The annual report of CTP Subcommittee on RDA *submitted by Charlene Chou*

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The Subcommittee was established and approved by the Executive Board of CEAL on December 5th, 2013, and the major charge is to propose RDA instructions or best practices that may facilitate and enhance the user discovery; communicate with ALA, LC, PCC, OCLC and/or other stakeholders on behalf of the CEAL CTP and CEAL community with the approval of CEAL Executive Board. The membership consists of Charlene Chou (Chair, U Washington), Erica Chang (Hawaii), Erminia Chao (BYU, AV materials), Jee-Young Park (Chicago), Mieko Mazza (Stanford), Rob Britt (U Washington, laws & public services), Shi Deng (UC San Diego), T.J. Kao (Yale) with Ex-officio: CTP chair, Consultant: Hideyuki Morimoto (Columbia), Liaisons**:** Sarah Elman (Columbia, CJK NACO Project liaison), Jessalyn Zoom (LC, LC liaison). The term is from December 2013 to November 2015.

In the past four months, the primary task done by the Subcommittee was to conduct the RDA survey in the CEAL community. The survey form is very concise with only five questions to have a survey concerning RDA implementation status and the prioritization of known issues. It was done in March for 12 days. Ninety two responses were received worldwide. At the day one, fifty one responses were received from most libraries implemented RDA already, which seemed to have a very positive implication that there are quite a lot CJK catalogers have implemented RDA already and are fully aware of RDA updates and developments. The last response came from South Africa. Based on the survey results, the Chair of Subcommittee gave a presentation on “RDA Implementation: Current Status & Known Issues” at the CTP meeting on March 27th, 2014 and it is available at CTP website. Some of key findings are summarized as follows.

The summary of survey is listed as follows:

1. Most libraries have created bibliographic records in RDA (61%) and only 23% of libraries have contributed authority records in RDA.
2. If not implemented RDA yet, 41% of libraries plan to implement it in one year but 59% of libraries are still uncertain or have other issues.
3. If not implemented yet, the major obstacles are no man power to do training and review (26%), to wait for RDA more stable and best practices are more available and other reasons (24%) and no support from the top management for RDA implementation (13%)
4. Top five issues of popular votes are CJK examples (65%), CJK numerals (52%), serials-major/minor changes (48%), Chinese geographic names (26%) and rare books (20%).
5. The participants include TS librarians (60%), CJK studies librarians (18%), others (12%), PS librarians (6%) and Administrators (4%). In addition to TS librarians, we were very delighted to receive responses from non-TS librarians (40%), with the perspectives of public services or administration especially.

Some observations of survey prioritization are listed as follows:

1. CJK examples are so important for us!!!
2. General issues gain more attention such as CJK numerals.
3. Authority records seem to gain less attention, esp. best practices for authorized access points.
4. Serials and rare books still received many votes for their significant value of collections.

Next steps:

Based on the survey results, the Subcommittee members have decided to establish five study groups for the top five issues. Each study group is paired with two leaders with invited group members. The progress of each group’s discussions will be posted and updated on the wiki, so all the subcommittee members would have opportunities to review and comment. The Chair of Subcommittee has set up a wiki for subcommittee members to communicate and to compile related documents in this workroom. The tentative timeline of the preliminary report will be due by the end of this year. The subcommittee attempts to get the first draft done for some study groups before the next CEAL conference.