

Organizer: IFLA RDC AO Southeast Asia Working Group

Event Title: Southeast Asian Libraries on the UN Sustainable Development Goals webinar

Date: 23 June 2022

Time: 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM (UTC +8)

Topic: This webinar focuses on the best practices by Southeast Asian libraries and librarians to support the UN SDGs. Through this program, the IFLA Regional Division Committee for Asia and Oceania aims to inspire and encourage colleagues within the region to advance their efforts to bring the UN SDGs to fruition.

Themes:

1. Libraries' Engagement with National Authorities

While libraries in Southeast Asia are often directly or indirectly involved in SDG-related activities, the national library association and the national library are typically in the best position to advance SDGs and achieve significant outcomes in their countries. They could work with the relevant national agencies, as well as engage national authorities who are responsible for the production of the UN SDG Voluntary National Reviews. By showcasing SDG-related works by national library associations and national libraries, this session seeks to promote synergy among the national library bodies and other players within the region.

2. Community Engagement through Library Programmes

Libraries in Southeast Asia have been engaged in a number of outstanding SDG activities, and many have notable examples and implementation frameworks that fellow library practitioners could emulate. This webinar invites Southeast Asian librarians to share their SDG-related experiences and best practices with the aim to inspire and encourage colleagues in the region to explore creative ideas that support the UN SDGs.

Registration link and QR code:

https://nlbsingapore.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_454lhKHSa6Gf165qFSwgw



Speakers

Opening Message



Mr Winston Roberts

Chair, IFLA Asia-Oceania Regional Division Committee

Senior Advisor, National Library of New Zealand

Senior Advisor at the National Library of New Zealand dealing with national and international stakeholder relations. Since joining the National Library of New Zealand in 2001. He has contributed to government digital strategy development, promoted projects in support of public libraries, literacy and book development, liaised with UNESCO and represented New Zealand at the World Summit on the Information Society in 2003 and 2005. He has made a career of finding collaborative solutions through networking across regions and cultures – putting professionals in touch with each other. Former Secretary of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (2006 to 2010) and continues to be active in the IFLA Regional Division Committee for Asia-Oceania and in various other IFLA groups.

UN SDGs and IFLA Library Map of the World



Ms Kristine Paberza-Ramiresa

Member Engagement Officer, IFLA

Works with organisations from around the world to collaboratively create the Library Map of the World – a source of country-level library statistics, a collection of stories about impactful library programmes contributing to the achievement of the UN SDGs and a source of information about the library field in each country. An experienced facilitator and instructor on community needs assessment, performance measurement and impact evaluation.

Before joining IFLA, she worked at the Culture Information Systems Centre in Latvia where she managed several cultural heritage digitisation and access projects and led a longitudinal nation-wide research study on social and economic impact of public library services in Latvia.

Libraries' Engagement with National Authorities



Datu Dr Rashidah Bolhassan
Immediate Past President, Librarians' Association of Malaysia

Acquired her Bachelor of Library Studies from Universiti Teknologi Mara and started her career at the Sarawak Economic Development Corporation in 1986 before working as the Chief Executive Officer at the Sarawak State Library in 2003 until 31 December 2020. She has a Master in Business Administration from University of Ohio, Masters of Library Science from Syracuse University and holds a PhD in Information Systems from Victoria Business School, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. She is currently the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Welfare, Community Wellbeing, Women, Family and Childhood Development for the State of Sarawak, Malaysia.



Mrs Suwakhon Siriwongworawat
Vice President, Thai Library Association

Has a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok, Thailand and a Master of Science in Library Science (MSLS) from Wisconsin University, Madison, U.S.A. Worked for the National Library of Thailand for thirty-four years with the last four years as Director. Prior to her service at the NLT, she was the Director of Dhurakij Pundit University Library. Currently, she is Director of North Bangkok University Library. An active member of the Thai Library Association since 1990, she has held various positions that of member of the Executive Committee, Vice-President and President.



Raneetha Rajaratnam
Director of Programmes and Services
Archives and Libraries Group
National Library Board (NLB) of Singapore

Raneetha formulates strategies and plans to drive the design and implementation of services and programmes that are comprehensive and relatable to serve the reading and learning needs of patrons of all age groups. Her current focus is on developing and implementing initiatives under LAB25 (Libraries and Archives Blueprint 2025) that will transform NLB into a national platform of lifelong learning with like-minded partners, nurture thoughtful citizens who read with a purpose and reflect deeply on what they come across every day and help to bridge gaps as well as empower all in this digital age.

Community Engagement through Library Programmes



Ms Hoang Thi Thu Trang

Deputy Head of Science Research and Professional Guidance Division, National Library of Viet Nam

Earned her Bachelor of Library and Information science degree from Hanoi Cultural University, Vietnam in 2003 and her Master of Library and Information science at Mysore University in India in 2020. Has worked at National library of Vietnam since 2003 assigned at the Reading Service Division, Automation division. She is the Head Deputy of Vietnam Library Journal division, Reference division and now Head deputy of Research and Professional Guidance division. She has experience supporting users as a reference librarian, understanding about traditional and digital library, library services. She is guest lecturer for the subject "Standardization in the library field".



Mr Agung Wibawa

Middle Librarian

Library Archives Agency of Gunung Kidul Regency Yogyakarta Indonesia

A librarian at Dinas Perpustakaan dan Kearsipan, Gunungkidul Regency. Recognized as Librarian with the National Best Achievement for the year 2016. He earned his Master Trainer of Library Transformation based on Social Inclusion Program at National Library of Indonesia. He is a Course Trainer of PerpuSeru Facilitators for Library Development Based on Technology and Information at Coca Cola Foundation Indonesia - until 2018.



Mr Chad Aren E. Diaz

Head (Training Section), Public Libraries Division, National Library of the Philippines

As the incumbent Training Section Head, he oversees the conduct of various capacity building activities of NLP for its affiliated public libraries and barangay reading centers. His activities include coordination and collaboration with other institutions or organizations for conducting, planning, organizing and implementing training for librarians, officers-in-charge, library staff, and others; planning and developing training designs/ modules and activity program for public librarians; preparing documentary requirements for the application of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points for these programs; assisting in supervising the targets of PLD; and drafting project and budget proposals, correspondences, and reports of the Division.

Webinar Host



Mr Gene Tan

Member, IFLA Asia-Oceania Regional Division Committee

Assistant Chief executive, Partnership & Strategy Group, National Library Board, Singapore

Currently the Assistant Chief Executive at the National Library Board, spearheading strategy, international relations, partnerships, and transformation. He was also the Creative Director of the SG50 Exhibition: The Future of Us that captured the hopes and dreams of Singaporeans. Gene was formerly the Director of the National Library, where he developed the Singapore Memory Project, and also the former President of the Library Association of Singapore. Under his leadership, NLB and the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania launched the Leaders' Conversations series, which is a new digital platform for leaders in the region and beyond to share their insights on major developments in the library world.