

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF KOREA

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LEGAL DEPOSIT

The subject of deposit includes books, periodicals(newspapers, magazines, society journals), cassettes, A/V, maps, slides, digital medium (VideoCD, DVD, CD-ROM, CD-I, CD-G, etc), original works among the microforms, government publications, research reports, etc. To increase the rate of publications deposited in the Library utilized the registration database 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. The total volumes of library materials deposited in 2001 are 490,046, of which books are 111,389, 10,802 government publications, 114,426 theses, 221,382 periodicals, 32,047 non-printed materials.

The Library spent 1,061,413,000 Korean Won 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.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

The National Library of Korea creates the best suited environment as well as scientifically analyzes the damaged materials for preservation and conservation of its collection and keeps up the conversion of old & rare materials among its collection into microfilm and digital formats. In the year 2002 the Library employed 2 staffs for the systematic preservation of the materials based on “analysis of the preservation environment”. During the year 2002 the Library 2,016 of periodicals, books, etc. were converted into microfilms, while 865 government publications and 612 official gazettes were reproduced into printed photos, 6,742 books have been preserved in specially designed book cases, and 99 books were covered with specially designed materials for the damage protection and restoration. 90 boxes are made of paulownia for the preservation of map materials. 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. In addition to that, the preservation technology got from the field trip to the National Library and Government Deposit Center is utilized.

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. The new system has started its work since January 2002. And the National Digital Library plan is on

the process to make the system that makes sure the continuous use of online and offline electronic materials by obtaining them as well as making room for the collection.

E-CIP IMPLEMENTATION

The Library operates the Cataloguing in Publication (CIP) system from July 2002 to June 2003 for an exhibition. 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 numbering 280 at the end of the year 2002. 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.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY KOREAN OLD BOOKS

The National Library plans to present related academic world and researchers with a annotated bibliography for 150,000 Korean old books of 37,500 kinds to let them know the culture of Korean books. An annotated bibliography is expected to be presented with the original text of Korean old books for a contribution to the development of Koreanology and related field of study. The National Library currently has about 260,000 old books, of which 42 books of 12 kinds are registered as national cultural property.

TRAINING

The goals of training library practitioners in 2002 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 1,250 librarians from all types of libraries nationwide were trained in 2002. There are several courses, of which Library Policy Management, Library Administration Practice, Library Books Development, Information Retrieval, Library Homepage Design, Non-printed Materials Management, Digital Library Management are included.

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