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Report on the Study Tour of the Library Committee to the Indonesia Parliament Library

February 16 – 20, 2010

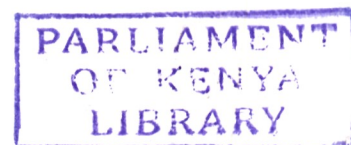
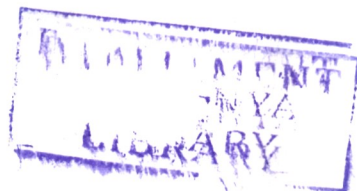
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1.0 Introduction

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Library Committee is established by Standing Order No. 193 and is mandated to perform the following functions:

- (i). to oversee provision of library, publications and research services in Parliament;
- (ii). to consider and advise on such matters concerning the library as may be referred to it by the House from time to time;
- (iii). to make proposals and consider suggestions for improvement of the library; and
- (iv). to assist Members of the National Assembly in utilizing the facilities provided by the library and research services including Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Membership of the Committee comprises of the following:

- (i). The Hon. Farah Maalim, EGH, M.P. – Deputy Speaker/Chairman
- (ii). The Hon. Silas Muriuki Ruteere, M.P. – Vice Chairman
- (iii). The Hon. Joseph Oyugi Magwaga, M.P.
- (iv). The Hon. Rachel Shebesh, M.P.
- (v). The Hon. Sammy Mwaita, M.P.
- (vi). The Hon. Ali Hassan Joho, M.P.
- (vii). The Hon. Isaac Muoki, M.P.
- (viii). The Hon. Benson Itwiku Mbai, M.P.
- (ix). The Hon. Joseph Kiuna, M.P.
- (x). The Hon. Walter Nyambati, M.P.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Committee wishes to convey its gratitude to you for your continued support to the committee and further, the Committee thanks the Clerk of the National Assembly for the continuous facilitation of the Committee's operations.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

Pursuant to Standing Order 182, it is my pleasure on behalf of the Library Committee, to table this report before the House for consideration.

I thank you.

SIGNED:.....

**Hon. Farah Maalim, EGH, M.P. – Deputy Speaker
Chairperson, Library Committee**

DATE:.....

Foreword

The Parliament Library plays a critical role in promoting parliamentary democracy by creating, managing and delivering authoritative, reliable and relevant information and knowledge for parliamentarians and staff. However, recent developments within the legislative set up of the National Assembly have put pressure on the available facilities, hence the need to reform and expand them so as to enable it to effectively and efficiently contribute to the achievement of the legislative function.

In order to “***make proposals and consider suggestions for improvement of the library***” the Library Committee felt that there was need for exposure of the committee members to libraries in public and private institutions both nationally and internationally for purposes of benchmarking.

Acknowledgement

The Library Committee wishes to acknowledge its appreciation to the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Liaison Committee for the opportunity to undertake the study tour. Further, the Committee thanks the Clerk of the National Assembly for the facilitation of the Committee's operations and logistical support during the study tour.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Library Committee is a Parliamentary Committee established by Standing Order No. 193 and is mandated, amongst other functions to ***make proposals and consider suggestions for improvement of the library***. In order to benchmark with other Parliament libraries and lobby for the modernization of the Kenya National Assembly library, the Library Committee in its sittings resolved to conduct foreign study tours to regional and international Parliament libraries. On February 16 – 20, 2010 a team of three (3) Members of the Library Committee and a Parliamentary officer namely: Hon. Farah Maalim EGH, M.P. (Deputy Speaker/Leader of the delegation), Hon. Benson Mbai, M.P., Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P., and Ms. Grace Mwakio conducted a study tour of the Parliament Library of the Republic of Indonesia. The team met and held discussions with the Vice Speaker of the House of Representatives (DPR-RI), H.E. Mr. Priyo Budi Santoso, Vice Chairmen and Members of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, Parliament Librarians and Researchers/Experts. The team found out that the library was fully automated and offered both manual and online services to sitting Members of Parliament, their staff and the public. However, the library was faced with several challenges, which included lack of space and adequate staff to provide efficient and effective information services to the five hundred and sixty (560) sitting Members of Parliament, students, researchers and the general public.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 Background Information

The Kenya National Assembly library was established in 1910 to cater for the information needs of the legislators. The library has expanded over the years both in size and stock and currently caters for the information needs of sitting Members of Parliament, former Members of Parliament and senior Parliamentary officers.

The first Library Committee was appointed in 1954 to make recommendations on the basic stock of the Parliament library. Today the Library Committee, which is a Standing Select Committee, is constituted by the House Business Committee at the commencement of every session and is chaired by the Deputy Speaker.

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2.2 Membership

The current members of the Library Committee are:-

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3.0 Objectives of the Study Tour

1. to benchmark the services offered by the Parliament library with those offered by the Parliament Library of the Republic of Indonesia;
2. to submit a report with recommendations by March 30, 2010 to the Speaker of the National Assembly.

4.0 Library Committee Study Tour

A team of Members of the Library Committee conducted a study tour to the Parliament Library of the Republic of Indonesia for benchmarking purposes. The team comprised of three (3) Members of the Library Committee and a Parliamentary officer namely: Hon. Farah Maalim EGH, M.P. (Deputy Speaker/Leader of the delegation), Hon. Benson Mbai, M.P., Hon. Joseph Magwanga, M.P. and Ms. Grace Mwakio.

During the study tour of the Parliament Library, the team had an opportunity to meet and hold discussions with the Parliament Library Officers and Researcher Division Officers/Experts on various issues affecting the promotion of democracy through the provision of efficient and effective information services to Members of Parliament. The team also toured the Center for Research and Data Processing and Information Services (Pusat Pengkajian dan Pengolahan dan Informasi) to familiarize itself with the available facilities and services offered. The Center consists of the Library, Archives and Documentation Services, Information and Technology Services and Research Division.

4.1 Indonesia Parliament Library

Brief History:

The Indonesia Parliament Library was founded in 1951 in Yogyakarta under the Republik Indonesia Serikat (RIS) or the Federal States of Indonesia. The library was previously known as *Bibliotheca Volksraad* under the Dutch Colonial Government.

Vision and Mission:

The Vision and Mission of the Library are:-

- **Vision:** *creating an excellent parliamentary library to be able to provide reliable information.*
- **Mission:** *providing reliable information to MPs with its best service to support DPR in conducting its tasks.*

4.2 Library Collection

The Library Collection consists of the following categories:-

General Collection:

- ❖ General Collection 18,203 titles (91,015 books)
- ❖ Gifts from World Bank 584 titles (2,336 books)
- ❖ Gifts from Asia Foundation 749 titles (2,996)
- ❖ Total number: 96,347 books

Reference Collection:

- ❖ Dictionary 383 books
- ❖ Encyclopedia 122 books
- ❖ Directory 3 books
- ❖ Who's who 26 books

- ❖ Almanac 2 books

Newspapers and Magazines:

- ❖ Newspaper Clipping from 2006 – 2010: 100 books
- ❖ Legislation (Law-making) Proceedings 328 titles (984 books)
- ❖ Plenary Meeting Proceedings 2,000 books
- ❖ DPR publication books 120 titles (360 books)
- ❖ Total Number: 3,344 books

Collections of Government Regulations:

- ❖ Presidential Decrees 1945-2009
- ❖ Government Provisions 1945-2009
- ❖ Presidential Instruction 1945-2009
- ❖ Total Number 944 books
- ❖ Total Number of Different Types of Collections 102,400 books

Other Collections:

- ❖ Semester Reports of State Auditory Agency (BPK) 1995-2009: 149 books
- ❖ Reports of Constitutional Courts 1999-2009: 112 books
- ❖ Department of Finance 2000-2009: 34 books
- ❖ Presidential speeches collected by State Secretariat 1960-1998: 141 books
- ❖ Central Statistical Board: 141 books

Online Subscriptions:

The Parliament library subscribes to the following online resources:-

Hukum Online at <http://www.hukumonline.com/> , which holds:

- ❖ Law collection since independence era.
- ❖ Government provisions.

Mediatrac at <http://www.mediatrac.net>

- ❖ Clipping collection of various newspapers.

Kompas online at <http://pik.kompas.co.id>

- ❖ Daily news on politics, economics, social, international, and other issues.

4.3 The Library Service System

DPR library applies an open system. It connects the users with information sources and users can directly find the materials they need. Users can also optimally search for information (no restriction).

The library offers borrowing services with either manual or computerized systems which enable users to search and find information manually or using computers.

Facilities offered by the library include:

- Online Public Access Catalog (with OPAC software)
- Wifi (wireless access for internet with hot spot areas)
- Reading Room
- Copy services
- Telephone and facsimile

Library Membership

Membership status of the library is automatically given to Members of Parliament and (administrative and expert) staff of Parliament, which is valid as long as they are still MPs or staff of Parliament.

Non-permanent or hired or outsourcing staff or individual MPs' staff can use the library facilities and services by showing requests from their own MPs.

Public Users

The DPR library is open to the public:-

- Students may use the library for writing their theses or dissertations;
- Researchers may use the library for conducting researches;
- Public can use the library for their own interests; they can read and copy library's materials but cannot borrow or take them home;

However, all visitors are required to show their IDs and are subject to the internal rule of procedures.

5.0 Observations

This study tour focused on the available library facilities in the Parliament of Indonesia. The tour of the available library facilities revealed the following:

- (i). The library has an up-to-date Online Public Access Catalog (with OPAC software) which facilitates online searching and retrieval of information;
- (ii). The library provides Wifi (wireless access for internet with hot spot areas) services for its users;
- (iii). The library also provides a Reading Room, copy services and telephone and Facsimile services for its users;
- (iv). The Library subscribes to online databases to supplement its collection and also to provide its users with current and authoritative information resources;
- (v). The library sitting space is limited due to the large number of library users;
- (vi). The number of library staff is inadequate to meet the information demands of the MPs, staff and members of the public.

6.0 Recommendations

- (i). The Parliament library should consider subscribing to online resources so as to provide its users with current and authoritative information;

(ii). The Parliament Library should consider launching its Online Public Access Catalogue to facilitate faster access to information searching and retrieval.