

**ALA IRC Asia & Oceania Subcommittee
Annual Report
Submitted by Katherina Lee, Chair 25 June 2021**

1. The ALA IRC Asia & Oceania subcommittee member for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:
Chair : Katherina Lee
Members : Buenaventura B. Basco
Caitlin Mackenzie Mannion
John Hickok
Michael Huang
2. The committee met via virtual meeting on June 1, 2020, August 31, 2020, and January 21, 2021, March 9, 2021 and June 17, 2021.
3. ALA IRC Asia & Oceania Update on Work Plan and Deliverables for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

3.1 ALA 2021 Annual

The committee submitted 3 programme proposals for ALA 2021 Annual and pending acceptance from ALA:

3.1.1 Asia and Oceania Libraries: Rewriting the Future of Libraries jointly organized with IFLA Asia and Oceania and Chinese Librarians Association (CALA).

3.1.2 Innovation and Inclusivity in Malaysia Libraries: Partnerships and Community Engagement for a Reading Society jointly organized with the Malaysia Public Libraries Association

3.1.3 Libraries in the Philippines: Innovation and Community Engagement

ALA annual conference committee approved the above 3 programme. Katherina has tried to discuss with ALA international relations office for the IRC Asia & Oceania to organize all 3 programmes in ALA annual. However, the ALA annual conference committee would like the IRC Asia & Oceania committee to decide only 1 programme. In view of the tight deadline set and lead time that the committee may require to discuss with Philippines and Malaysia libraries. IRC Asia & Oceania submitted the programme on Rewriting the future of libraries in collaboration with IFLA Asia & Oceania section and Chinese Librarians Association (CALA).

3.2 ALA and IRRT Membership – Asia & Oceania

The committee plans to support in promoting the ALA and IRRT

membership to the Asia & Oceania libraries and librarians. The committee was in discussion with the Japanese Libraries to connect the libraries in Asia (ie, Thailand, China and Singapore) via webinar event in June 2021. In this event, the IRC Asia Oceania has also arranged the ALA representative to share on the ALA's UN SDGs with the Japanese librarians. In end April 2021, this organizer informed IRC Asia & Oceania Chair that the event is cancelled this event due to the rising number of covid 19 pandemic cases in Japan.

3.3 IRC Asia & Oceania Webinar Series

The committee has proposed to kick start IRC Asia & Oceania Webinar Series with 1st proposed webinar titled "Maintaining US-Asia Library Partnerships during the COVID-19 Pandemic" scheduled in November/December 2020. In view of many webinars from ALA and libraries in Asia & Oceania and around the world, this 1st proposed webinar was on hold.

3.4 Asia & Oceania Resource List

The committee members have completed update of the Asia & Oceania Resource list in November 2020.

In June 2021, the committee members completed full update on all Asia Oceania resource list. We had written to ALA International Relations office to propose if the Asia & Oceania resource can be hosted as a webpage rather than in pdf format.

- East Asia
 - China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan
 - South Korea
 - Japan
- South East Asia
 - Brunei
 - Cambodia
 - Laos
 - Malaysia
 - Singapore
 - Myanmar
 - Thailand
 - Vietnam
 - Indonesia
 - Philippines
- Oceania
 - Australia, New Zealand, Marshall Islands, Guam, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Micronesia, Samoa.

- 3.5 IRC -Asia & Oceania social media (Facebook)
As of June 24, 2021, The IRC Asia Oceania have 97 followers and 82 likes.
- 3.6 WeChat group
A WeChat Group was set up on 5 December for Asia & Oceania committee for regular discussion, networking and update.
- 3.7 IRC Asia & Oceania Subcommittee Members (July 2021 to June 2022)
If possible, Michael Huang, Ven and John said they are keen to continue the IRC Asia & Oceania subcommittee in the new term. Caitlin said she would like to take a break from her past 5-year term with this committee. She recommends her colleague in NYU-Shanghai, Henry Huang as a new committee member representing the NYU-Shanghai.

