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COUNTRY REPORT

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF KOREA

National Library

Organizational Structure and Manpower

The National Library of Korea(NLK) took a decisive execution of functional changes in which the National Library for Children and Young Adults(NLCY) and Small Libraries Promotion Team(SLPT) were newly organized by the amendment of "Service Regulations of MOCT & its Subordinate Organizations" and its "Enforcement Regulations" (Ministry of Culture and Tourism Ordinance No. 134) dated 6 April 2006. According to this, NLK was reorganized into 2 Departments and 1 Library, 6 Divisions 4 Teams and 1 Coordinator, and NLCY is operating in 3 Teams under the command of the Director of NLK. Also under the command of the Director is the Digital Library (planned to open in 2008) Foundation Promotion Group which is in charge of overall promotion operation in regard of the foundation of the Digital Library. The number of NLK employees as of the end of the year 2006 is 257 in total, while the regular number is 265, including 143 librarians.

Library Users

In 2006, NLK was open for 329 days with the number of users 658,077, that was daily average of 2,000 NLK users, and the number of cyber users was 2,522,249. Since 8 Dec 2006, NLK has been running night-time library with its operation hours extended by 1 hour until 23:00, and all the library rooms are open even during weekends in NLK's effort to continuously strengthen promotion of knowledge and information service for the people.

Collections

Total Quantity of Collections

NLK has been trying to make a comprehensive collection of national literatures since its foundation on 15 Oct 1945, and the full-scale collections has been made since the enforcement of the Legal Deposit Act in 1965. NLK recorded 5 millionth collection when "an Illustrated Book of Korean Fashion" was registered as a material in 2004, and NLK is exerting itself to expand its collections with the aim of 10 millionth collection by 2010. With about 550,000 copies of material collected in 2006, NLK has an enormous collection of about 6,130,000 as of December 2006.

- Unique and Rare Collections

NLK has a collection of 260,000 copies of antique books, antique documents, and antique atlases, of which 3,171 books of 867 volumes are valuable materials published before 17C, and 12 volumes 41 books 1 bundle of them are designated as National Treasures, or Treasures, or Seoul Municipal Tangible Treasures. Shipchil-sachan-goguem-tongyo, one of the National Treasures, is a material which was published in 1403 and printed in Kyemi Type which was the first printing type of Chosun era, and Seokbo sangjeol, one of the treasures, is the family lineage and biography of Shakyamuni published in 1449 and is a valuable material for the studies of xylography and Korean phonology. To raise usage of valuable and unique antique books, of which direct reading is limited, NLK has been utilizing their microfilms and duplicates, and providing original text information service of 96,000 digitalized antique books through internet since Jan 2001 so that users may read them more easily.

- Secondary Publications, e.g. Bibliographies and Indexes

A national bibliographies and Indexes is a list of all publications which are published in a country, and is an important tool for national literature introduction or for academic studies. "The Korean National Bibliographies and Indexes" are published annually in DVD, and "The Weekly Report of Legal Deposit Copies" is serviced online on the homepage of NLK.

- Audio-Visual Materials

NLK not only services digital materials to the users through cyber space, but also provides them with various multimedia materials such as CD-ROMs, DVDs, video/audio recordings, video/audio CDs through the Digital Material Room in the library, and various online information such as internet searching, domestic and overseas academic Web DB & digital journals, and VOD.

- National Materials and Special Databases

NLK is promoting Catalog of NLK Collections, Comprehensive Catalog of National Materials, Information of National Materials Indexes, and is building Original Text Information DB of National Materials, in order to provide a comprehensive information service with regard to national materials. Until now, Catalog of NLK Collections DB has been built with about 2.3 million entries, while renewed DB is being built real-time as soon as newly published materials become available and arranged. Comprehensive Catalog of National Materials is for the people to find which library has such material as they need after a collective search through nationwide public libraries and the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs library and to

use the material at the nearest available library. In 2006, NLK serviced, through National Materials Joint Cataloging System (Korean Library Information System Network, KOLIS-NET) and NLK homepage, a total of 5 million bibliographical data, and 19.6 million collection data, with 780,000 entries of catalog of collections in the libraries nationwide and libraries of the government administrative offices. Also such bibliographical data as had been already built were used jointly in catalog editing, which resulted in reduction effect in terms of manpower and budget, and in quality enhancement of national bibliography by establishing standardized cataloging system. With regard to DB building of National Materials Catalog Information, DB of 1,163,000 books had been entered from 2000 to 2005, and DB of 78,000 books was entered in 2006.

Also, for DB building of Articles Indexing and Excerpt Information, such DB has been built since 2003 through screening material of high academic value among serial publications in NLK's collection, while NLK's bibliographical information coverage has been expanded from separate volumes and serial publications to article information so that information access point may be maximized. The DB has 580,000 entries including 90,000 added in 2006, and it has been in service since May 2004 through NLK homepage and the National Digital Library (NDL). Original Text Information DB of the Major NLK's Collection Materials had started in 1995, and 7,340,560 pages of 20,098 books were entered in 2006, while total of 100,451,187 pages of 357,775 books are in service through NLK homepage and NDL.

NLK has built KORean MAchine Readable Cataloging (KORMARC) by incorporating catalogs of collections for the visually handicapped provided by nationwide libraries for the visually handicapped and public libraries, built 80,000 entries of collective catalog DB for the visually handicapped, a one-click service for the users to get information of a library which has the material needed, while the established catalog is being serviced through KOLIS-NET (<http://www.nl.co.kr/kolisnet>) and the homepage for the visually handicapped (<http://sigak.nl.co.kr/>). By a project of original text DB building for the visually handicapped, text DB's are being built with the basic college textbooks in major fields which visually-handicapped college students are studying, while the total of 2,985 books, 1.1 million pages, are being serviced in NDL's homepage for the visually handicapped (<http://sigak.nl.co.kr/>).

Services

Reference Service

Information Service Room of NLK is providing reference service covering both online and offline by using various internal and external information resources for users who visit NLK and for users who submit information inquiries by NLK homepage (Ask the Librarian Menu), telephone, mail, e-mail, or fax. The number of reference Q&A handled by the Information

Service Room was 80,913 in total for 2006, including counseling of 52 cases via Ask the Librarian Menu (Digital Reference Service), 38,116 cases via face-to-face counseling, and 42,745 cases via telephone.

Also, NLK started Domestic Cooperative Digital Reference Service Network project in 2006 to lead foundation-building of knowledge and information service for the purpose of sharing information resources and manpower among libraries through cooperation, while performing case study of domestic and overseas cooperative reference services, and survey related to reference service of domestic public libraries

○ Lending and Interlibrary Loans

NLK is providing international literature duplication service with overseas libraries and information service institutions in order for mutual utilization of inter-state library information. This service is to provide duplication of NLK's collection materials or domestic publications to meet such request received from overseas, and to arrange requests, in supporting studies of domestic users, for duplication or material loan to overseas libraries in regard of materials not found in Korea. Along with this, NLK is also running reference service in which related information is provided in reply to requests from overseas for NLK's collection materials and domestic publications, and to inquiries on Korea and the Korean people. The number of duplication requests received from overseas was 58 in total, which were from 20 institutions of 7 countries, including 31 from America, 10 from Japan, 10 from England, and 2 from Canada.

○ National Bibliographic Services

Comprehensive Catalog of National Materials is serviced through KOLIS-NET, which is a National Materials Joint Cataloging System, and Original Text DB for NLK's Collection Materials is serviced through NDL and NLK homepage. Catalog and original text service for the visually handicapped are serviced through <<http://sigak.nl.go.kr>> which is an exclusive site for the visually handicapped, and NLK homepage.

○ Reading Promotion

NLK is running various reading promotion tasks to prepare environment for reading in everyday life, to expand basis of reading population, and to remove knowledge and information gap. In cooperation with reading movement organizations, NLK is supporting various reading contests and essay contests, providing reading culture programs such as reading camps and reading culture tours, operating reading classes through nationwide public libraries during summer/winter vacation periods in order to give young adults joy of reading books and to induce reading to be everyday life, and deploying various reading events in September in order

to inspire reading desire of the people, and to continuously expand reading movements. Other than these, NLK is trying to raise morale of readers of merits, and to build foundation for the people's reading as life atmosphere, by finding and giving prizes to those who have dedicated themselves in national reading promotion activities and in preparing reading cultural space. Also, NLK is issuing "Annual Report on Reading Promotions", which contains researches and studies of major reading activities and reading promotion policies, along with "Research on the People's Reading Status" for various libraries and reading movement institutions to utilize as reference for their reading activities,

- Information Literacy Education Programs

Since October 2006, NLK is running "To Know about NLK" program to provide users with more comfortable space. Its operation hours begin at 3 p.m. on every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, for which the application is possible through online, telephone, fax, and mail. This program plays a guiding role to enhance information utilization ability of the users through playing NLK's promotion materials and providing detailed guide of how to use each library.

- Acquisition, Donation and Exchange of Books

As material collection activity is the most important and fundamental function of a national library, so NLK is actively collecting materials through such ways as material submission (legal deposits), purchasing, donation, photoprinting, and international exchange. Especially, since 2004, NLK has been running "an Attic Full of Sunshine", which is an activity of collecting books from people's donation, in order for devoted collection of national literature, and has collected total of about 67,000 books in 2006. Out of them, NLK re-donated about 11,350 books to 15 alienated organizations such as libraries in military barracks and welfare institutions. NLK is also exchanging publications with major libraries and academic research organizations in 300 locations of 99 countries worldwide, and has been supporting Korean Studies by providing overseas Korean Studies Institutions and major libraries in 43 locations of 19 countries with Korea-related literature since 1995.

□ Projects

- Seminars, Workshops, and etc.

NLK has been regularly holding "Open Policy Seminar" since May 2005 in order to solve major pending problems in libraries and to develop policies. The seminar is a place, in which staff from NLK and other libraries and people in the publication business participate, where various opinions of different areas are converged to diagnose current status and problems and to induce proactive policy directions.

○ **Seminars Held in the Year 2006**

Date	Topic	No. of Participants	Division in Charge
Fri 28 Apr 2006	In search for How to Develop the Library for Children and Young Adults	393	Library for Children and Young Adults
Mon 22 May 2006	How to Share Korea-related Documentary Material in Overseas	222	Policy Material Division
Mon 26 June 2006	How to Cooperatively Build National Reference Database	246	Material Planning Division
Mon 24 July 2006	Development of Training Model for Strengthening Librarians' Capability	102	Librarian Ability Development Division
Mon 25 Sep 2006	Status of Material Preservation in Korean Libraries and Methods of Establishing Joint Preservation	264	Theme Information Division
Mon 23 Oct 2006	Vision of Libraries and Policy Directions in the Knowledge-based Society	135	Library Policy Division

○ **WLIC Seoul 2006**

In 2006, About 5,000 people from 150 countries all over the world participated in WLIC Seoul 2006, which was under the auspices of NLK. By successfully holding the event, NLK achieved strengthened position as the representative library of Korea, and achieved the goal of globalization of Korean libraries. In preparation of the occasion, NLK operated International Congress Preparation Promotion Task Force from Jan to Sep 2006, which successfully held such projects as Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL), the 4th International Meeting of Cataloging Experts on an International Cataloging Code (IME-ICC), IFLA Joint Satellite Meeting of 3 Divisions (RRC), IFLA Genealogy and Local History Division Workshop, IFLA Children and Young Adults Division event of Tale Ground, discussion of holding International Symposium of Korean-American Libraries, promotion of the international congress, operation of Visit NLK for Study event, operation of promotion helpers for the international congress, entering into cooperation agreement with foreign libraries during the congress, and inviting library directors of developing countries.

※ **International Meetings Organized by NLK in 2006**

Title of Conference	Dates	Location	Scale
the 33rd Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL)	23 Aug 2006	NLK International Conference Hall	120 people from about 100 countries

the 4th IME-ICC	16~18 Aug 2006	NLK International Conference Hall	100 cataloging specialists from 40 Asian countries
IFLA Joint Satellite Meeting of 3 Divisions (RRC)	16~18 Aug 2006	NLCY Seminar Room	100 library experts from 100 countries worldwide
IFLA Genealogy Division Workshop	2006. 8. 24	NLK International Conference Hall	100 world genealogists
IFLA Children and Young Adults Division Workshop	2006. 8. 24	NLCY Seminar Room	100 experts in libraries for children and young adults from 100 countries worldwide

Library at the national level

(1) Number of

- Library Councils, Associations, Foundations, etc.

"Library Development Council" is organized under MOCT, "Korean Library Culture Promotion Foundation" was established in Feb 2006, and "Association of Korean Libraries", which was founded in Apr 1955, is composed of committees in each city and province, branch committees, committees of each library category (public, university, school, and special libraries), and 11 specialized committees.

- Public Libraries, incl. Mobile and Community Libraries, Special Libraries, University Libraries, and School Libraries

In Korea there are total of 11,931 libraries (as of Dec 2006) including national, public, university, school, and special libraries. There are 3 government ministries (Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, and Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs) which supervise libraries, while NLK is under Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

※ As of Dec 2006

Category	Total	National	Public			University	School	Specialized/Special
			Office of Education	City/Province Hall	Private			
Total	11,931	1	564			628	10,149	589
			227	317	20			

(2) New Libraries being established

The number of public libraries newly built in 2006 is 50 nationwide, for which NLK supported building cost of 30.8 billion Won to local governments. In terms of the total national

population, it is equivalent to 1 library for 87,000 people each, which has been improved very much in comparison with that of 2006 (1 library for 93,000 people each). The target number of public libraries in 2011 is 750 in total (at a level of 1 library for 60,000 people each), while the target number of increase is 46 for which budget of 28.6 billion Won will be supported.

(3) Digital Libraries Initiatives

○ Project of Building the National Digital Library

The National Digital Library (NDL), of which the construction will be completed in Dec 2008, will function as a comprehensive center for national digital information, and will be furnished with a ubiquitous environment so that the public may use the library information without limitation of time and space. The scale will be 3 floors on the ground and 5 basement floors having size of 38,000m², comprising of Comprehensive Audio-Visual Room, Academic DB Editing Room, and multimedia and online/digital publication utilities, and its collection capacity will be 1.2 million books. The project period is 7 years from 2002 to 2008, during which the existing main building will be re-integrated with the new NDL building to form a cutting-edge facility breathing with the nature on the NLK plaza.

NDL organized its operation strategy team having internal affairs team and external research team comprising of 11 personnel in total, and established "Basic Plan for NDL Operation Strategy" from Mar to Aug 2006. In the Basic Plan are included 5 target tasks, 15 major tasks, and 45 detailed tasks, while the 5 target tasks are ①NDL Collection Management, ② NDL Portal, ③ Information Commerce, ④ Higher Utilization of Online Archiving & Searching Internet Sources (Oasis), and ⑤ Renovation of Digital System Operation. On this ground, "Detailed Plan for NDL Operation Strategy" was prepared by a contract work from Oct to Dec 2006. Also organized were "NDL Friends" to take a part in the development of the library by converging various opinions of users and attracting continuous interest and support in the building of NDL which may become a new paradigm of libraries. "NDL Friends" was configured with 7 areas (Literature & Information Academic Group, IT & Academic Group, Library Group, Information Contents Group, Publicity Group, User Group, and Entertainer Group), and 49 Friends were gathered at the demonstration phase, while increasing participation is taken through NDL homepage.

Infrastructure

□ Library Network

All kinds of information, such as academic, educational, administrative, industrial, and financial, are distributed real-time anywhere in the country thanks to ISDN which began to

realize in the late 1990's. Especially in the library field, NLK has been the center library of the Library Network, and has been managing support for domestic libraries and their mutual cooperation. NLK performs "Research on Operation Status of Library Network" for the public libraries nationwide through 16 local representing libraries each year, and the result of library network project status of 564 nationwide public libraries in 2006 is as follows:

- NLK tried to expand the cooperation network project, which used to be limited within public libraries, to small libraries in the local areas, and published "Material of Operation Status of Library Network, 2006" to distribute to 487 organizations including 400 public libraries, 32 city halls and educational offices.
- As for an information project, software unification was made so that 411 public libraries use Korean Library Automation System II (KOLAS II) which NLK has spread.
- 297 public libraries perform classification, and catalog editing by utilizing KOLIS-NET
- Performed research on status of small libraries (including personal library) (Apr ~ July 2006), held "International Seminar on How to Build Small Libraries - Public Libraries Cooperation System" (25 Aug 2006), and performed research of "How to Build System for Separating Small Libraries" (Jun ~ Nov 2006)
- Prepared ground of activation of library cooperation by opening Notice, Library Network Q&A, "Information Material for Library Network Operation Status", Public Library Statistics, Publications in "Library Network Corner" of NLK.

Preservation Projects

Activities including digital preservation

NLK is performing scientific preservation (including massive deoxidation treatment, material sterilization, repair and restoration treatment, making preservation containers) according to the shapes and conditions of materials in order for scientific preservation management and succession of NLK's collection materials. As there are great interest and demands for preservation, so NLK has been operating "Counsel of Korean Traditional Preservation" which was organized in 2003, in an effort to establish joint preservation system on the national dimension.

NLK exerts itself in preserving its collection materials by safer and more scientific methods to have the materials succeeded by our descendants. All library rooms in NLK are maintained at the optimal preservation atmosphere by material (books: temperature $20\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$, humidity $50\pm 5\%$, non-books : $17\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$, $40\pm 5\%$) and the materials are regularly checked and rendered scientific preservative treatment to prevent damages. The Material Preservation Hall is furnished with such utilities as "Material Preservation Room", "Repair & Restoration Room", "Microfilm

Preservation Room", "Material Sterilization Room", and "Deoxidation Room" for specialized preservation. The OASIS (Online Archiving & Searching Internet Sources) project, which is being performed for collection and preservation of digital materials, has been promoted by NLK since Jan 2004 for the purpose of collecting, preserving and utilizing digital intellectual cultural heritage, and of providing our descendants with educational and academic materials, because results of men's intellectual activities rapidly move from paper to volatile digital forms in this digital era.

Collecting online digital information sources is made through direct input of brief information, format, copyright information, and URL information on the target materials so that a web robot may collect needed materials. As collection, preservation, and utilization of web resources should acquire copyright holders' consent, so NLK is planning to arrange various incentive programs for outstanding online digital resource donation organizations and individuals, public idea suggestion program in regard of OASIS project, and various promotion events so that active understanding and cooperation of related organizations and individuals may be attained.

Education and Training

NLK is operating retraining courses for librarians in order to furnish in-service librarians of nationwide libraries with new knowledge and to develop their specialized capability. In 28 specialized training courses focused on librarians' job tasks, total of 1,821 librarians took training in 2006.

Number of Professional and Paraprofessional Librarians

As of the end of 2006, there were total of 21,156 librarians in the libraries nationwide, including 143 in NLK, 6,220 in public libraries, 3,124 in university libraries, and 7,549 in special/specialized libraries.

Copyright and Library Act

Library Act

In Oct 2006, through total amendment of the Library and Reading Promotion Act, Library Act (4 Oct 2006) and Reading Culture Promotion Act (28 Dec 2006) were enacted. Accordingly, in October 2006, "Foundation Promotion Group" was organized in the Ministry of Culture and Tourism (MOCT) for organizing "Committee for Library Information and Policy" and its "Planning Group" which will be under the command of the President and will efficiently promote library policy on the national dimension that is a long-dreamed wish of the library world.

Legal Deposit Act

Some portions of terms and forms were changed in regard of "Legal Deposit", since "Library and Reading Promotion Act" was totally amended into "Library Act", which were enacted on 5 Apr 2007. According to Clause 20 (Legal Deposit) of Library Act, when materials are published or produced, legal deposits should be submitted to NLK within 30 days from the publication or production, which shall be registered and permanently preserved as national literature. The deposited materials are utilized for the use of the public and in the editing of national bibliography which helps our culture to be known abroad. Such deposited materials count for about 70% of NLK's collection. Legal deposits should be made in 2 copies within 30 days from publication or production, and for such materials deposit compensation is paid.

Copyright Law

Copyright Law of Korea was first enacted in 1987, and the current version was amended in Oct 2004. Clause 28 of the amended Copyright Law stipulates details regarding use, copying and transmission of digital materials in libraries. According to the current Copyright Law, original text DB built by NLK can be utilized by other libraries. In 1987, "Copyright Commission for Deliberation and Conciliation" was established in order to perform copyright-related functions such as deliberation of copyright system, operation of arbitration system for copyright disputes, and copyright protection (<http://www.copyright.or.kr/copy/index.asp>). In addition to this, Copyright Division of MOCT and Korea Reprographic and Transmission Rights Center (<http://www.copycle.or.kr>) are managing general administrative actions and measures for solving copyright related problems.