

## **Public Libraries Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting agenda and summary of discussion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 17 June 2011**

#### **Progress report on the Development of IT Application in Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL)**

1. Members were being briefed of the followings:-

- i. The cut-over and migration of the current Library Automation System to the new Next Generation Integrated Library System (NGILS) was scheduled for 24 – 26 December 2011. Live-run and roll-out of the new system would target to commence on 27 December 2011. The launch of the pilot run of RFID application for 6 selected libraries would also commence on the same date;
- ii. The new and enhanced features of the new NGILS included the fully revamped library on-line catalogue and some other useful features on user-interface, etc.;
- iii. The upgraded Multimedia Information System would be rolled-out in 2013;
- iv. If the 6-month pilot run for the RFID system proves to be successful, HKPL will draw up plan for the full implementation of RFID application for HKPL; and
- v. HKPL will continue path our way forward on the enhancement and integration of the searching function of the MMIS and NGILS after completion of the two upgrading projects as well as the future plans to enhance automated and online library services.

2. Members' discussion was summarized as follows:-

- i. Members were assured that adequate backup and maintenance support would be provided for the proposed 24-hour RFID book-drop at selected library after office hours in their future plan;

- ii. Regarding the proposed plan for the provision of 24-hour self-service library kiosk in future, HKPL was exploring suitable solution to circumvent service requirement and the physical limitation in space;
- iii. The new library system should enhance user-friendliness in using e-books with the provision of federated search; and
- iv. To introduce the new features of the new library system and to appeal for more public awareness, soft launch of pilot run of the new library catalogue would be mounted up onto the library homepage for public use before the live-run of the new NGILS system.

**Programme in celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hong Kong Central Library (HKCL)**

- 3. Members were being briefed of the following programmes and activities which would take place in 2011 – 12 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the HKCL : -
  - i. 4.23 World Book Day Activities – Roving Exhibition of winning entries of “4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition in 2011”;
  - ii. Summer Reading Month 2011;
  - iii. Hong Kong Biennial Awards for Chinese Literature – Literary Seminars;
  - iv. Hong Kong Literature Subject Talks – “Dialogue Between Past and Present Series”;
  - v. Monthly Literary Talk – “Literature and Space”
  - vi. “A Female Author Like Me – A book exhibition of the works of XiXi” and Exhibition on “Handmade bears by XiXi”;
  - vii. Exhibition on “A Decade of Documents Collection Campaigns of the Hong Kong Central Library: Review and Prospect”; and
  - viii. Exhibition of Music Document cum Mini Concert – “Wut Man-chung”.

## **Collection development of the “Documents Collection Campaign” and the “Hong Kong Music Collection Campaign”**

4. Members noted that the purpose of the two collection campaigns were to collect documents of historical and archival value for building up a collection to promote research on Chinese and local culture as well as the awareness in the preservation of local historical documents.
5. Members’ discussion was summarized as follows:
  - i. The subjects of document collection were very diverse and different organizations built up their collections basing on their policy objectives and resources available. Different organizations could consolidate and strengthen their collections and cooperate through liaison and loan and exchange of collections; and
  - ii. Members suggested that:-
    - (a) collection should also include various subjects;
    - (b) consider engaging local researchers to assist in the collection, research and conservation work;
    - (c) the HKCL could consider coordinating with different institutions to collect, organize and preserve valuable collections;
    - (d) to include in the school curriculum the study of the afore-said collections on local history and culture, to organize thematic projects for students, or to organize study visits to museums and libraries so as to promote and arouse young peoples’ interests; and
    - (e) more resources should be allocated to the building of the document collections in the preservation of local heritage and the promotion of local studies to young people.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Setting Up Book Drops in MTR Station**

6. Book drops would be placed in Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Nan Cheong, Central and Kowloon Tong stations starting from October as a trial run for one year.

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