
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF KOREA

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LEGAL DEPOSIT

The total volumes of library materials deposited in 2001 are 479,000, of which books are 116,500 (included 11,600 government publications), 115,800 theses, 219,500 periodicals, 26,900 non-printed materials. The Library spent 986,368,000 Korean Won (US\$758,000) to pay compensation to those who deposited two copies of their works to the Library. The Library is subjected to pay half of the selling price of each publication to the publishers in Korea.

To increase the rate of publications deposited the Library utilized the registration DB for government publications and the sales catalogue of a private book store. By employing these tools the Library was able to find out which publications were not deposited so the Library could encourage the publishers to deposit them. In addition, for materials published locally the Library utilized the domestic public library network designating 5 regional central libraries which collect the local materials on behalf of the National Library.

The subject of deposit includes books, periodicals, newspapers, society journals, government publications, research reports, maps, microforms, slides, cassettes, A/V, digital medium (VideoCD, DVD, CD-ROM, CD-I, CD-G, etc).

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

Conversion of old & rare materials among its collection into microfilm and digitization is a major issue for the National Library of Korea apart from the creation of the best suited environment for preservation and conservation of its collection. During the year 2001 the Library produced 1,246 rolls of microfilms to preserve 3,051 old periodicals, while 1,741 government publications were reproduced into print photos and some old newspapers and 2,000 Korean materials published between 1910 - 1945 have been preserved in specially designed book cases. Priority for conversion should be given to those materials which are the only copy of the original one or those which could be easily damaged.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL LIBRARY SERVICES

The Library has focused its efforts on extending the contents and IT infrastructure to meet the varying information needs of the general public. The major task in 2001 was to develop a new integrated information retrieval system of the National Electronic Library. This contains all the collection digitized with full text of six participated library including the National Assembly Library. The new system will retrieve information much faster and will increase the efficiency of operation and maintenance of the system. The new system has started in January 2002.

The library also developed an online medium collecting system to promote the coming of so called 'Anbang Library Age' (means full-scale digital library services for anyone, anytime, anywhere) that is expected to come after 2003 by obtaining online materials via legal deposit in near future.

E-CIP IMPLEMENTATION

The Library will operate the Cataloging in Publication (CIP) system from July 2002. Prior to developing this system the Library conducted a research on good practices done abroad and collected opinions from publishers and interested groups. e-CIP is named after that the entire process from application for CIP to allowance should be done through the Internet. The completed CIP data is used as a basic resource for the publication distribution information system run by publishers. The CIP data will be transmitted through the e-CIP homepage at the National Library of Korea and KOLIS-NET(Korean Library Information System Network) to libraries across the country, publishers, bookstores and the public.

TRAINING

The goals of training library practitioners in 2001 is to enforce education in relation to information and computer technology for librarians to be able to adapt to the Internet and digital era and also to offer high-quality and specialized information services with confidence to varying users. The total of 1,200 librarians from all types of libraries nationwide were trained in 2001. There are several courses, of which Information Retrieval, Library Homepage Design, Digital Library Management are included.

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