

## From the Chair

In the last 6 months our region has supported two major initiatives which are a first for the Programme. In September a MOWCAP Centre, which will support MOWCAP activities, was opened in Gwangju, Republic of Korea and in November the first Memory of the World Knowledge Centre was opened in Macau.

There are also two very important pieces of information that I need to highlight. Nominations for inscription to the MOWCAP register close on **31 August 2017** and the MOWCAP website URL has been changed to [www.mowcapunesco.org](http://www.mowcapunesco.org).

Mr. Li Minghua (MOWCAP chair)

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### Nominations for Inscription Close 31 August

All the information that you need to submit a nomination can be found at

<http://www.mowcapunesco.org/core-activities/register/nominations/>

We expect to announce the successful nominations in May or June 2018.

### First Knowledge Centre Opens

Congratulations to the City University of Macau and the Macau Documentation and Information Society (MDIS) who have jointly established the first Memory of the World Knowledge Centre. The Centre was proposed by Professor Lothar Jordan, Vice-Chair of the Memory of the World International Advisory Committee, and the initiative was led by Dr Helen Jeong, the director of the MDIS. The Centre opened on 21 November 2016 and a special exhibition on Memory of the World inscriptions was curated for the occasion.



MOWCAP representatives at opening

### New URL for MOWCAP Website

The MOWCAP website has a new URL.

Take a look at [www.mowcapunesco.org](http://www.mowcapunesco.org)

### MOWCAP Centre Opens



ACC and MOWCAP representatives at the opening

In September a MOWCAP Centre opened in the Republic of Korea. It is the first such Centre for the Memory of the World Programme.

The Centre is hosted in the Asia Culture Centre in Gwangju and will be an information and documentation centre for the Memory of the World programme in the Asia Pacific region. The Asia Culture Centre is providing staff and resources to support the successful development of the region's Memory of the World Programme.

### Review of the Memory of the World Programme

The Review of the Guidelines and Companion is making good progress. Updates will be provided when available. Thank you to everyone who made submissions.

## **Documentary Heritage in South East Asia**



**Workshop in Timor Leste**

UNESCO and the Government of Malaysia are working together to safeguard documentary heritage with a particular focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in South East Asia

A project has started in Myanmar. It includes a series of national level training workshops on developing register nominations, a national survey of documentary heritage, and a publication and accompanying exhibition on Myanmar's rich documentary heritage.

A National Committee has been launched in Timor Leste. The launch included a two-day capacity building workshop with local stakeholders.

## **Increasing Visibility for the Asia Pacific region**

UNESCO in partnership with the Korean National Commission for UNESCO, National Archives of Fiji and the Fiji National Commission for UNESCO conducted a workshop in Suva, Fiji. Ten countries were represented at the workshop which focused on preparing nominations for inscription to Memory of the World registers.



**Participants Visit the National Archives of Fiji**

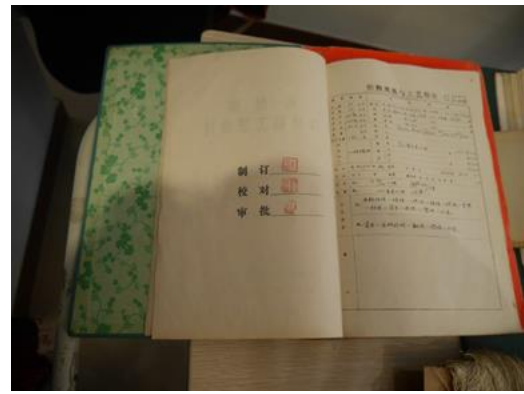
## **Committee to be Formed in DPRK**

A Memory of the World workshop was held in early November in Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). The purpose of the workshop was to provide an overview of the UNESCO Recommendation Concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage Including in Digital Form, and to provide information to assist with the establishment of a Memory of the World National Committee

## **Seminar in Suzhou, China**

A seminar on Memory of the World and the Development of Archives Work was held in Suzhou in November 2016.

The Suzhou City Archives is home to The Archives of Suzhou Silk Samples of Modern and Contemporary Times, inscribed on the MOWCAP register in 2016.



**Silk archive at Suzhou City Archives**

## **Contacting MOWCAP**

Use the contact form on the website if you have any questions or need help with the nomination form. We are always pleased to help.

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