

Case Study : Ministry of Justice - Automation of Legal Affairs Library.



Industry

Government

The Client

Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Legal Affairs Department.

The Challenge

The ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs(MOJCA), Legal Affairs Department was characterized by inadequate funding, rising costs of library materials, maintenance and retrieval of books and documents.

The point that library is a service-oriented profession lacked an important amount of resources (human and financial) which was being overlooked to provide effective and efficient service.

The ministry of justice was also characterized by inadequate application of library information technology

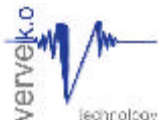
unreliable access to the Internet, and inadequate or no physical development.

Lack of a proper catalogue and absence of standards in the method of classification and cataloguing also posed a problem in the provision of library services.

Besides traditional library catalogue, indexing and bibliographic tools.

It was therefore important to have appropriate library management tools and software.

The need for proper hardware and software lacked to achieve efficiency in delivering library service.



Case Study : Automation of Legal Affairs department Library System.

The Solution:

Automation of the MOJCA library was the optimal solution to ensure effective use of the library and improved user satisfaction.

MOJCA library staff in collaboration with Verve k o team developed the requirements for the library automation to get a customized library system which would meet user

This involved the definition of users/patrons, system appearance, and loaning privileges among other requirements.

Benefits Delivered:

- ? High quality bibliographic records in conformity with the standard cataloging codes
- ? Easier Accessibility to On-line Catalogue with the ability to share resources with other authorized libraries located at different points.
- ? Not only is resource sharing possible but the system offers such controls as concurrency control.
- ? Stores library materials in soft copy such as research papers, brochures and books in the system and to avail them to users.
- ? It stores a large scale amount of records with a minimum of at least 10 million records.
- ? A faster and advanced search engine for users and items
- ? Easier customization preferences based on color, font and design.
- ? Bar codes/magnetic cards for patrons and/or books can are implemented for asset tracking capability where patrons or books are managed using Bar coding or magnetic cards.
- ? Easier accessibility to history searches,the user can peruse through history queries and searches.

