

## PAC Centre Report, July 2016 – June 2017 - KOREA

### Year of report

This report details the activities of PAC Korea Center from Jan. to Dec. 2016.

**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)

### ■ Work Exchange between the National Library Korea and the National Library of China

Starting in 1997, the National Library of Korea has exchanged knowledge and experience with the National Library of China. Two countries implemented work exchanges to promote mutual cooperation ever since. In 2016, preservation experts from both countries held a seminar titled "Safety Issues in Preservation of All Ancient Written Cultural Properties".

At the seminar, Chief Conservator Kwi-bok, Lee of the Korea Center shared NLK's preservation technologies such as a library stack monitoring system and leaf-casting using 'Hanji' (Korean traditional paper) that were researched and developed by NLK. From the Chinese side, manager Wang Hong Rai presented on "Preservation of old and rare books by the National Library of China" where he introduced the NLC's ongoing projects on protection of Chinese old and rare books, fostering conservators, and building storage; he finished the presentation by proposing continued cooperation. Following the presentation, the two libraries discussed on several topics including specialized preservation technologies,

initiating working-level cooperation, and future cooperation; in specific, conservation methods, environmental management, exchange of traditional papers and exchange of research sourcebook were discussed.

#### ■ **Publication in CDNLAO Newsletter No. 85 (Feb.)**

In the 85<sup>th</sup> issue of CDNLAO Newsletter, PAC Korea Center published an article titled “Preservation Activities of IFLA PAC Korea Center” which introduces Korea Center’s activities such as sourcebook publication, education, public relations and support work since its establishment in 2008 to 2015. Through the newsletter publication, national libraries in the Asia and Oceania region shared each center’s preservation developments and proposed future cooperation.

※ CDNALO: Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania

#### ■ **WLIC Announcement and PAC Business Meeting Participation**

Director Jaesun, Lee of the PAC Korea Center joined the 2016 WLIC PAC business meeting where she discussed ways to improve communication between centers. In the opening session titled “Quality Management and Preservation in the Age of Mass Processing”, conservator Hea-won, Hyun presented her thesis on “The Establishment of a Preservation Stack Environment Monitoring System” to introduce and discuss NLK’s stack monitoring system contents, application method and future plan.

## ■ Participation and Cooperation in International Council on Archives (ICA)

### Seoul General Meeting

PAC Korea Center participated in the ICA Seoul general meeting held from Sep. 5 to 10, 2016 as an advisory committee member of promotion and cooperation sector. Since the preparation phase, the Center has actively been involved in the execution of an effective promotion plan. At NLK's promotional booth, the Center introduced newspaper leaf-casting with pictures and real materials to enhance understanding.

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

## ■ Execution of the 52nd Library Week National Library Special Tour

In celebration of the 52nd library week, the National Library of Korea organized a special tour program that opens the library's work processes to the public. In particular, PAC Korea Center gave a tour on the repository and the preservation research center to show places that are normally not open to the public. In specific, the center introduced NLK repository's advanced facilities, temperature controls, and collection management. The PAC conservator also walked people through NLK's preservation processes of rare and damaged books where visitors could learn about diverse preservation technologies. Overall, the tour program raised public awareness in the importance of preservation and caution required in handling library materials. The tour was carried out from April 12-18, recording

172 participants.

### ■ Gyeongju Earthquake: Library Damage Investigation and Support Work

An earthquake of a magnitude of 5.8 occurred in Gyeongju on September 12, 2016. PAC Korea Center immediately contacted the Gyeongju Municipal Library to confirm damage conditions and fortunately, it was initially confirmed that there was no damage to collections. From Sep. 20-22, the center carried out additional damage assessments in nearby regional libraries of Gyeongju City, such as Busan and Ulsan. The aftershocks in the Gyeongju area were also analyzed. Second survey results showed that the Gyeongju Municipal Library had no direct damage on the collection. PAC Korea Center had agreed to receive swift notification in the event of additional damage and provide maximum cooperation in restoring damaged items.

### ■ Promotion

- At 2016 Seoul International Book Fair, PAC Korea Center displayed panels and showed a promotional video to introduce the Center's work, preservation and restoration processes, repository management and research work. Brochures were distributed and visitors' questions were answered by the Center staff. The exhibition ended successfully by increasing understanding and interest in NLK's preservation work.

- PAC Korea Center gave a tour to library staff. In 2016, Masan Public Library

visited NLK to learn NLK's repository management. Guests from other institutions, library donors and students also visited the library to look around preservation facilities.

**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)

### ■ **Conducted Preservation Courses in the Librarian Training Program**

From May 2 to May 4, PAC Korea Center carried out "Preservation of Library Materials" for librarians. The training course consisted of 8 subjects, including an introduction to analysis and prevention of general damage, physical properties of paper-based materials, preservation of audiovisual/electronic materials, preventive conservation methods, disaster response, preservation in the digital era, library collection inspection, and preservation tasks for public libraries.

During the program, librarians performed a simple repair work on damaged books to experience it first-hand. The combination of conceptual and practical training benefitted librarian trainees and enabled them to train their coworkers. A total of 50 librarians from nationwide libraries participated in this training.

### ■ **Librarian On-the-job Training Education**

PAC Korea Center carried out a preservation education for university students majoring in Library and Information Science. 40 students took part this training education. They listened to explanations on preservation methods, processes and principles of the National Library of Korea and took a tour of PAC Korea Center.

The students completed the practical education related to the management of collections and storage management.

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

■ During preservation education sessions and field trips, PAC Korea Center encouraged libraries in Korea to join IFLA Risk Register.

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

none

**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.

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