

At the invitation of the National Library for Children and Young Adults (NLCY) of the Republic of Korea, with the approval of the leaders of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Viet Nam, on October 27-30, 2024, in Seoul, Korea, representatives of the National Library of Viet Nam (NLV) attended the 3rd General Meeting of the ASEAN-Korea Children's Reading Culture Development Committee (AKRCC) as an official member.



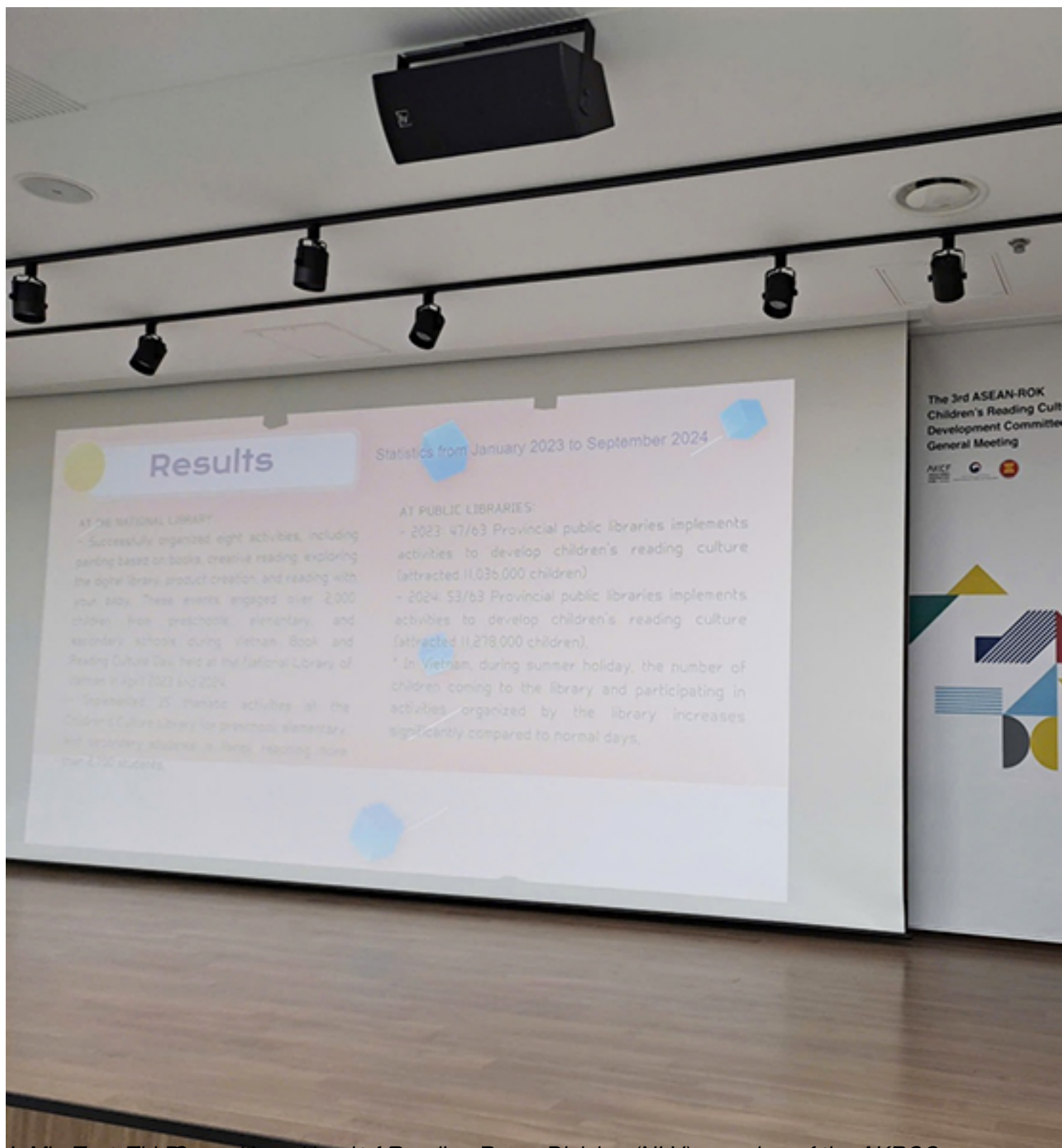
Opening Ceremony of the 3rd AKRCC General Conference (2024)

With the support of the ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund(AKCF), the 2022-2024 AKRCC was established, and jointly developed a general agreement on the “ASEAN-Korea Children's Reading Culture Development Project” emphasizing progresses in developing and improving reading culture and information literacy skills for ASEAN-Korea children. The project's content includes: (1) Improving the infrastructure of the reading culture environment for children by well organizing reading activities for children; (2) Strengthening cooperation and diversifying propaganda methods to spread the importance of children's reading culture; (3) Organizing training and workshops for librarians serving children to improve their expertise, creating sustainable reading culture development for young readers.

Looking back at the implementation of the Project, the National Library of Viet Nam and the national libraries of ASEAN countries and Korea participated in the 1st AKRCC Conference held online on December 15, 2022. At the first meeting, the national libraries of 10 ASEAN countries and Korea signed a commitment to jointly participate in the reading culture development program for children. Then, from October 15-31, 2023 at the NLCY (Seoul - Korea), the 2nd AKRCC Conference was held with the focus on implementing a training program for librarians. At this Conference, the National Library of Viet Nam sent 1 staff member and nominated 2 library officials from Hung Yen and Dong Thap provinces to participate in the conference.







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AKCC Members attending the 3rd Conference (2024)