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SPOTLIGHT

Message from IFLA RSCAO Chair

In my address at the recent Seminar on "Advancing Multiculturalism in Libraries: Partnership and Promotions" held in Manila, Philippines on 8th March 2019, I shared the little known history of relations between IFLA and Philippines. Please read more in the article [\[link\]](#)



Sanjay K. Bihani
Chair
IFLA Regional Standing
Committee for Asia & Oceania Section

Note from IFLA Regional Office

We had a wonderful start of 2019, packed with activities in the Region. With the getting – together of friends, more activities and buzz are lining up to excite the colleagues. The Regional Office will bring you more interesting news and information in the new year. Thank you and enjoy reading. [\[link\]](#)



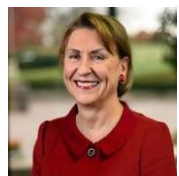
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A Stronger Field for Stronger Societies: IFLA President Visit Taiwan, China [\[link\]](#)



Barbara Lison is the IFLA President – elect from 2019 to 2021 [\[link\]](#)

IFLA Governing Board Elections 2019 – 2021. The deadline is 19 April [\[link\]](#)

National Library Board, Singapore hosted the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania Annual Meeting on 21 February 2019. [\[link\]](#)



The 2nd Forum on the Silk Road International Library Alliance was held at the National Library Board, Singapore on 21 February 2019. [\[link\]](#)



Presentations on "What is our Future? National Libraries in 2040" by Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand and Singapore. [\[link\]](#)



National Library of the Philippines hosted the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania Mid-term Meeting, 6 – 7 March, 2019 in Manila. [\[link\]](#)



What is trending in the region?

Indonesia National Library of Indonesia attempts to transform public libraries not only as place to provide knowledge for people but also to give them new experience. [\[link\]](#)

China & Japan The 12th National Doctoral Symposium on Library Science (NDSLS – 2018) hosted by the Department of Information Management, Peking University was held with the theme, "The development of library science in the new era – new horizons, new ideas, new journeys" in Peking University, Beijing, China on 17 – 18 November 2018. [\[link\]](#)

Lebanon After being closed to the public for 39 years, the Lebanese National Library was reopened on 4 December 2018. [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#)



Singapore

IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2018 Poster Presentation Runner – up. Library Tour using Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality: The National Institute of Education Library Experience. [\[link\]](#)

The amendments to the National Library Board (NLB) Act were passed in the Singapore parliament last year and the National Library Board Singapore is pleased to inform that the amended NLB Act has taken effect from 31 January 2019. [\[link\]](#)