

EDITOR'S NOTE

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In this issue we have an article by Dennis Kishere on standardisation in Chinese language collections. Dennis has a BA and MA in Chinese from the University of Melbourne and qualifications in library science; he has worked as a teacher of Chinese in secondary school, worked in the Commonwealth Public Service, and is now interested in Asian librarianship.

Standards are an ever recurrent theme in our Newsletter. Apart from Dennis' article, this Newsletter contains scattered allusions to variations in standards of various kinds, including character codes, romanisation and MARC record format for East Asian data. No real progress in East Asian automation and the international exchangeability of records can be made until some of the basic issues are resolved.

Andrew Gosling points out in his article on the Korean collection at the National Library of Australia that the Library assigns a high priority to East Asia as a whole. A growing awareness of Korea and the increasing importance of Korea as one of Australia's trading partners are reflected in the growth in Korean studies in Australian universities and the imminent establishment of a Korean Studies Centre.

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