

# MALAYSIA

## NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MALAYSIA

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## ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2003 – 2004

### INTRODUCTION

This report provides a general overview of the development in library and information services in Malaysia with particular reference to the National Library of Malaysia in 2003/2004.

### PERSONNEL

Dr. Haji Wan Ali bin Wan Mamat, Director Collection Development and Documentation was promoted as Deputy Director General, effective 1 January 2004.

The National Library establishment as at 31 December 2003 is as follows:

Headquarters

Professional: 125

Support Staff: 332

Total: 457

Cadre Post in Federal Ministries and Department

Professional: 132

Support Staff: 570

Total: 702

### MALAYSIA REMUNERATION SYSTEM

A new remuneration system known as Sistem Saraan Malaysia (Malaysia Remuneration System) was introduced for the public sector in Malaysia in November 2002. The National Library of Malaysia as a Federal Department implemented the new remuneration system throughout 2003. The implementation includes regarding of posts, conducting courses and examinations for all grades of staff for Competency Level Assessment (PTK) which is an essential feature of the new system. The PTK assessment is used as a qualifying standard for special salary increment and promotion. The Director General of the National Library as Head of the Library Common User Service Scheme, chairs the Library Service Competency Levels Assessment Board.

## **QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

The National Library of Malaysia has been awarded the MS ISO 9001: 2000 certificate by SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd. in April 2004. The scope of implementation is the "National collection development ie. To enforce, trace, receive, register, document, maintain and preserve as well as make available materials for reference received under the *Deposit of Library Material Act 1986*.

The Annual Quality Week was held in November 2003 with a range of Quality Week Activities including an exhibition on the achievements of the National Library of Malaysia from November 2002 until October 2003 and the National Library of Malaysia Excellent Service Award Ceremony was held on 10 October 2003.

## **DIGITAL LIBRARIES**

### ***THE 6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASIAN DIGITAL LIBRARIES (ICADL 2003)***

The National Library in cooperation with the Librarian's Association of Malaysia (PPM) and the National University of Malaysia hosted the Sixth International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL 2003) at the Prince Hotel and Residence, Kuala Lumpur from 8-12 December 2003. A total of 68 papers were presented and 300 participants including 80 from overseas attended the Conference. The proceedings, published by Springer Verlag, were made available.

### ***E-LIBRARY USER EDUCATION MODULE***

The National Library of Malaysia has developed an E-Library User Education Module funded by UNESCO. E-Library User Education Module is an outline self-tutorial or learning package aimed at educating the public to become skilled library users. This module is available in Malay and English and can be accessed at <http://www.elib.gov.my>. It is now being adapted for use in public libraries in Asia Pacific countries.

### ***THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC DIGITAL***

The International Islamic Digital Library (IIDL) was established to serve as an authoritative and reliable source of information on Islam and Muslims. As a knowledge portal the objectives of the IIDL are to:

Provide information on Islam and Muslims around the world.

Act as a referral centre to direct enquiries on Islam to appropriate sources of information.

Promote the sharing and exchange of knowledge among scholars of Islam and those interested in Islam and the Muslim way of life.

Provide easy access to information in a variety of formats and languages from any part of the world.

Act as an authoritative, comprehensive and reliable source of information on Islam to enable the world to understand Islam better.

9 major libraries with substantial collections on Islam participated in the project with the National Library of Malaysia as Coordinator and the Multimedia Development Cooperation as Adviser.

The IIDL portal was showcased at the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Organisation of Islamic countries (OIC) Summit Conference held at the Putrajaya Convention Centre, Putrajaya, Malaysia from 11-18 October 2003.

### ***LAUNCH OF "OUR SOVEREIGN" PORTAL***

A portal dedicated to the institution of monarchy in Malaysia named "Our Sovereign" will be launched by His Majesty the Yang DiPertuan Agog on 15 June 2004 in conjunction with the King's Birthday.

## **READING PROMOTION**

### ***KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR***

The Annual Kuala Lumpur International Book Fair takes place at the putra World Trade Centre from 21-30 May 2004. The National Library this year has its biggest ever presence with a specially designed pavilion constructed occupying space for 12 booths to promote its Digital Library Services, publications, membership registration and book repair demonstration. Response from the public, especially for registration, has been very encouraging with 500-700 registering each day.

### ***NATIONAL READING MONTH***

This year's National Reading Month in July 2004 will kick off with the National Reading Summit on 1<sup>st</sup> July followed by the Storytelling Congress on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and a series of reading activities throughout the month, including My Favourite Read, Book Launch, exhibition, and an Internet quiz called Info-Hunt. The theme for this year's Reading Month is 'Reading Nourishes the Mind – Make Reading a Family Activity'.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

A total of 18 titles were published by the National Library in 2003. Some of the titles are as follows:

Warisan Manuskrip Melayu

Bibliography Dr Mahathir Mohamad (3 volumes)

Bibliografi Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj (with CD-ROM version)

Bibliografi Warisan Budaya Melayu

Buletin Perpustakaan Awam Negeri, bil. 1 dan 2, 2003

Direktori Laman Web Wanita Malaysia

Garis Panduan Program Literasi Berasaskan Perpustakaan: Beberapa Cadangan Praktikal

Laporan Bulan Membaca Kebangsaan 2003

Perkhidmatan Perpustakaan Awam: IFLA/UNESCO Garis Panduan Pembangunan

## **REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### ***PRE WLIC/IFLA WORKSHOP ON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES***

The above Workshop of Directors of National Libraries in Developing Countries was organised by the National Library of Malaysia under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) in Kuala Lumpur from 23-28 May 2004. The idea for the Workshop was proposed by Dr Peter Loos, Director of the National Library of South Africa at the IFLA Standing Committee for National Libraries meeting in Glasgow in August 2002. The Committee agreed with the National Library of Malaysia's proposal to organise the Workshop at the National Library Standing Committee Meeting in Berlin, August 2003.

15 Directors of National Libraries from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos People's Democratic Republic, Philippines, Vietnam, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Malawi, South Africa and Republic of Uzbekistan attended the workshop with 4 senior librarians from the National Library and State Public Libraries in Malaysia.

The Workshop Programmes included Library Visits and a Panel Discussion on **“Bridging the Digital Divide: Issues and Challenges in Developing Countries”**.

***UNESCO REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON DIGITAL PRESERVATION***

A UNESCO Regional Workshop on Digital Preservation will be organised by the National Library of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur from 21-26 June 2004. 16 participants from National Libraries and Archives in Asia Oceania will be participating in the Workshop.

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