

In implementation of the Decision numbered 3724/QD-BVHTTDL dated 28.10.2013 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the National Library of Viet Nam (NLV) has sent 03 officers to the Federal Republic of Germany to work with the German National Library based in the city of Frankfurt am Main (NLG) and the Bavarian State Library (BSL) in Munich to discuss cooperation in the fields of materials exchange, digitization, preservation, staff training from December 7-14, 2013.

In Frankfurt am Main, the delegation has had several meetings with Director and ten managers

of departments of the NLG. The working focused on introduction of the NLV and NLG as well as sharing knowledge and experiences of the two libraries in the fields of library organization, materials exchange, preservation and digitization, human resources developments.

The delegation has also had the chance to hear about typical digital collections and digitization projects of the NLG based Frankfurt:

+ The German National Digital Library portal (a biggest digitization project in Germany gathering 90 libraries and institutions and 13 partners in Germany to participate in with the NLG as the coordinator of the project).

+ The Europeana project - the European Digital Library portal with the NLG and Bavarian State Libraries as active members.

+ Right management policy for digital collections access at the NLG.

+ Interaction between conservation of holdings and digitization activities; digital preservation and long term archiving at the NLG.

+ Organization of library space and users services. The NLG is constructed with open space design which helps create an user-friendly environment and energy saving.

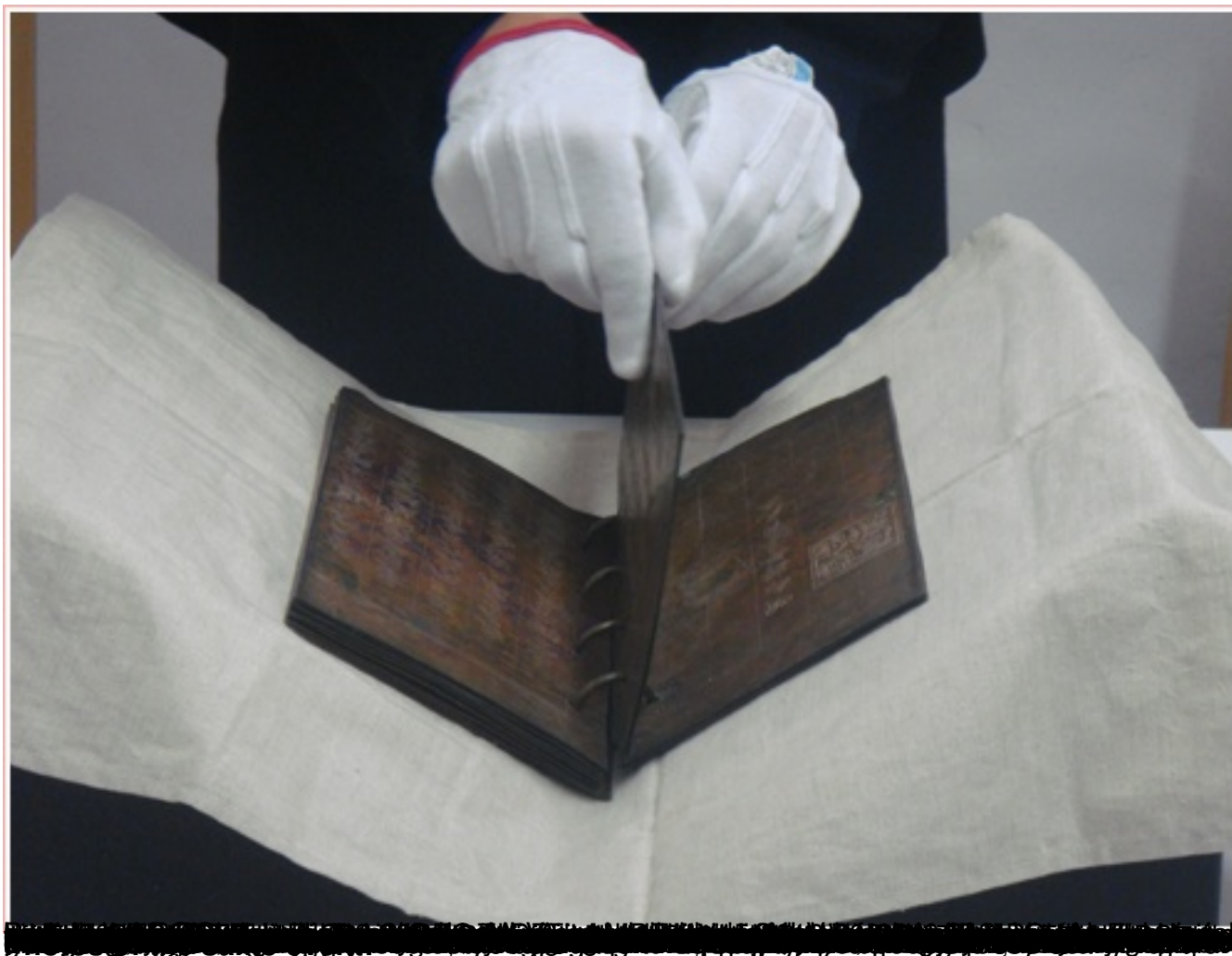
At the Bavarian State Library in Munich, the delegation has received warm welcome of the Directorial Board and managers of departments. The delegation have observed and learnt useful experiences, such as:

+ Visiting to the rare collections of Bavarian State Library which is one of the four libraries in the world that owns the most important manuscript collections. The BST has 140,000 rare and precious materials since XVI century, 96,000 manuscripts of Europe, Asia and Middle East, 20,000 incunabula from early print period.

+ In particular, the delegation had the chance to approach some precious materials of Viet Nam, such as the bronze book that carves a composition by King Minh Menh talking about writing the royal Nguyen pedigree (Hoàng triều ngọc phả) and the Dictionary of Alexandro De Rhodes published in Rome in 1651 entitled “Dictionarivm Annamicvm Lvsitanvm, et Latinvm Ope”. The group has extended a request and received the agreement from the BSL to send a high resolution 2D digital copy of these two materials for reproduction them in Viet Nam.



*Mrs. Phan Thi Kim Dung – Director of the NLV was examining the bronze book that carves a composition by King Minh Menh and is currently kept at the Bavarian State Library in the Federal Republic of Germany*





*Front cover of the bronze book*





*Mrs. Phan Thi Kim Dung visits the storage of the NLG*



*Taking photos with officials of the NLG*



*A Reading room at the Bavarian State Library*





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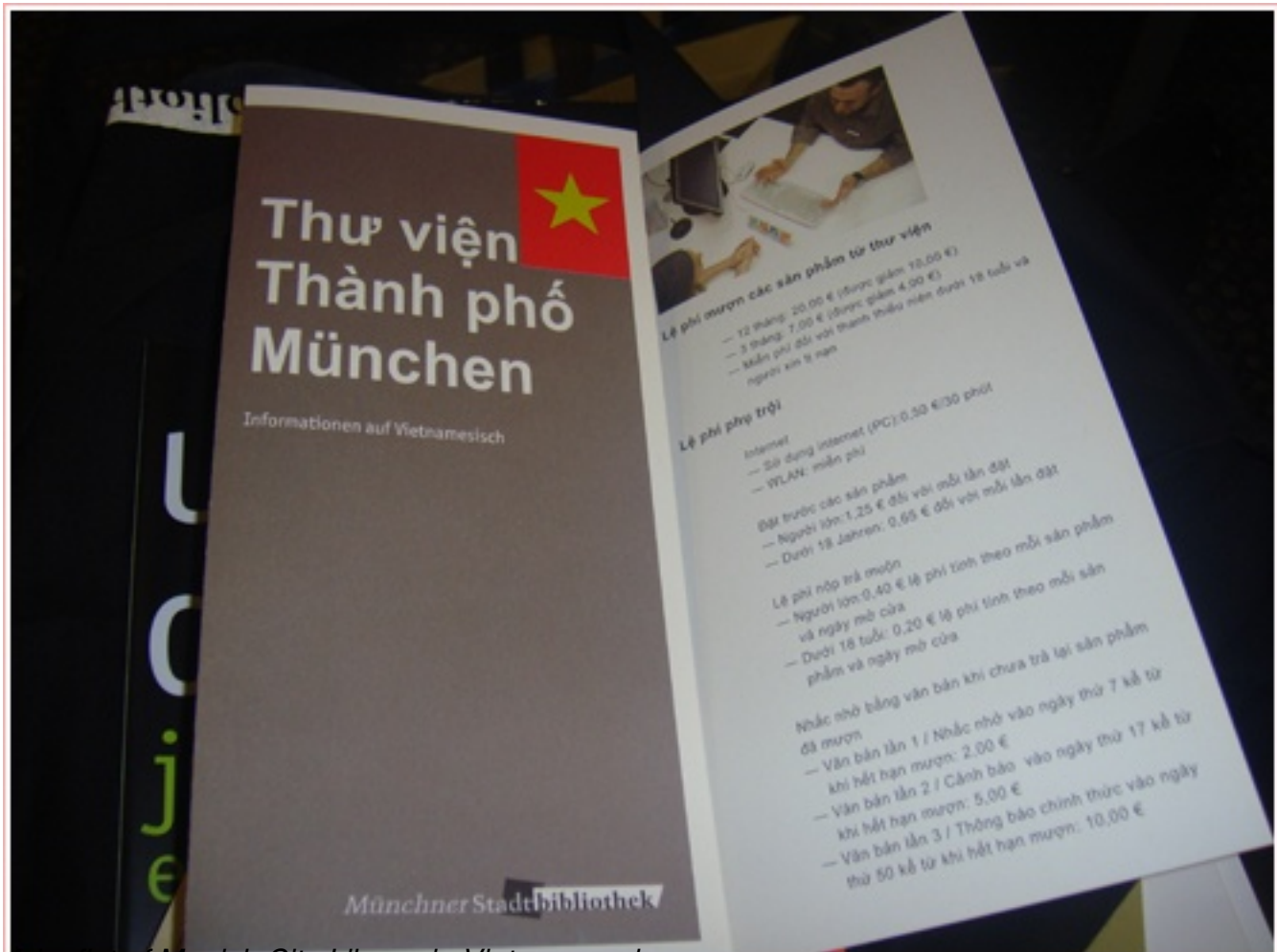
*Visiting the Institute for Preservation and Conservation at the BSL*





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A leaflet of Munich City Library in Vietnamese language



*Visiting the reading room of tape – disk and books at Munich City Library*





*A reading room for children at Munich City Library*



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