/download/digidepo\\_11503705\\_po\\_NDL-Newsletter230.pdf?contentNo=1&alternativeNo=#page=18](https://dl.ndl.go.jp/view/download/digidepo_11503705_po_NDL-Newsletter230.pdf?contentNo=1&alternativeNo=#page=18)

#### **Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Initiatives (i.e. the Risk Register/FAQ )**

- The Centre participated in a project to create promotional material for PAC and contributed a brief description of the Centre as well as FAQs on two topics.
- The PAC Director also served as Information Coordinator of the Preservation and Conservation Section.

#### **Any other comments**

The Tokyo Main Library of the National Diet Library was temporarily closed to the public from March 5 to June 10 as part of measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. During that time, the number of employees working at the library was minimized by allowing many to telecommute. As of June 30, 2020, the library is again open to the public but limits the number of patrons who may visit each day.

The activities of the PAC Centre have also been affected, with workshops cancelled and visits from abroad by preservation specialists postponed. The Centre provided information to the Japan Library Association in support of the creation of guidelines for libraries to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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



2019 NDJ Preservation Forum