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From the Chair

I am pleased to announce that the next MOWCAP General Meeting will be held in Gwangju, Republic of Korea, from Tuesday 29 May to Friday 1 June. The agenda for the General Meeting is currently being developed and invitations to send delegates to the meeting will soon be sent to National Commissions. Gwangju is the home of the Asia Culture Center where the MOWCAP Office is based.

Thank you to the organisations that we have worked with over the last 6 months. In particular I would like to recognise the Asia Culture Center in Gwangju, Republic of Korea, whose financial support has been very important for our work .. Thank you also to the National Commission for UNESCO in Japan and the Japanese Memory of the World Committee who hosted the MOWCAP Bureau meeting in July 2017.

Mr. Li Minghua (MOWCAP chair)

Congratulations to countries from the Asia Pacific Region who had documentary heritage inscribed on the international register in November 2017.

The successful countries were Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

UPDATE ON NOMINATION PROCESS

If you would like a copy of one or more of the nomination files for the 2017/18 round, please contact the MOWCAP Secretary-General at mowcapinfo@gmail.com to request. In addition, you may give input/feedback/comments on the nomination files to the Secretary-General of MOWCAP via the MOWCAP email address (mowcapinfo@gmail.com). This will then be passed to the RSC for their consideration. Any comments must be received by Friday 23 February 2018.

Please check the [MOWCAP website](#) for more information.



The Republic of Korea National Commission drew on MOWCAP expertise on Memory of the World to run a [training workshop for the Africa region](#) in Windhoek, Namibia.

The objective of the workshop was to increase awareness of the significance of documentary heritage in the Africa region and to assist countries to prepare their applications for nomination to UNESCO registers.



A regional workshop on the UNESCO Recommendation on Documentary Heritage was held at the National Library and Archives of Iran. The workshop in Tehran resulted in the adoption of a [Regional Co-operation Plan for the Implementation of the Recommendation in Western and Central Asia](#).

(photo courtesy of UNESCO)

Three workshops on the Implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation in Asia and the Pacific have now been held

[ASEAN Member States](#) in May 2017

[Western and Central Asia Member States](#) (see above)

Pacific Member States - a workshop was held in Suva, Fiji in September 2017 with the support of PARBICA and the Asia Culture Center. The action plan is currently being finalised.

Knowledge Centre Activities



China

A [Knowledge Centre](#) was opened on 11 July 2017. It is based in Beijing at the School of Information Resource Management, Renmin University.

The opening was followed by a forum on China and the Memory of the World.

Macau

In November, the Macau Knowledge Centre, the City University of Macau and the Macau Documentation and Information Society organised a seminar focused on increasing cooperation on preserving and providing access to, the documentary heritage of Macau, Goa, Timor-Leste and Malacca. The seminar took place with the generous support of the Macau Foundation.

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Seminars and Workshops



Preservation of Woodblocks in Asia

[An International Symposium](#) hosted by the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam was held in November 2017 in Da Lat city.

Woodblocks are found in a number of countries in East Asia, including Korea, Japan, China and Vietnam, and reflect the historical and cultural identity of each country. The objective of the Symposium was to promote exchange of knowledge and cooperation among countries with woodblock collections.



A Memory of the World [training workshop for film archivists](#) was held in October 2017 in Yangon, Myanmar. The training was made possible by the generous financial support of the Asia Culture Center through the ongoing partnership with MOWCAP.

The organisers were the “Save Myanmar Film Project”, in collaboration with the Myanmar Ministry of Information and Culture.

An [International Seminar on Human Rights Archives: Agents of Accountability and Justice](#) was held in Gwangju City, Republic of Korea, in September 2017. The international seminar was jointly organised by Gwangju City, the Asia Culture Center, and the Korean National Commission for UNESCO, in cooperation with MOWCAP and the Asia Culture Institute.

The purpose of the seminar was to acknowledge human rights archives as powerful agents for achieving justice, by supporting reconciliation and recovery in societies.

Quick links

The minutes from the Bureau Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan from 19 - 21 July can be found on [this page of the MOWCAP website](#)

The Bureau also reviewed and adopted the [minutes of the 7th MOWCAP General Meeting](#) held in Hue, Vietnam from 18 - 20 May 2016.



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