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22ND ANIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

National Library and Documentation Centre conducted a number of programmes to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of the National Library and Documentation Centre. The inauguration ceremony was held on 26th April 2012 under the patronage of Hon. Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Education. Under the programmes organised to mark the 22nd anniversary, a seminar on national library services was conducted for librarians and library science students. Mr. H.M. Gunaratna Banda, Mr. W. Sunil and Dr. Ruwan Gamage served as resource persons. In addition to the seminar, an exhibition of national library resources was conducted from 26th to 28th April 2012. A commemorative volume which includes articles on national library services was also published. A publicity programme was also carried out to make aware the Sri Lankan community about the national library services.

ANNUAL BOOK EXHIBITION

The annual book exhibition organised by the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) was conducted from 25th to 27th May 2012 at the NLDSB premises. The objective of the exhibition

was to provide the opportunity for readers to purchase books at concessionary prices. About 20 leading book publishers conducted stalls in the exhibition. Chief guest of the inauguration ceremony was His Excellency Hasani Pour, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Sri Lanka.

SURVEY ON LIBRARY CONSERVATION CENTRES

The Conservation Division of the National Libraray and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) has conducted a follow up survey on the activities of the library conservation centres. 127 library conservation centres have been established in main public libraries throughout the country with the assistance of the NLDSB. National Library and Documentation Services Board hopes to improve the condition of these conservation centres on the findings of this survey.

WORKSHOP ON LIBRARY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a workshop on library research methodology on 24.02.2012. The objective of the workshop was to make aware the library professionals about the

library research methodology. The workshop covered the areas such as introduction to library research, data collecting techniques and data analysis in library research. Mr. H.M. Gunaratna Banda, former Assistant Director General, National Institute of Education, Dr. Chaminda Jayasundara, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Colombo and Mr. G.D. Amarasiri, Director, National Library and Documentation Services Board served as resource persons.

GRADING OF LIBRARIES

Grading of different types of libraries in Sri Lanka is a project carried out by the National Library and Documentation Services Board. During the period from January to June 2012, 57 public libraries, 2 school libraries and 2 department libraries have been graded.

AN IRAN CORNER WAS OPENED IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

An Iran Information Corner which includes books and other library material on Iran was opened in the National Library on 25th April 2012. The necessary equipments and library resources for the Iran corner were donated by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Sri Lanka. The Iran corner was opened by His Excellency Hasani Pour, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Sri Lanka



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SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS OF MALDIVES NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a seminar for a group of students who study library and information science in the Maldives National University. The seminar was organised on the request of the Maldives National University Mr. H.M. Gunaratna Banda, Mr. Gamini Silva, Mr. L.A. Jayatissa conducted lectures in the workshop.

STUDY TOURS OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

Following study tours of the National Library, have been organised during January - June 2012

- 1) Study tour for 25 students of the Sri Lanka Library Association on 30.01.2012
- 2) Study tour for 30 students of the Sri Lanka Library Association on 10.02.2012
- 3) Study tour for 40 students of the University of Kelaniya on 16.02.2012
- 4) Study tour for 100 students of the University of Kelaniya on April 2012.
- 5) Study for for 90 students of Bingiriya Sri Saranankara Vidyalaya on 17.03.2012
- 6) Study tour for 15 students of the Maldives National University on 14.06.2012

ACQUISITION OF SCHOLARS COLLECTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

Under the project for the acquisition of Scholars' collections, National Library has acquired the following collections during January- June 2012.

Dr. K. Jayathilaka collection
Madawala S. Rathnayaka collection
Edmond Asmarakkody collection
Prof. Miniwan P. Thilakarathna Collection.

SCOPUS ABSTRACTING AND CITATION DATABASE

National Science Foundation (NSF) has made available facilities for local scientists to access to scopus (abstracting and citation data base) and TEE AL (full text journal database at the National Science Library and Resource Centre from Monday to Friday from 8.30.am to 4.00 p.m. Searching and downloading of information/ articles is free for research and educational purposes. Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database containing both peer-reviewed research literature and quality web resources. Scopus consists of over 18,000 journal titles from more than 5000 international publishers and offers researchers a quick, easy and comprehensive information to support their research needs in the scientific technical, medical, social science and humanities and arts fields. In addition to the journals, scopus also covers 425 trade publications, 325 book series and 250 conference proceedings. The total number of records in scopus as at present is over 46 million. TEEAL (Essential Electronic Agricultural Library) is a digital library in agricultural research and education. It is a full text and researchable database of articles from 200 high quality research journals in agriculture and related areas.

Searching and downloading of articles is free for local scientists. Further information can be obtained from Library and Information Resource Centre, National Science Foundation 47/5, Vidya Mawtha, Colombo 7. Te. 2696771

3rd LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The third research symposium of library and information science was conducted on 12.05.2012 at the University of Kelaniya.

This research symposium was organised by Library and Information Science Alumni Association and the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya. Theme of the symposium was "information for social development " Objective of the symposium was to provide an opportunity to present research papers based on the bachelor's degree and postgraduate theses in library and information science and providing an opportunity for library professionals to meet senior library professionals and exchange ideas.

NATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON SAFEGUARING INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

National training workshop on the implementation of the 2003 convention for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage was held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute from 25 - 29 June 2012 . This workshop was organised by UNESCO New Delhi field office in collaboration with Ministry of Culture and the Arts, Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO and National Library and Documentation Service Board. The workshop is a part of the UNESCO Asia - Pacific regional project on "safeguarding intangible cultural heritage through strengthening of national

capacity in Sri Lanka ". The workshop was funded by the Japanese government under the UNESCO -Japanese Funds - in Trust cooperation. The aim of this workshop was to strengthen the safeguarding of ICH in Sri Lanka by providing theoretical and practical training on the implementation of the 2003 UNESCO convention. The workshop included presentations and exercises on the implementation of the 2003 UNESCO convention as well as a field trip. The resource persons of the workshop were Dr. Sajida Vandal of Pakistan, Dr. Rahul Goswami of India and Mr. Takahiko Makino of UNESCO.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 22nd June 2012 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo 07. Chief guest on the occasion was Prof. P.W. Apasinghe, Chairman of the Information Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka.

NACLIS 2012 PROGRAMME

The National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS) organised by the Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 21st June 2012 at Renuka Hotel, Colombo 3. This year's theme of the conference was Empowering Users Libraries and Librarians in the knowledge society.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

World Library and Information Congress

IFLA General Conference and Assembly

Duration : 11-17 August 2012

Venue : Helsinki, Finland

Theme : 'Libraries now' Inspiring, surprising, Empowering

Tel : 31703140884

Fax : 31703834827

mail : ifla@ifla.org

Website : www.ifla.org/

3rd INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INFORMATION MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD

Duration : 19 -21 Sept 2012

Venue : Ankara, Turkey

Organised by : Hacettepe University

Tel : +90(312)2978200

Fax : +90(312)2992014

Website : www.by2012bilgiyonetimi.net/

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION LITERACY

Duration : 21 - 22 Sept 2012

Venue : Georgia

Tel : 912.478.5551

Fax : 912.478.0847

Website : [www.http://ceps.georgia.southern.edu/](http://ceps.georgia.southern.edu/)E mail : kiran@um.edu.myWebsite : www.https://sites.google.com/sites/icolis2012**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASIA - PACIFIC DIGITAL LIBRARIES**

Duration : 12 - 15 November 2012

Venue : Taipei, Taiwan

Theme : The outreach of Digital Libraries : a globalised Resource Network

Tel : 886-2-3366-2284

E mail : ntulib@ntu.edu.twWebsite : www.icadl2012.org**9TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL, KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATIONAL LEARNING - ICLCKM 2012**

Bogota, Colombia

Duration : 18,19 October 2012

E mail : info@academic-conference.orgwebsite : <http://academic-conference.org>**4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES, INFORMATION AND SOCIETY**

Duration : 19 - 12 November 2012

Venue : petaling jaya, Malaysia

Theme : inclusion and outreach in libraries

INTERNATIONAL M-LIBRARIES CONFERENCE 2012

Duration : 24-26 Spetember

Venue : United Kingdom

theme : From Margin to Mainstream; mobile technologies transforming lives and libraries

E-mail : m-libraries-conference@open.ac.ukWebsite : www.m-libraries.org

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