

2015 Annual Report (Republic of Korea)

1. Name of the National Committee of MOW (hereafter referred as Committee);

- No separate MOW National Committee has been established in Korea. The Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU) acts in the place of a MOW National Committee.

2. Namelist of the Committee, Contact person of the Administration Office of the Committee;

- N/A

3. Contact Information (E-mail address, Postal address, Telephone no, Fax no and website, etc)

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4. Structure of the Committee and any subsidiary bodies

- N/A

5. Statutes and the terms of reference of the Committee

- N/A

6. Fundamental resources for year 2015

- Budget: Approximately 93,600 USD
 - Financial contribution from the Cultural Heritage Administration of Korea (CHA): approximately 93,600 USD (for organizing the 5th UNESCO Memory of the World Regional Training Workshop)

7. Activities and achievement for year 2015

■ Inscription of 2 items on the Memory of the World International Register

- The Archives of the KBS Special Live Broadcast “Finding Dispersed Families”
- Confucian Printing Woodblocks

■ 6th UNESCO Memory of the World Regional Training Workshop

- This workshop was arranged jointly by KNCU, the Cultural Heritage Administration of Korea, the UNESCO Kingston Office, and the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO, with the aim of helping under-represented fellow countries in the Latin American and Caribbean Region to prepare their nominations for the Memory of the World (MOW) International Register
- Date: 24-27 August 2015
- Venue: Kingston, Jamaica
- Participant Countries : British Virgin Islands, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Jamaica, Panama, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, St.Kitts and Nevis, St. Maarten

(2014) 5th UNESCO Memory of the World Regional Training Workshop

- Date : 17-20 September 2014
- Venue : Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Participant Countries : Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Uzbekistan

■ Support for establishment of a MOWCAP Center in Gwangju

- Recognizing the need to secure administration support and funding resources for MOWCAP, KNCU facilitated the cooperation of the Asia Culture Center in Gwangju Municipal City to establish MOWCAP Center. The Asia Culture Center and MOWCAP signed an MOU for future cooperation on 9 December 2015.

- **Support for publication of a Korean language translation of “Memory of the World”**
- A Korean translation of “Memory of the World” (UNESCO, 2012) was published in December 2015, by Yemoonsa, a private publishing company.
- KNCU provided advice on the Korean translation and cooperated in the promotion of the publication.

8. Any National Register of MOW? (if yes, please provide the list of the National Register, website link, etc)

- Korea has protected and preserved important national documentary heritage through its own system for designation of cultural heritage under the Cultural Heritage Protection Act enacted in 1961. The national treasure list, which includes items of documentary heritage, can be considered to be equivalent to a National MOW Register.

9. Working plan for year 2016 – 2018

- **7th UNESCO Memory of the World Regional Training Workshop**
- KNCU, the Cultural Heritage Administration of Korea, the National Archives of Fiji and the UNESCO Apia Office will jointly organize the 7th Regional Training Workshop in September 2016 with the aim of supporting under-represented fellow countries in the Asia-Pacific Region to prepare their nominations for the Memory of the World (MOW) International Register.
- Date: 26-28 September 2016
- Venue: Suva, Fiji
- **Opening of MOWCAP Center in Gwangju**
- A MOWCAP Center will be opened in the Asia Culture Center in Gwangju Municipal City, Republic of Korea (expected in July), in order to facilitate effective administration support and enriched implementation of MOWCAP programmes.
- **UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize Award Ceremony**
- Korea established the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize in 2005 in commemoration of the inscription of Jikji, the world’s oldest book known to

have been printed using movable metal type. KNCU will work closely with the Cheongju Municipal Government to help organize the 6th Awards Ceremony for the prize.

- Date: 4 September 2016
- Venue: Cheongju, Republic of Korea

■ **8th UNESCO Memory of the World Regional Training Workshop**

- KNCU and the Cultural Heritage Administration of Korea will jointly organize the 8th Regional Training Workshop in 2017 with the aim of supporting under-represented fellow countries in the Arab Region to prepare their nominations for the Memory of the World (MOW) International Register. (*Local partners to be decided)

10. Challenges and issues (please highlight any challenges the programme faces, include any priority projects you have identified)

- Launching of the MOWCAP Center
KNCU will closely cooperate on, and provide advice for, the launch of the MOWCAP Center and establishment of its working processes
- Establishing and promoting a national process for preparing nominations for the MOWCAP register

11. Any news or suggestions for the next issue of MOWCAP Bulletin?

- Opening of the MOWCAP Center (expected in early July)
- UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize Award Ceremony (4 Sep 2016)
- UNESCO Memory of the World Regional Workshop for Asia-Pacific Region (26-29 Sep 2016)
- ICA (International Council of Archives) Congress 2016, Seoul, Korea (5-10 Sep 2016) <http://www.ica2016.com/eng/>