

**CHINESE-JAPANESE-KOREAN AUTOMATION NEWS**

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The Australian National University Library has recently signed a contract with OCLC for CJK shared cataloguing.

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The ABN Network Committee has decided that it is not feasible to put non-Roman scripts onto ABN for the next 5 to 10 years. Incoming Library of Congress records are to be stripped of CJK scripts before being loaded onto ABN.

Letter of 26/5/88 from Warwick Cathro  
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JHL Research's ChinaStar Professional II system is a memory resident program which works with dBase III, Librarian's Helper and ULTRACARD/MARC.

Pan Asian Publications, which distributes ChinaStar, recently upgraded to BIB-BASE for use with ChinaStar; BIB-BASE is a powerful program with a capacity for handling up to four million records per file. At present it has acquisitions and cataloguing modules. Circulation and online public access modules are under development. BIB-BASE can read downloaded MARC records from OCLC or other MARC records. An author search includes both 100 and 700 fields, so that the romanised author could be put in 100 fields and the Chinese characters for the author in 700s and either would be searchable. A sample record shows a romanised title in the 240 field and Chinese script title in the 245 field.

Pan Asian Publications will also distribute RLIN's new PC-based CJK system when it becomes available later this year; the new version of ChinaStar can handle Chinese, Japanese and Korean. Although it uses two bytes per character it can read three byte characters from RLIN mainframe records and convert them to the two byte format.

In addition to the above, Pan Asian distributes TurboFonts, a program allowing the inclusion of many character sets including Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, Armenian, Vietnamese and Russian. This program also works with BIB-BASE and costs US\$200.

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Letter from Sheng D. Chiu  
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Uni-X Company of Queensland claims that Chinese language characters are better suited to computer use than those used by Western languages; it has developed a Chinese word processing system called CDA-88 which uses only eight keys on the keyboard and no phonetic or alphabetic input. The Company says that fast input is possible by a trained typist because of the small number of keys.

Computer World  
14 October 1988, p. 55

AWA Computers is planning a move into the Chinese market with a Chinese character terminal developed jointly with the Taiwanese company Top Business. AWA aims to increase its activities in Asia generally, working from its Singapore office.

Computing Australia  
July 25 1988, p. 3

