

The 28th Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (28th CDNL-AO) hosted by Indonesia with the theme “Library Service Impacts on Community: Sustainability, Inclusion, and Innovation” took place from October 24-27, 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia. There were representatives of over 30 member national libraries in Asia and Oceania attending the conference both in-person and online mode. At the welcome remark, Ms. Vicki Mc Donald – President of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) mentioned the mission and vision of IFLA related to the development of libraries and librarians in the future. In addition, the conference also welcomed invited speaker, Ms. Lin Li Soh – Director of the IFLA Asia and Oceania region.

The National Library of Viet Nam (NLV) delegation consisting of 2 delegates led by Ms. Nguyen Ngoc Anh – Deputy Director attended the conference in-person and presented paper on “Inclusive library services – an important transition step to build a learning society in Viet Nam”. Focusing on three main themes “Sustainability”, “Inclusion”, and “Innovation”, besides the presentation of the NLV, the delegates also listened to presentations of the national libraries of Indonesia, Iran, the Philippines, Singapore, Qatar and China. All presentations discussed about the transformation of libraries based on social inclusion and the role of libraries in supporting achievement of sustainable development goals.

The delegates approved the minutes of the 27th Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (27th CDNL-AO) in Singapore and discussed issues related to supporting member libraries facing difficulties due to natural disasters such as National Library of Nepal.

On the sidelines of the Conference, the delegates spent time for visiting libraries, exchanging ideas and sharing experiences with the National Library of Indonesia and Jakarta Public Library.

The 28th Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania has been successfully and effectively organized by the host country Indonesia, achieving the expected goals and planned for the 29th CDNL-AO to be held in Qatar in 2023.

Photos of the 28th CDNL-AO Conference and activities of the Vietnamese delegation:



Overview of the 28th CDNL-AO Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia



Delegates of member countries attended the conference in-person



Dr. M. M. Bando – Director of the National Library of Indonesia beats the gong to open the 28th CDNL-AO



IFLA President delivered an online speech to welcome the conference



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Ms. Nguyen Thi Anh Dung, Deputy Director of the National Library of Viet Nam speaks and presents paper at the Conference



Participants visit and exchange experiences at the National Library of Indonesia and Jakarta



Delegation of National Library of Indonesia at the National Library of Indonesia