

**PAC Final Report**

<b>PAC Centre – Final Report</b>	
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Country	Japan
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<b>Agreement term</b>	
Start date	Sep.1, 2015
End date	August 31, 2018
<b>Do you wish to renew the agreement as a PAC Centre?</b>	
Yes.	
<b>What are the areas of expertise of your PAC Centre? What particular strengths or specialisations do you have?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Paper conservation, especially conservation by using Japanese traditional paper</li> <li>➤ Digitization</li> <li>➤ Disaster preparedness and salvage and treatment of damaged materials</li> <li>➤ Environmental management for preservation</li> </ul>	
<b>Taking a leadership in the region/field: what are the main events you have organised or coordinated as a PAC centre, including activities to improve capacity and skills within the library field (workshops, training courses etc)?</b>	
<p><b>1 )International cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Five-day training program for Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Chief Librarian of the Nepal National Library, and Mr. Yam Bahadur Bashyal, Section Officer, Ministry of Education, to contribute to the reconstruction of Nepal libraries after the Nepal Earthquake. (Feb. 2016)</li> <li>➤ Four-day Training Workshop for the Preservation of Paper Cultural Heritage for two experts from the General Directorate of Antiquities and Museums, Syria, as a part of the “Silk Road Friendship Project” funded by the UNDP. (May 2018)</li> </ul> <p><b>2) Domestic cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ One-day training programs on preservation and conservation of library materials (annually) During FY2015-2017, 180 people in total participated.</li> <li>➤ NDL Preservation Forum on Preservation (annually) Report on 2016’s Forum <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/event/events/preservation_forum27.html">http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/event/events/preservation_forum27.html</a></li> <li>➤ Online training courses for librarians. During FY2015-2017, 714 people in total completed the course entitled Basic Theory of Preservation and Conservation. Another course, entitled Basics of Digitization, has been available online and can be started by anyone at any time.</li> <li>➤ Dispatch of staff members to prefectural and university libraries to conduct training sessions on preservation. (annually)</li> <li>➤ Dispatch of staff members to Kumamoto Prefectural Library to provide training in repairing materials damaged by the Kumamoto Earthquake in April 2016. Other than the training, the NDL repaired five severely damaged items which the Kumamoto Prefectural Library could not handle themselves.</li> </ul>	

<b>Raising awareness: How have you contributed to raising awareness of preservation and conservation issues in the library field and the wider community to increase understanding and support? What publications or materials have you produced? Please include links if possible.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Provided brochures and manuals on conservation of library materials both in Japanese and English on the NDL website. (Ex.) <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/preservation/pdf/preservation_ndl.pdf">http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/preservation/pdf/preservation_ndl.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/preservation/manual/index.html">http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/preservation/manual/index.html</a></li><li>➤ Translated “Guidelines for Planning the Digitization of Rare Book and Manuscript Collections,” written by the IFLA Rare Book and Special Collections Section, into Japanese and published it on the NDL website. <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/pdf/ifla_guideline_jp_2017.pdf">http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/pdf/ifla_guideline_jp_2017.pdf</a></li><li>➤ Published articles related to preservation and conservation both in Japanese and English. Japanese paper in action!! : Conservation treatments using "Washi" (Japanese) <a href="http://dl.ndl.go.jp/view/download/digidepo_9497605_po_geppo1510.pdf?contentNo=1">http://dl.ndl.go.jp/view/download/digidepo_9497605_po_geppo1510.pdf?contentNo=1</a> (English) <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/ndl_newsletter/203/20306.html">http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/ndl_newsletter/203/20306.html</a> <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/ndl_newsletter/204/20407.html">http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/ndl_newsletter/204/20407.html</a> Training sessions and presentations with the Chief Librarian of the National Library and a Ministry official from Nepal <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/ndl_newsletter/206/20605.html">http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/ndl_newsletter/206/20605.html</a></li></ul>
<b>Sharing knowledge: what have you done to share information and examples of regional and specialist expertise practices with the worldwide preservation and conservation community?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Provided hands-on manuals on conservation in English on the web so that libraries in Asian countries can refer to them as useful tools. <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/preservation/manual/index.html">http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/preservation/manual/index.html</a></li><li>➤ In 2017, we started providing training videos, “Conservation of Paper Materials: Minor Repair,” on YouTube with English captions. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXvKjMC1JnVu50NOnLQh5_rBq-U5LpzFj">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXvKjMC1JnVu50NOnLQh5_rBq-U5LpzFj</a></li><li>➤ Featured “Preservation and conservation of library materials” in the No. 85, Feb. 2016 issue, and “Digitization and digital services” in the No. 90, Dec. 2017 issue of the CDNLAO Newsletter, which the NDL publishes for the members of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO). <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/newsletter/085/85ind.html">http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/newsletter/085/85ind.html</a> <a href="http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/newsletter/090/90ind.html">http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/newsletter/090/90ind.html</a></li></ul>
<b>What are your priorities for the coming three years?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Continue to do what we have done for the last three years: knowledge and information sharing, and offering training programs, events, and practical support on paper conservation.</li><li>➤ Develop networks of preservation experts internationally and in Japan</li></ul>
<b>Are there any areas of expertise or specialisation within your organisation that are currently not utilised in the PAC Centre but you believe could be?</b>
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<b>Do you see any gaps in expertise or coverage in the broader PAC Network?</b>
There is a need for training on preservation among librarians in Asia, but we have not been able to extend our hands-on support because of a shortage of resources.

<b>What has being a PAC Centre brought you? How could IFLA help you do more?</b>
<b>(What has being a PAC Centre brought you?)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ As the Regional Centre for Asia, we communicate with national libraries and other institutions in Asia, receiving visitors and giving advice on preservation. That helps us to understand the current situation and issues related to preservation of library materials in Asia.</li><li>➤ Being a PAC Centre helps our staff members develop their skills and knowledge. We take advantage of the network of PAC Centres when a staff member of our Preservation Division visits other countries and does research on preservation activities.</li></ul>
<b>(How could IFLA help you do more?)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ It would be greatly beneficial if the IFLA Headquarters could provide financial support to librarians in developing countries who want to take training courses at PAC Centres. We hope that the annual financial contribution of the National Diet Library for IFLA Strategic Programs will be used in a tangible way such as this.</li></ul>
<b>Summary and Conclusion</b>
Over the last three years, the PAC Centre for Asia at the National Diet Library has worked actively to promote preservation of library materials in Asia. We believe that the continuation of these activities will be valuable for the library community around the world.
<b>Attachment Summary (please number attachment and list them below)</b>
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