

PAC Centre Annual Report 2024-2025

This report covers the period 2024-2025 (1 July 2024 – 29 June 2025). A mapping of PAC activity will be shared ahead of WLIC 2025. It will be used to highlight activities of PAC Centres to IFLA's network, as well as inform forward planning.

PAC Centre (hosting institution)

IFLA PAC Regional Centre for Asia (National Diet Library (NDL), Japan)
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Emerging / strategic issues

In your areas of expertise, have any issues or priorities have emerged? Use this box to highlight any issues that may impact preservation and conservation in your country/region, or which may be helpful for IFLA's network to know.

<p>We continue to recognize the importance of prioritizing improved preparedness and response capabilities in the face of increased risk of natural disasters. We believe it is particularly important to prepare for anticipated mega-earthquakes, such as a Nankai trough earthquake or a Tokyo inland earthquake, as well as both coastal and inland flooding brought on by record-breaking heavy rains.</p> <p>We also believe that sustainable environmental management, such as promoting measures against insects and mold, in consideration of the impact of climate change is a strategic issue to be addressed.</p>

Workshops/trainings/events

What virtual or in-person events did your PAC Centre organise or participate in for the reporting period? What were the outcomes?

<p>We have conducted various training sessions, including lectures on preservation at libraries and practical training in minor repairs, etc. The instructors for these sessions are NDL employees.</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preservation training sessions at the NDL• Dispatch of instructors to other organizations for training sessions• Training sessions jointly organized with an external organization |
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<p>The 35th NDL Forum on Preservation, including both on-site sessions and recorded broadcasts available online for a limited time, was held in December. The title of this forum was Handling Library Materials Damaged in Natural Disasters—Saving Water-Damaged Library Materials, and the goal was to improve response capabilities in the event of a flood.</p>
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<p>In May, we welcomed two trainees from the National Archives of India and provided them with a wide range of training regarding NDL operations, including the field of preservation.</p>
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We participated online in part of the International Conference of the Memory of the World Programme, incorporating the 4th Global Policy Forum, hosted by UNESCO in October.

We also participated in an online conference on the subject of digital libraries that was held in May by the National Library of Poland (PAC Centre).

We believe that the implementation of the above training sessions and other events have enabled us to meet the needs for a basic understanding of materials preservation and the practice of materials restoration as well as to contribute to improved awareness of disaster preparedness and response capabilities when disasters occur. Furthermore, by participating in the international conference hosted by UNESCO, we gained a deeper understanding of the importance of working to preserve and to improve access to documentary heritage through international collaboration and cooperation. With regard to the preservation of documentary heritage, in particular, we have once again recognized the importance of formulating and updating effective disaster management plans based on disaster risk assessments and building networks for collaboration and cooperation.

New material (guidelines, recorded webinars, standards, other tools) which should be shared with the community.

Have you been involved in the creation of any tools that might be useful for others? IFLA is happy to share these! Kindly provide links if possible or contact IFLA HQ to discuss how to promote this material further.

In March, we published on the NDL website a series of Japanese-language leaflets that explain the basic principles of preserving library materials. The series is entitled "Explanation: Understanding Preservation in 5 Minutes."

- Vol. 1: Protective enclosures
- Vol. 2: Equipment

https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/manual/pdf/leaflet_1.pdf

https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/manual/pdf/leaflet_2.pdf

Support & Cooperation

Has your PAC Centre provided preservation and conservation support or cooperated with others on the international, national, or regional level? This can include contact with IFLA HQ and other PAC Centres. Please provide a bullet points on what you have done.

- Cooperation activities as a participating organization in the Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Management Network Promotion Council (Secretariat: The Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Management Center), with particular support for the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake Cultural Heritage Rescue Programme
- Support for emergency repairs of library materials damaged by flooding caused by

the heavy rains in Oku-Noto in September 2024, in response to a request for support from the Ishikawa Prefectural Library

- Cooperation with the activities of the Japan Library Association's Materials Preservation Committee and Library Disaster Preparedness Committee
- Responding to inquiries and visits from both domestic and overseas organizations

Any other information or comments to share?

Nothing in particular.