

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARIES' NEWS

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Co-operation between NCL and ANU

Teresa Wang Chang, Head of the Bureau of International Exchange of Publications, National Central Library in Taipei, attended the ASAA Conference in January this year. During her stay, informal discussions took place regarding closer co-operation between the two libraries. In the last few years there has been rapid development of exchange ties. It is hoped that, as a result of her visit, some of the existing problems, especially in serial supplies from NCL, can be resolved.

Chinese librarianship - A global view

The ANU Library will organise a Post-IFLA seminar on the above theme on 7-8 September in the Menzies Building of the ANU Library. Topics covered will include Chinese publishing and acquisitions, Chinese computing and networking, International co-operation, and Education for Chinese librarianship.

It is expected that librarians coming to IFLA from both the Mainland and Taiwan will participate. As this is a last-minute decision, the programme has not yet been finalised. Preliminary enquiries should be directed to Mr Y.S. Chan (062) 49 4536 or Ms Susan Prentice (062) 49 3513 at the Library. Members of EALRGA will be notified when the programme has been finalised.

Papers are invited on the above topics.

Staff movement

Mariko Buszynski has joined the Japanese section to replace Yumiko Mills. She is an experienced librarian who has worked in the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University (SOAS), and the National Library of Singapore before coming to Canberra. Her main duties are the cataloguing of Japanese materials.

Following Li Zhilang and Wang Jialing's return to China earlier this year, we welcomed Mr Huang Yuhang as this year's library trainee. Mr Huang is from the National Library of China. He has been working on the Book Selection Committee, mainly responsible for the selection of books in science and engineering. This arrangement for staff exchanges between ANU and the National Library of China has now entered its seventh year.

### Important acquisitions

The budget allocations for books and serials for this year have significantly increased, especially for Japanese monographs and Chinese and Japanese serials. This will enable the library to cope with the problem of the rising Yen and the non-growth of serial subscriptions in the past two years.

The East Asian Collection is gradually moving towards specialisations in response to user needs. For the Chinese collection, emphasis is being placed on contemporary China studies in economics, politics, language and literature, history of the Chinese Communist Party and military affairs, whilst for the Japanese collection, the focus is on Japanese economics, politics and management. At the same time, the general guidelines for ANU/NLA co-operation are being observed.

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The following are selections of important acquisitions over the past few months:

#### Japanese

1. Von Siebold Collection of rare Japanese books in the National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden, The Netherlands. Zug:IDC, 1986. One box of microfiche accompanied by a catalogue. 158 titles in 411 microfiches.

Philipp Franz von Siebold (1796-1866) lived and worked in Japan from 1823 to 1830. He brought back to Holland a big collection of Japanese manuscripts, illustrated books, drawings and paintings, in 1830. His Nippon, Archiv zur Beschreibung von Japan was the first scientific work on the culture and history of Japan written in a Western language.

2. Yanagida Kunio kenkyū shiryō shusei (Collection of research materials on Yanagida Kunio). Ed. by Goto Soichiro. Tokyo: Nihon Tosho Senta, 1986-. So far 22 volumes have been received. More volumes are expected.

This set of research materials includes many important research articles, critiques, random notes, seminars, commentaries and book reviews on Yanagida Kunio (1875-1962), the man and his works.

3. Zenkoku mukashibanashi shiryō shusei (Collection of Folktales Nationwide). Tokyo: Iwasaki Bijutsusha, 1974-1979. 30v.

This collection, with contributions from all over Japan, contains more than 4,500 interesting folk tales.

H.C. Li

### Chinese

The most important acquisition for the Chinese collection was the 80 volume reprint set of Ch'ing tai ch'i chu chu ts'e : Kuang-hsü ch'ao (Notes on the daily lives of the Ch'ing emperors: Kuang-hsü reign: 1876-1908) published by Linking Publishing Co. Ltd., Taipei in 1987, and is located at OS 2748/3247.8 in the R.G. Menzies Building.

It is a continuation of the previous 203 volume set which covers the reigns of K'ang-hsi (1662-1722), Tao-kuang (1821-1850) and T'ung-chih (1862-1874). These notes describe not only the daily lives of the emperors but also the court activities and ministers' reports which are the primary sources used to compile the shih lu (Veritable records) after the death of the emperor. Comparison of the ch'i chu chu and shih lu have revealed that the former is much more detailed and should be regarded as primary research material for the study of Ch'ing history.

The other important historical acquisition is the 66 volume set of Ming Ch'ing tang an (Imperial archives of the Ming and Ch'ing dynasties) published by the Linking Publishing Co. Ltd., Taipei, in 1987, and is located in the Library Store at OS ef2453/6343.

This publication covers the reigns of Shun-shih (1644-1661), K'ang-hsi (1662-1722) and Yung-cheng (1723-1735). It is a collection of photographic reproductions of the original Ming and Ch'ing documents concerning the relations between the late Ming and the Manchus, the Imperial proclamations and commands of the Ch'ing Government, as well as the ministers' reports, and is regarded as the most important primary resource for the study of the history of the Ming and Ch'ing dynasties.

For the study of contemporary China, the Library has acquired a ten year run of Chieh fang chün pao (People's Liberation Army Daily) from 1977 to 1986 in soft-bound monthly volumes. This title is in the Special Collection and is available on request from the Chinese section of the Asian Studies Division.

This newspaper had a restricted circulation within China

until the beginning of 1987. It is the most important source of material for the study of the PLA. This complete set of 10 years is believed to be unique outside China.

In addition, there are substantial sets of primary sources on the study of Chinese Communist Party history such as Tang shih yen chiu. Since the Cultural Revolution, research on Party history has become very active in China, but most of the publications by various organisations are not for public distribution, even within China. Most of those that this Library has acquired are complete or nearly complete sets. They are invaluable to all researchers on contemporary China studies. They are also held in the Special Collection.

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#### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

##### Exchange Japanese librarian to return to Japan in September

Mr Masaki Nasu, the 10th librarian seconded from the National Diet Library to work in the National Library of Australia (NLA), will return to Japan in September this year after two years and nine months working in the East Asia subsection.

##### NLA user survey

The staff of the Asian Collection have recently taken part in a reader survey of the National Library which was carried out in order to gain a clearer picture of demand for resources in the Library. It is hoped that the information obtained from the survey will help the Library make better use of its resources and improve services.

##### Input of Chinese and Korean serials onto ABN

Following the input of Japanese serials, projects for inputting Chinese and Korean serials onto the Australian Bibliographic Network have begun. The National Library currently holds 4,700 titles of Chinese and 1,400 titles of Korean serials. Input of the Chinese and Korean serials will facilitate inter-library loans and more effective use of both collections.

##### Automated Acquisition Purchase Order Module

From 16th May, 1988, the Asian Collection will be using the Purchase Order (PO) Module which is part of the Financial Information and Accounting System (FIAS) implemented in the Library, to generate orders for all purchasing requirements. This system will provide bibliographic data online to replace hand-written monograph and serial order forms.

### Donation of Professor van der Sprenkel's collection

Mrs Pamela van der Sprenkel has recently donated to the Library a set of off-prints and other materials about China collected by her late husband, Professor Otto van der Sprenkel. An oil portrait of the professor was also included in the donation. Professor van der Sprenkel had been for many years closely associated with the Library and was the donor of several rare and valuable books. In 1972 NLA acquired 636 volumes of Chinese language publications from him.

### Book move

Extra stack area was allocated to the overcrowded East Asian collection. At long last scattered East Asian collection material can soon be housed together for the first time. The first stage of the book move was completed in late 1987. The second stage of the move will commence as soon as book stacks are erected. Asian-language material which was outhoused because of a space shortage has been returned to the Library. The only exceptions are back issues of newspapers. These have been moved to the specially-built library warehouse at Hume, which has its own reading area and photocopier.

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### Major acquisitions

#### Chinese

1. Ching chi hsüeh pai k'o ch'uan shu (Encyclopedia of economic studies). 8 vols. Yu Tsung-hsien chu pien. T'ai-pei: Lien ching ch'u pan shih yeh kung ssu, 1986.
2. Chung kung tang shih ts'en k'ao tzu liao (History of the Chinese Communist Party). 8 vols. Pei-ching: Jen min ch'u pan she, 1980. [Reprinted in Hong Kong, 1987]
3. Shan pen hsi ch'u ts'ung k'an (Collections of rare editions of Chinese drama). 104 vols. Wang Chiu-kuei chu pien. T'ai-pei: T'ai-wan hsueh sheng shu tien. 1985-87.
4. Tao chiao wen hsien (Collection of research material on Taoism). 20 vols. T'ai-pei: Tan ch'ing t'u shu yu hsien kung ssu, 1983.
5. Tzu li wan pao (Independence Evening Post). Reduced bound ed. 24 vols. T'ai-pei: Tzu li wan pao she, 1987-. Stage 1: Oct. 1947-May 1966.

6. Wen shih tzu liao hsüan chi (Collection of historical sources 1900-1949). Pei-ching : Chung hua wen shih ch'u pan she, 1986.

#### Japanese

1. Dai 1-ji Taisen-ki tsūshō sangyō seisaku shiryōshū (Documents on commercial and industrial policies during World War I). 5 vols. Tōkyō, Kashiwa Shobō, 1987.
2. Keizai rengō = Reprints of early bulletins of the Federation of Economic Organizations. 5 vols. Tōkyō : Bunka Tosho, 1987.
3. Kindai enzetsu tōronshū (Collections of speeches and debates by politicians in the in the Meiji era). 19 vols. Tōkyō : Yumani Shobō, 1987.
4. Nihon choshamei sōmokuroku = Japan author catalog of books 1977-1986. 8 vols. Tokyo : Nichigai Asoshietsu, 1987.
5. Shiryō Keizai Chosa kai (Historical documents on the Economic Research Association, governmental consultative organ). 5 vols. Tōkyō : Kokusho Kankōkai, 1987.
6. Shiryō Teikoku Keizai Kaigi (Historical documents on the Imperial Congress of Economy). 8 vols. Tōkyō : Kokusho Kankōkai, 1987.
7. Shokumin Kyōkai hōkoku (The Bulletin of the Association of Colonization). 13 vols. Tōkyō : Fuji Shuppan, 1986-87.

#### Korean

1. Han'guk ui yong (Korean dragon). Seoul : Toso ch'ulp'an Sangmisa, 1987.
2. Munhwa yujok kihaeng (A Description of Korean cutlural relics). 3 vols. Seoul : Ujin Munhwasa, 1987.
3. Ollimp'ik ch'ukche-rul wihan hwangyong tijain (Environmental graphics for the Olympic festival). Seoul : Toso ch'ulp'an Pagyongsa, 1987.
4. Umak inmyong sajon (Biographical dictionary of musicians). Seoul : Toso Ch'ulp'an Pagyongsa, 1987.
5. Ye (Collection of Korean customs and manners). 6 vols. Seoul : Yongjae Kyoyuksa, 1986.