Practice and Reflection on the Resources Construction and the Long-distance Utilization of People's Livelihood Archives

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Framework

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People's livelihood archives include different kinds of archives related to people's livelihood, which can help to ensure and improve people's livelihood.

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The Conception of People's Livelihood Archives

Individuals

- Conventional thinking is changing
- Rights consciousness is awakening
- Individual utilization is increasing
In short, people's livelihood archives are related to citizen’s vital interests.

People's livelihood archives are not a new concept or a specific category. It is a collective concept including different kinds of archives.
The Categories and Features of People's Livelihood Archives
The Categories of People's Livelihood Archives

- Government

- October, 2011: Catalogue of Basic National Specialized Archives I
- November, 2011: Catalogue of Basic National Specialized Archives II
| Archives about the five supporting guarantees for countryside | Archives about the basic living security for urban and rural citizens | Archives about deformities and pensioners | Archives about institutions providing funeral service | Archives about marriage registration | Archives about the low-rent houses | Archives about the resettlement accumulation fund | Archives about the registration of employment and unemployment | Archives about the identification of industrial injury | Archives about social insurance | Archives about the health records of residents | Archives about the medical records | Archives about immigration |
The Categories of People's Livelihood Archives

- Local Archives Administrations
  Based on current economic and social development, local history and culture and residents’ demands for people's livelihood archives, the local archives administrations have classified different kinds of livelihood archives.

- Foshan, Guangdong—a city of immigrants, where the genealogy is used frequently. Therefore genealogy becomes an important part of people's livelihood archives.

- The archives about marriage registration is also being used frequently, so most local archives administrations focus on it.
The Features of People's Livelihood Archives

Besides the nature function of original records, people's livelihood archives have its own features.

1. Varieties
   - People's livelihood archives varied from contents to carriers.

2. Dispersion
   - 1. People's livelihood archives involves different organizations and departments
   - 2. Most of the People's livelihood archives are stored locally.

3. Dynamics
   - Personal and social development bring changes to personal information

4. Privacy
   - People's livelihood archives matters each citizen’s vital interests
The Resources Construction and the Long-distance Utilization of People's Livelihood Archives
The Resources Construction of People's Livelihood Archives

Because most of the people's livelihood archives are stored locally and separately, it is hard to make full use of the archives.

Through resource integration, we can make good use of the archives and offer better service.
The Resources Construction of People's Livelihood Archives

1. Change the traditional ideas about archives, and pay attention to the resources construction of people's livelihood archives.

We intend to focus on citizens themselves, not just on events, things and famous people, and treasure all the valuable archives relating to people.

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Based on the ideas above, the local archives administrations

• classify the people's livelihood archives into different kinds;
• adjust and enrich the contents of holdings;
• establish the filing regulations and records retention schedule of people's livelihood archives.
The Resources Construction of People's Livelihood Archives

2. Arrange and classify the existing people's livelihood archives

- Based on the increasingly-concerned livelihood issues, the archives administrations focus on the arrangement and classification of people's livelihood archives.
- At the same time, the archives administrations promote the digital construction of people's livelihood archives in a well-planned way.
The Resources Construction of People's Livelihood Archives

3. Coordinating with the relevant administrations, we standardize the management, and promote the information sharing of people’s livelihood archives

Under the cooperation with the relevant administrations, we
✓ create and modify normative documents about the management of archives;
✓ sign the agreement on information sharing and establish the networking platform.
The Resources Construction of People's Livelihood Archives

Our goals:

Through the measures above, we want to achieve the goal that people can find anything they want to look up.
The Long-distance Utilization of People's Livelihood Archives

Based on the information sharing, the users can access to the information they need as fast as possible by the Internet.
The Long-distance Utilization of People's Livelihood Archives

Local archives administrations from different regions can also make full use of the archives by cross-region cooperation.

Local archives administrations sign cooperation agreements, which include the procedure and the contents about the sorts of archives that can offer.
The Long-distance Utilization of People's Livelihood Archives

The local archives administrations can also share the resources with the service window for people’s livelihood. In this way, the archives can be used widely.

Eg. The Shanghai Archives Administration introduced the items where citizens can search for people’s livelihood archives into the community platform that is operated and maintained by government. This platform covers 208 community service centers which can be utilized by about 24,000,000 citizens. Citizens can get access to the people’s livelihood archives such as archives about the marriage registration, the identification of industrial injury and so on.
1. Build safety barrier to protect the relevant database and systems through technology

2. Set up strict regulations and supervisions during utilization
   - Users must provide legal identity documents such as their I.D. cards before accessing to the archives.
   - The archives administrations can be allowed to offer related service only after carefully checking the users’ information.
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