

The 15th Mutual Visit Program between the National Diet Library and the National Library of Korea

A delegation from the National Library of Korea (NLK) visited Japan during the period of September 4 to 11, 2012, for the 15th Mutual visit program between the National Diet Library (NDL) and the NLK. Since it started in 1997, the program has taken place alternately in Japan and Korea every year.



<<NLK delegation and NDL executive members>>

Headed by Ms. Hye-Yeong Oh, Director of the Bibliographic Control Division, this year's delegation also consisted of the following two members: Ms. Su young Kwak, Librarian, Collection Management and Service Division, and Ms. Sunmi Kim, Librarian, Bibliographic Control Division.

The Opening Session was held in the Tokyo Main Library of the NDL. Staff members at the Kansai-kan of the NDL also participated using the TV conference system.

<<September 5, 2012: Tokyo Main Library>>

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Opening Session (Keynote speech)	Theme: Current Status and Challenges of Two Libraries (1) Current Status and Future Challenges of NLK Ms. Hye-Yeong Oh (Director of the Bibliographic Control Division, NLK) (2) Current Status and Challenges of NDL in 2012 Ms. Mika Lawler (Director of the Planning Division, NDL)
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In the Opening Session, Ms. Oh briefly introduced the efforts of NLK to collect domestic publications exhaustively, create its bibliographic data systematically, enhance library services for individuals with disabilities, and build a network with the internal and international libraries. She also reported the future establishment of the National Library of Korea in Sejong, a special administrative district.

Ms. Lawler reported recent interesting activities of the NDL including starting new user services, institutionalizing the collection of such things as online publications, developing the Great East Japan Earthquake Archive, etc.



<<Opening Session>>

In Sessions 1 and 2, experts from both libraries reported on their recent activities and progress on each theme.

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Session 1	<p>Theme: National Library's engagement in bibliography and future development</p> <p>(1) Current Status and Future Challenges of the Authority Control of Author Names in the NLK</p> <p>Ms. Sunmi Kim (Librarian, Bibliographic Control Division, NLK)</p> <p>(2) Current Status and Future Development of Creating and Providing Bibliographic data by the NDL</p> <p>Ms. Etsuko Shimizu (Assistant Director of Acquisitions Administration and Bibliographic Control Division, NDL)</p>
Session 2	<p>Theme: Current Status and Measures to Enhance the Interlibrary Cooperation</p> <p>(1) Current Status and Challenges of the Collaborative Digital Reference Service (CDRS) of NLK</p> <p>Ms. Su young Kwak (Librarian of Collection Management and Service Division, NLK)</p> <p>(2) About the Supporting Libraries Activities by NDL</p> <p>Mr. Ryoichi Minami (Director of the Library Support Division, NDL)</p>

The delegation also had a discussion meeting with the staff members of the Bibliographic Control Division and Serials and Non-book Materials Division of the Acquisitions and Bibliography Department. After these sessions, the delegation visited the International Library of Children's Literature.



<<Closing Session>>

From September 8 to 11, the delegation visited the Kansai-kan of the NDL and had a discussion meeting with staff members of the Asian Resources Division, Digital Library Division and Library Support Division. The whole program concluded with a Closing Session and the two libraries agreed to proceed with future cooperation.