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Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) incorporated in Singapore

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The Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) has completed the legal steps for incorporation as a public, not-for-profit Company limited by Guarantee in Singapore. The founding members of the new legal entity are the National Library Board Singapore and the National Library of Finland. The other DCMI Affiliates, the Joint Information Systems Commission (JISC) in the UK, the National Library, National Archives and the State Services Commission of New Zealand and the National Library of Korea, will become Members in the weeks ahead.

The incorporation as an independent entity is another step from DCMI's origins as an informal network of experts who came together in 1995 with the objective to define a core set of descriptors to enable discovery of Web resources, towards the establishment of a professional and sustainable organization that develops, maintains and promotes the Dublin Core metadata terms and associated documentation for a global audience.

As an independently incorporated entity, DCMI will continue its work as an open, consensus-based organization with open participation and with free and unrestricted availability of its documentation.

Makx Dekkers, who will continue in his role as Managing Director of DCMI Ltd., says: "We are excited to enter into a new era as an independent entity. DCMI was hosted by OCLC until last year. OCLC's support over the years has enabled DCMI to reach maturity, and for that we are very grateful to OCLC. The incorporation of DCMI as an independent legal entity underlines once more the independence that has always been one of our main characteristics. With our Members and Partners we are looking forward to continuing and extending our support for the global metadata community."

As part of a Memorandum of Understanding between DCMI and the National Library Board Singapore, DCMI will have its operating address at NLB, 100 Victoria Street #14-01, 188064 Singapore.

The Dublin Core Metadata Initiative Limited (DCMI) is an open organization engaged in the development of interoperable online metadata standards that support a broad range of purposes and business models. DCMI's objectives are to develop and maintain international standards for describing resources; to support a worldwide community of users and developers; and to promote widespread use of Dublin Core solutions. DCMI's activities include work on architecture and modeling, discussions and collaborative work in DCMI Communities and DCMI Task Groups, annual conferences and workshops, standards liaison, and educational efforts to promote widespread acceptance of metadata standards and practices.

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