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#LibraryAdvocacy Forum



On **November 11**, the ASLP conducted a forum entitled #Library Advocacy : Championing Change Beyond Slogans with Mr. Quintin Pastrana, a producer and anchor of Bloomberg TV as their resource speaker. Mr. Pastrana shared his library advocacy through his Library Renewal Project. It was attended by 40 participants from the academe, public and private libraries and students from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.



ASLP joins the 26th Library & Information Service (LIS) Month Celebration by Maria Teresa M. Cabance

The month of November was declared Library and Information Service (LIS) Month by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 837 in 1991.

This year's LIS month celebration has a theme: "Library as a Place" Continual Learning in the Information Landscape". The event was spearheaded by The NLP and PLAI. Library associations, like the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines, Inc. (ASLP), were invited to participate in the celebration.



Photos during the Fun Walk

OPENING CEREMONIES. On **November 4**, the celebration of the LIS Month was formally opened with a two part program. The event kicked off with a *Fun Walk*. ASLP President Edeliza Gallo and Maria Teresa Cabance (Treasurer) participated in the Fun Walk. This was followed by a *Eucharistic Mass* officiated by Father Herralfon Araceli at the NLP lobby. Ms. Alicia Paraiso (Adviser) served as one of the gospel reader during the mass.

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Photos taken during the Eucharistic Mass

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In the afternoon, the second part of the opening ceremonies was held at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel in Sta. Cruz, Manila. The program consisted of the awarding of the winners of this year's search for 2016 Outstanding Public Libraries with Special Programs on Culture and Arts, and the launching of Gedenkschrift in honor of Director Antonio Santos. These were jointly hosted by the NLP, PLAI, and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts-National Committee for Library and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS).

Ms. Mercedita B. Servida, ASLP Board of Director was one of the judges for this year's search for outstanding public libraries. The winners were : 1st Place - Quezon Public Library, 2nd place - Angeles City Public Library and 3rd place - Quezon City Public Library. Ms. Cabance and Ms. Paraiso were present in this event.



PLAI CONGRESS. ASLP hosted one of the parallel sessions of the PLAI Congress, a three day Congress with the theme "*Library as Continual Place of Learning*" held at the SMX Convention Center, SM City Lanang, Davao City last November 23 to 25, 2016. On **November 24**, Ms. Gallo presented her paper "Bringing Philippine Libraries into the International Information Landscape". The paper was co-authored by Ms. Milagros Santos-Ong and showcased the best practices of the libraries visited in ASLP's benchmarking programs in Germany and Asia. Ms. Rosally Funclara and Ms. Cabance assisted her in the presentation.





Simultaneously, a poster exhibit was held at the NLP in celebration of the National Book week. ASLP participated in the exhibit as shown in the pictures below.



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LIBRARIAN'S DAY. To end this year's LIS Month celebration, PLAI hosted a coachella themed party dubbed as PLAI@93: Fellowship and Fun last **November 30** at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel, Sta. Cruz, Manila. Librarians had a chance to showcase their talents through a competition "Librarian's Got Talent". Representatives from different library associations sang their favorite song. Librarians also had the chance to mingle and converse with their colleagues. It was a day of joy for all the attendees.



This year's celebration of the LIS Month has been very productive, informative and fruitful. And we are proud to be one of the associations who participated in the LIS Month celebration this 2016.

by Rosally Funclara

The Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP) Executive Board was lucky to be given a chance to tour six (6) special libraries in Tokyo, Japan from October 12 to 14, 2016, through the help of the Japan Special Libraries Association (JSLA). The ASLP Executive Board was able to visit the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Keio University, National Diet, Supreme Court of Japan and United Nations University (UNU) libraries.

On October 12, ASLP Executive Board visited JETRO Business Library in the morning. JET-RO Library's collections are mostly on the subject of international trade, business and investment. They also have CD-ROM collections containing recent trade and economic data. Ms. Mikiko Aoyama, Director of JETRO conducted the library tour. Unfortunately, taking photos is prohibited inside the JETRO Library. We were only allowed to take pictures in their lobby.



In the afternoon, the ASLP Executive Board visited the **JICA Library**. The Library caters to people engaged in international cooperation, but they also serve anyone who wants to access materials available in their library. **Ms. Kazuko Maeda**, the Library Director, provided a brief background of JICA Library and toured the group around the Library.



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Below is a sample of JICA Library's classification.



Another thing that caught the attention of the group was the center table. They were able to maximize their space by using the hexagon table.



For its day two, **October 13**, ASLP toured Keio University, National Diet and Supreme Court of Japan libraries.

At Keio University Library, Mr. Hideyuki Seki, Manager, Media Center Office, gave the ASLP Executive Board a brief background of the library. Two of Mr. Seki's staff toured the group around the library after the briefing.



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The Photoshoot Room mentioned by Mr. Seki during his briefing created curiosity to the group. Apparently, the Photoshoot Room is a scanning room with a twist manned by one person. Inside, was a camera-like scanner, which scans the materials placed in a glass. The scanned material is directly saved in a computer.



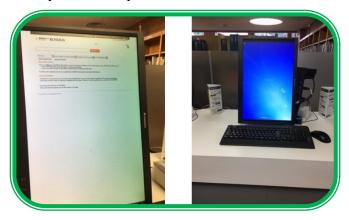
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At Keio University Library's Archives Room, different serial collections were stored in microfilms. The oldest serial collection dates back to 1851.



In order to save space, the computer monitors in Keio's Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) were positioned upside down.

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Japan is well-known for its works of art. The seat outside the library's reading area (pictures shown below) captured the attention of the group. The seat is called "Ocean of Information". It was designed like a whale swimming in the ocean.

Keio University Library also provides photocopying services and users can use their PASMU or Suica cards (Japan's electronic card which is mostly used in riding its trains) to pay your photocopying bills.





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After Keio University Library, the ASLP Executive Board visited the **National Diet Library (NDL)**. **Ms Junko Hori** of the NDL welcomed us in their library. We were briefed of NDL's background by *Mr. Chifuyu Hiyama*, Assistant Director of the Branch Libraries and Cooperation Division, Administrative Department of the NDL. NDL is the only national library in Japan. It was built in 1948 to assist members of the National Diet of Japan in their researches. *Ms. Yuko Kumakura*, a staff of NDL toured us around the NDL Library.





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The main building houses book collections and the reading rooms of NDL. As Japanese are very keen in respecting each people's privacy, taking photos in the reading rooms is prohibited. The annex building houses the archived collections of NDL. The archived collections is found thirty (30) feet below the ground and has eight (8) floors.



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Basement 8 or the lowest floor houses a conveyor where NDL staff at the main floor places the requested archived material. The requested material shall be delivered to the user waiting at the main floor through the same conveyor as shown in the picture below.



The archived materials are shown in the pictures below :



NDL staff places a clear plastic on the shelf of old newspapers to indicate that the newspaper has already been stored in other medium. They place the clear plastic to preserve the old newspaper which is



already torn and to avoid further damage.

Japanese loves reading Manga series and it has been part of Japan's culture. NDL preserves copies of all Manga series.

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The last library visited on Day 2 is the **Supreme Court of Japan Library**. Taking photos is also prohibited inside the library. **Mr. Masahiro Hiraki**, Judge and Director of the Supreme Court of Japan Library, answered the questions which was sent ahead of the visit to the library.

The Supreme Court of Japan Library serves as the branch library for the judicial section of NDL. It has as total of about 270,000 books of which 170,000 are in Japanese and about 100,000 are foreign books.



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After the library visits for the 2nd day, the JSLA was generous enough to prepare a simple welcome party for ASLP. The **JSLA President Mr. Yoshio Suzuki** gave his welcome speech. And Ms. Edeliza Gallo, ASLP President also responded by thanking the JSLA for the warm welcome and for arranging the library tours for the ASLP Board.



The Kojimachi café surprised us with a tray of desserts with drawings of greetings and the Philippine flag.



On October 14, the last day of the library tour, the ASLP Executive Board visited the United Nations University (UNU) Library. Ms. Yumiko Motoda and 2 of her staff provided us with background information on UNU Library.

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The library provides library and information services to assist and enhance the university's activities.



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They also provide electronic and online resources to their clients.



The ASLP Executive Board would like to thank JSLA President Mr. Yoshio Suzuki and the members of JSLA especially Ms. Akiko Fujii and Ms. Junko Kurita who accompanied them in their library tours. Indeed, it was a very educational and enjoyable tour. The members of the Executive Board were able to see how Japan, Tokyo in particular, manages some of its special libraries. The Board would also like to thank the special libraries visited for their generosity in giving information and responding to questions about their libraries. The libraries visited possess efficiency and thorough handling and management of their information resources. The learnings acquired from the library tours will hopefully be shared with fellow librarians and colleagues in the Philippines.

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