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SPOTLIGHT

Message from IFLA RSCAO Chair

Dear Colleagues,

A Happy New Year to you and your family. I believe that 2020 will be another fulfilling and rewarding year for everyone. At the start of the New Year, it might be good to remind ourselves of what was achieved in 2019 and what is up for the year ahead. [\[Link\]](#)



Tina Yang
Chair, IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia & Oceania Section

Message from IFLA Regional Office

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year 2020! Read the interesting seminars and conferences that happened in our region. [\[Link\]](#)

In this quarter, I would like to introduce Mr Ng Cher Pong, the new CEO of the National Library Board who took over from Mrs Elaine Ng on 1 December 2019. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ng for her contributions and welcome Mr Ng to the library community. [\[Link\]](#)

Stay healthy and vigilant during this period too.

Soh Lin Li
Manager, IFLA Regional Office For Asia and Oceania



IFLA participated in the 2nd Inter-regional Conference on Memory of the World, Republic of Korea from 5-8 November 2019. [\[Link\]](#)



Opening Opportunities: IFLA's Governing Board advances work to update IFLA's Governance [\[Link\]](#)



UNESCO and Qatar National Library organised a regional conference in the Arab region in Doha, Qatar on 1-2 December 2019. [\[Link\]](#)



The 6th International Conference on Digital Landscape was held at the Indian Habitat Centre in New Delhi on 6-8 November 2019. [\[Link\]](#)



The 2019 Southeast Asian Librarians Seminar was organised and supported by the National Library of China and the Central Academy of Culture and Tourism Administration on 21-29 November 2019. [\[Link\]](#)



The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. conducted its Annual National Congress on 19-22 November 2019 in Philippines. The activity is part of a month-long celebration of Library Month in November. [\[Link\]](#)



Next Library is an international gathering of forward-thinking library professionals, innovators and decision-makers. The Next Library 2020 Satellite will take place in Southern hemisphere this October and you're invited to participate. [\[Link\]](#)



Tonga's first public library officially opened on 11 October 2019. The Kolovani Library will be the first to operate with a catalogued library system. The system was set up with the help of Auckland libraries in New Zealand. [\[Link\]](#)



What is trending in the region?

Australia: Sue McKerracher, CEO of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) thanked everyone for the messages of support to the people who work at the libraries in the bushfire affected regions of Australia. With several weeks of uncertainty ahead, ALIA members are advised to assist by donating money through the Red Cross Appeal. [\[Link\]](#)

India: The 2nd National Conference on development of digital libraries in IPR Regime on 21-22 December 2019. Some of the highlighted issues were digital library and copyright. [\[Link\]](#)



Myanmar: The Department of Historical Research and National Library in cooperation with the Libraries & Archives Solutions Pte. Ltd. (LAAS) and Lan Tro (Myanmar) Co., Ltd., organised the E-Library, Archives and e-Government Conference at the National Library of Myanmar on 18 October 2019. [\[Link\]](#)



Philippines: The launch of the Philippines' 29th Library and Information Services Month was held on 5 November 2019 at the National Library of Philippines. This year's theme was "Inclusive, Innovative, Interconnected". [\[Link\]](#)



Sri Lanka: The 3rd National Library Research Symposium 2019 was conducted by the National Library and Documentation Services Board of Sri Lanka on 31 October 2019. [\[Link\]](#)

