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Recent Developments and Activities:

- The meeting entitled with “The Place of National Libraries in Intercultural Communication” was held on the dates of 15-17 April, 2011 in Ankara within the framework of 65th foundation anniversary events of the National Library of Turkey. The representatives of the Azerbaijan National Library, The British Library, Crimean Tatar Gasprinskiy Library, The National Library of Morocco, The Library of Congress, The National Szechenyi Library, The National Library of Russia, The Russian State Library and The National library of Northern Cyprus attended the meeting and delivered a presentation about meeting theme.
- In December 2010, Cultural and Scientific Cooperation Protocol was signed between Juma Al Majid Culture and Cultural Heritage Center which is located at United Arab Emirates and The National Library of Turkey. In the framework of this protocol, both sides exchange their digital manuscript collections.
- Digitization of the phonograph record collection of the National library of Turkey has been finalized. This collection can be accessed on the web page of the library.

- A new legislation concerned with service of the national library is updated and promulgated just after publishing at the official newspaper. Moreover, “Loan Instruction”, “the selection instruction for library materials” and “the donation instruction for library materials” were prepared and put into service.
- The Talking Library Section was improved in respect for personnel and technical infrastructural and begun to serve under the name of the National Library Visually Handicapped Center.

Collection (as of the end of May 2011)

The National library of Turkey has a collection of 2,933,620 volumes consisting of books, periodicals and non-book materials. The number of books in the library is 1,262,439 volumes, while the periodicals collection contains 1,437,291 volumes. The total number of non-book material such as maps, posters, musical notes, sound recordings and pictures is 206,380 and that of rare titles and valuable manuscripts is 27,310. The total number of Old Turkish books is 56,239.

Budget

The total budget of the NLT for 2011 is 12,933,000 TL (5,649,888 EUR). Within the total budget the investment budget for 2011 is 5,452,000 TL (2,389,293 EUR)

Staffing Matters

Currently 211 staff including 16 librarians, 14 experts and 2 assistant experts on different subjects are employed in The National Library.

Conservation/Preservation of Collections

The Pathology and Restoration Laboratory of The National Library was established in 2002 for the purpose of restoration and preservation of damaged manuscripts and rare books. At this Laboratory, wet-dry cleaning of paper and leather works, deacidification, disinfection, removal of stains, pigment fixed, cleaning, strengthening, completing etc. works are done. The restoration and conservation works have been carried out by five staff.

In 2010, seven manuscripts, three rare book and six non-book materials were repaired at the laboratory. Moreover, approximately 7.000 volumes materials were bind in the National Library Printing House Section.

Restoration and Conservation Laboratory of the National library of Turkey have been equipped with new restoration materials.

Projects

- *Transferring Manuscripts and Periodicals Collections of the National Library into the microform environment*

This Project is aimed to transfer the manuscripts, rare books and periodicals into microform environment in order to save the damages as a result of overuse and serve researchers these works via microform.

In 2010, 460 volumes (180.000 poses) periodicals were transferred to the Microform environment.

- *Digitization of the Periodical Collection of the National Library of Turkey/ Periodicals Information System (PIS)*

It is aimed to digitize whole periodical collection of the library and service them on the web. Up to now, 1824 old Turkish periodicals with 3824 volumes (855.000 poses) have been digitized. These digitized periodicals are accessible on the web page <http://sureli.mk.gov.tr>

- *Computer Installation and Software Project*

This project is aimed to implement technological improvements to library services effectively, to develop databases of the National Library and to expand the role of the National Library in the initiative of e-library and e-state. The project is going to be continued until transferring all bibliographic identification tags to the database.

Up to now, Bibliographic catalog cards of 35.000 books and 2.750 rare books have been transferred to database.

The number of the National Library web site visitors was 543.551 in 2010 and 109.419 researchers have accessed to the Periodicals Information System (PIS) Web Page.

- *National Library Additional Store Construction*

In order to meet the storage needs of the National Library, the construction of an underground triplex store building have been started in November 2010. This repository will equipped with air conditioners, security cameras, elevators and rail carriage systems.

Cultural Activities

- An exhibition called “Posters of Award-wining Turkish Movies” was hold at Sarajevo Film Fest.
- Famous Turkish painter Hoca Ali Rıza’s paintings in the National library Collection was exhibited in Istanbul.
- The National Library organized a cultural activity named “Poetry Days” with the collaboration of TURSAB. It has been taken placed on the last Friday of all months. In every meeting, different Turkish poets are presented and also their poems are recited.

Inter-library Co-Operation

“The Turkish National Bibliography” and “Bibliography of Articles in Turkish Periodicals prepared by the National Library” are sent to different libraries institutes of Oriental Studies and information centers in the other countries. The National Library has agreed on cultural Exchange Programs with several countries throughout the world.