

Asia Pacific Regional Council Candidate Statements

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I believe that participating in OCLC is vital to make Japanese items available globally and to enable libraries in Japan to connect with global library community. Waseda has been among the first in Japan to participate in OCLC since 1995 and has served libraries worldwide mainly through WorldCat cataloging and ILL service. However, the majority of other libraries in Japan have their operation domestically orientated with their unique MARC format. Consequently, items in Japanese libraries have been less accessible from outside of the country. As a current APRC EC member, I have been trying to improve this situation with some impact. It is strongly felt that I should continue my efforts in gathering feedback from members in and outside of Japan so that we can find practical solutions to the problems we face. OCLC has a lot to offer towards improving the way libraries in Japan share and work with the global community. I shall be the person that can help connect people through OCLC.

Akekarin Yolrabil

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As part of Thammasat University, our first priority is to help the people and the society. We, Thammasat University can be claim as a large university in Thailand so we can share what we have, what we achieve, and what we know to the small institutions and the society. "Be the finest, be fair, be the main engine of the society".

Michael Anthony Mojica

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If given the privilege, as a delegate and OCLC member, I will work towards sharing and advocating ideas which OCLC may consider in their product development efforts. I believe that the organizational set-up of OCLC offers the best possible avenue for OCLC members and officers to work on the changing needs of libraries and I hope to be able to contribute agendas from my country and region to these efforts.

Bushra Almas Jaswal

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Our Library is the only member of OCLC in Pakistan. We are the farthest country in South Asia region and not very well connected with other members. Some other libraries started as members in the past, but did not continue for long. We started as a Member through RESPOND Program of our AMICAL Consortium in 2011. OCLC is so huge System that little issues like ours, as we feel, have little importance. But they are discouraging for us and may be that is the reason our libraries soon move away from OCLC and look for other solutions. I want to at least try to voice this because I want my country libraries to benefit from this great cooperative. May be becoming a part of the regional council helps me understand OCLC better and find ways.