

Taiwan and OCLC

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Services of OCLC in Taiwan

- OCLC has been serving Taiwanese libraries since 1989, mainly through Flysheet (飛資得) – source: Flysheet
- OCLC First Search – over 170 libraries
- NetLibrary – over 200 libraries
- OCLC ECO – over 10 libraries
- OCLC ILL and other services
- Mainly univ and research libraries, plus a small number of public libraries

Taiwan OCLC Consortium

- Realizing that a closer collaboration is needed, libraries in Taiwan, with the help of Andrew Wang, obtained funding from the Ministry of Education to form the Consortium
- Funded on 26 December, 2006

Taiwan OCLC Consortium Structure (2009)

- Chairperson: Prof. Hsueh-Hua Chen of NTUL
- Executive Committee (8 plus 1)
 - University libraries: north (Jiao-Tung), central (Tung-Hai), south (Chung-Shan) and east (Tung-Hua)
 - Libraries of technical univ: (Nan-Tai)
 - National and public libraries: Taipei Public Library
 - Research Libraries: III Information Center
 - Medical Libraries: NTU's Medical Library

Members of Consortium

University libraries	60
Technical University libraries	70
National and Public libraries	14
Research libraries	57
Medical libraries	26
Total	227

Number of libraries in Taiwan

National Library	1	(1)
Public Libraries	677	(13)
University Libraries	173	(130)
High School Libraries	500	(0)
Secondary School Libraries	740	(0)
Primary School Libraries	2651	(0)
Research Libraries	728	(83)
Total	5470	(227)

Functions of the Consortium

- Sign contracts with OCLC on behalf of member libraries
- Provide training of OCLC services to member libraries, especially on cataloging
- Provide technical and consulting services
- Hold annual members meeting and meetings of the executive committee
- Conduct workshops on OCLC products
- Reflect members' need to Flysheet and OCLC
- (Over 100 such services provided each year)

Outcome of the Consortium

- Significantly reduced the human resource for English cataloging in the member libraries
- Significantly increased the submission of holding records of members to OCLC worldcat
- Significantly improved the relationship between OCLC and Taiwan's library community

Worldcat usage

	2006.1-12 (a)	2008.1-11 (b)	Effect (c)=b/a x100
Search using Worldcat	389,680	1,296,020	333%
Export from Worldcat	121,718	1,150,487	945%
Update holdings Worldcat	66,641	555,326	833%

Wish List with OCLC

- Become part of the library community, not one of the vendors
- More efficient localization of OCLC products
- Help with uploading our records into Worldcat
 - Taiwan's union catalog, NBI-net: lead by NCL, participated by 76 libraries, over 6,000,000 original records, currently less than 10% in WorldCat
 - Without records in WorldCat, libraries won't subscribe to WorldCat Local and other services

Bring non-English Records into WorldCat *en masse*

- (I think) the most important job for OCLC in the Asia Pacific region
- The US model won't work
 - Has to be batch, not incremental
- The European/Australian model won't work
 - Union catalog usually owned by a government agency
- Must be mutually beneficial – build trust

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