

The 16th Mutual Visit Program between the National Diet Library and the National Library of Korea

The 16th mutual visit program of the National Diet Library (NDL) and the National Library of Korea (NLK) was held in Seoul from May 27 to June 3, 2013. Headed by Mr. Tetsuro Kurahashi, Director of the Book and Serials Division, Reader Services and Collections Department, the delegation consisted of the following other members: Ms. Satoko Muramoto, Assistant Director of the Audio-Visual Materials Division, Reader Services and Collections Department, Mr. Makoto Fujiwara, Assistant Director of the Digital Library Division, Kansai-kan of the NDL and Ms. Akiko Hashizume, Planning and Cooperation Division, International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL). For previous programs, please see [here](#).



<<NDL delegation and NLK executive members>>

This year's program examined several topics, including the acquisition, cataloging and preservation of online materials as well as acquisition, cataloging and user service for non-book materials. Following sessions under these themes, a session featuring children's library was also held in the National Library for Children and Young Adults (NLCY) in this year.

<<May 28, 2013: Opening Session at NLK>>

Opening Session (Keynote speech)	Keynote speech: Current status and future challenges of two libraries (1) Current status and future challenges of NDL Mr. Tetsuro Kurahashi, Director of the Book and Serials Division, NDL (2) Current status and future challenges of NLK Ms. Kyung-Ae Lee, Director of the Collection Management and Service Division, NLK
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In the Opening Session, keynote speeches were given by representatives of both libraries.

Mr. Kurahashi introduced [Mission and Objectives 2012-2016](#) and [Strategic Goals](#) in his speech. He briefly reported the background of their formulation and gave a brief overview of the current situation and future challenges of projects, focusing on six major objectives.

Ms. Lee reported on four major efforts by the NLK, which include enhancing domestic publication's acquisition based on the collection development policy, standardization of bibliographic records and enhancement of information services, preparation for the establishment of the National Library of Sejong, which is to be opened in October this year, and management issues at the National Library for Individuals with Disabilities.

In the question-and-answer session, the NLK asked the NDL issues such as the challenges of collection and preservation of cultural heritage based on [the agreement between the Agency for Cultural Affairs](#).



<<Opening Session>>

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

<<May 29, 2013 >>

Session 1	<p>Theme: Acquisition, cataloging, and preservation of online materials</p> <p>(1) Acquisition of online materials in the NDL</p> <p>Mr. Makoto Fujiwara (Assistant Director of the Digital Library Division, Kansai-kan of the NDL)</p> <p>(2) Acquisition and preservation of online materials in the NLK</p> <p>Ms. Myouja Hyun (Librarian, Digital Library Planning Division, NLK)</p>
Session 2	<p>Theme: Acquisition, cataloging and user service for non-book materials</p> <p>(1) Current approaches to acquisition of audiovisual materials</p> <p>Ms. Satoko Muramoto (Assistant Director of the Audio-Visual Materials Division, NDL)</p> <p>(2) Acquisition, organization, and user service of non-book materials in the NLK</p> <p>(2)-1 Current situation of the acquisition</p> <p>Ms. Yun-Sook Jeong (Librarian, Acquisitions Division, NLK)</p> <p>(2)-2 Current situation of the cataloging</p> <p>Ms. Il-sim Park (Librarian, Bibliographic Control Divison, NLK)</p>

	(2)-3 Current situation of the user service Mr. Si-yong Lee (Librarian, Digital Library Service Division, NLK)
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After these sessions, the delegation visited the NLCY and a session featuring children's library was held. The theme of this year was "Services for visitors."

<<May 30, 2013 >>

Session at the National Library for Children and Young Adults	Theme: Services for visitors
	(1) Current status and future challenges of the on-site services for children in the ILCL Ms. Akiko Hashizume (Librarian, Planning and Cooperation Division, ILCL) (2) Current status and future challenges of visitor services in the NLCY Ms. Jeong-min Lee (Librarian, Public Service Division, NLCY)

After these sessions, the delegation visited Yonsei University Library as well as Seoul Metropolitan Library and other related institutions from May 31 to June 2. The delegation also visited Busan English Library, a branch of Busan Metropolitan Joongang Municipal Library, after stopping by Gyeongju, a World Heritage Site.