

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Korean Research Collection at Monash University

The National Korean Studies Centre (NKSC) has received a DEET grant to establish a Korean Studies research collection at Monash University Library. A Korean Studies User Committee comprising representatives of the NKSC consortium and Monash University Library representatives has been established under the chairmanship of Mr Adrian Buzo, Executive Director, NKSC.

Monash University Library is in the process of appointing a Korean Studies Librarian with primary responsibilities for collection development, acquisitions, cataloguing and the provision of an information service in Korean Studies.

Adrian Buzo, Executive Director
National Korean Studies Centre

China Daily Index - 1990 and 1991 Cumulative editions

The 1990 and 1991 annual cumulations of the *China Daily Index* are both now available. The Index is published jointly by the Griffith University Library, Brisbane, Australia, and the the *China Daily*, Beijing, People's Republic of China. The Index supplies access to all important news items published in the *China Daily*, its *Business Weekly* and *Shanghai Focus* for the whole year, and includes over 38,000 entries, arranged by subject and name headings, with cross references.

Orders should be sent to: The Editor, China Daily Index Project, c/o Griffith University Library, Kessels Road, Nathan, Queensland, 4111, Australia.

Survey of the Asian Library Resources and Research Trends

As part of continuing co-operation between the National Library of Australia and the Australian National University (ANU), George Miller, Senior Librarian, Southeast Asian Studies of ANU and Andrew Gosling, Chief Librarian, East Asia, NLA, have been interviewing academics and librarians concerning Asian studies teaching and research trends, and concerning priorities for improving Asian library resources nationally. During April and May they visited Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, as well as centres in Canberra and talked to some 80 people. It is intended that this will lead to a submission to DEET for funding of further national co-operative projects for Asian collections and services. A more detailed report will be included in the next EALGRA Newsletter.

Griffith University Library

Since December 1991, all vernacular script materials have been removed from the general Reference Collection and relocated in the Asian Language Collection. The Asian-Language Collection now comprises three sequences:

1. Asp sequence - includes all periodicals and yearbooks, excluding newspapers.
2. Art sequence - includes only the vernacular reference materials with no English texts. All bilingual materials remain in the general Reference Collection.
3. Asi sequence - includes all Chinese, Japanese and Korean language books.

Recently, the Asian-Language Collection has been reviewed by the AIS Divisional Librarian, resulting in a number of duplicates and unwanted items being discarded, and damaged copies repaired.

Since December last year, the Library has received two major donations from the following organisations:

1. The Japan Foundation - 59 Japanese-language items
2. The Korean Research Foundation (Seoul) - 142 Korean-language items.

The Library has also produced the following publication to assist faculty staff and student in the AIS Division:

List of periodicals relating to the Asia-Pacific Region held at Griffith University Library (Nathan Campus).
Compiled by Elsie Leow. 1992.

Elsie Leow
Griffith University Library

University of Melbourne Library

An exhibition of Archaeology and Archaeological Findings in China and Japan will be held at the Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne, during October and November this year. Displayed items will cover books, postcards, posters, erials, etc. All interested in this area are welcome to attend.

The National Library of Taipei donated to the East Asian Collection a valuable set of books in 62 volumes related to Chinese antiques. It is entitled *Chung-hua wu chien nien wen wu chi kan*, published by Kuo li chung yang po wu kuan, Taipei.

Bick-har Yeung
University of Melbourne Library

University of Sydney Library

DEET Grant

The University of Sydney Library has received a special grant of \$265,000 over two years from the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET). The grant will be used to engage additional staff to convert the Library's manual card catalogue records to machine readable form for incorporation within the Library's Online Catalogue and the database of the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN).

Part of the East Asian Collection will be included in this retrospective conversion project. Other areas include rare books printed before 1801, higher degree theses and collections which are identified as important national resources containing material unique to Australia.

Japan Foundation Library Support Program

The East Asian Collection is pleased to receive a grant of Y400,000 (approximately A\$4,000) from the Japan Foundation Library Support Program. The grant will be used to purchase part of the back-set of *Asahi Shinbun* in microfilm. This new acquisition will complement our present holdings:

Asahi Shinbun kiji soran, 1919-75

The East Asian Collection has also started a new subscription to *Asahi Shinbun, 1922+*.

Subscription to journals

Despite serious financial constraints this year, the East Asian Collection is fortunate to be able to subscribe to the following 6 serial titles:

Asahi Shinbun
Daily Yomiuri
Sekai
Shiso
Journal of Northeast Asian Studies
Index to China Daily

Magdalen Lee
 East Asian Collection Librarian
 University of Sydney Library

National Library of Australia

Staff

There have been a number of staff changes in the Asian Collections Section. Nikki White has now moved from being Senior Librarian, Japanese, to a Senior Librarian position in Cataloguing. Nikki has had a long and distinguished career in East Asian librarianship, having joined the then Orientalia Section of the National Library in 1974. She has also been an active member of ALIA and of EALRGA, including service on the EALRGA Committee. Two new members of staff at NLA are Mrs Ching Sun in the Chinese Unit and Mr Phuong Tonthat in the Japanese Unit. Kaoru Nakajima will be returning to the National Diet Library (NDL) at the end of June after three years as NDL secondee in Asian Collections. Her successor will be Ms Keiko Harada, who will arrive in Canberra in mid-June. A very welcome item of news just received is that Beatrice Tam gave birth to a baby daughter on 13 May. While Beatrice is on leave, C.P. Tang is acting as Senior Librarian, Chinese.

Proposed staff exchange with NLC

Funding has been obtained to set up a placement programme under which a member of staff from the National Library of China will come to NLA for a period of one year. NLA plans to have an experienced cataloguer from NLC working with NLA's Chinese collection to assist in the bibliographic control of the Chinese collection, while at the same time providing the Chinese cataloguer with experience in the creation of machine-readable bibliographic records and the use of major databases.

Japanese monograph catalogue conversion

The retrospective conversion through AMARC of the National Library's catalogue of Japanese-language monographs has recently been completed. As a result, 23,000 romanised Japanese bibliographic records with holdings have been added to the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN). Sample RID numbers are nla03-002609 and nla03-03110. Users now have access on ABN to the Library's complete collection of 60,000 catalogued current and retrospective Japanese language monograph titles and 4,500 serial titles.

Chinese newspapers on microfilm

NLA has recently ordered six Chinese newspaper titles from the first half of the twentieth century to add to what is the major Chinese newspaper collection in Australia. The titles are as follows:

I shih pai hua pao, January 1917-December 1948. 120 reels
Pei-ching jih pao, February 1906-November 1935. 65 reels
Pei-p'ing ch'en pao, December 1930-October 1937. 50 reels
Ching pao, February 1919-July 1937. 78 reels
Shih chieh wan pao, May 1926-February 1949. 33 reels
Hua-pei jih pao, January 1929-January 1949. 63 reels

Visitors to the Section

Recently a number of distinguished overseas visitors have come to Asian Collections, including: the Vice Minister of Culture of the People's Republic of China, Mr Liu Deyou, in February, who signed copies of his works held by NLA; Professor Yoshihiro Kawachi of Kyoto University, Japan, in April; a public library delegation from Jiangsu, China, including Professor Lu Zi Bo and Deputy Director of Nanjing Library, Gong Aidong, in May; also in May, a group of senior Korean officials led by Mr Hae-soon Lee, Director-General, of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Seoul.

Andrew Gosling
Chief Librarian
East Asia

ANU Library news

Japanese acquisitions at the Australian National University Library have been automated since January 1992. Through AARNet, users of Japanese language material throughout the country and beyond now have access to Japanese records (in romanised form only) in the ANU's URICA catalogue. A title record incorporating both romanised form and Japanese script continues to be maintained in the Asian card catalogues in the Menzies Building.

The automation of Chinese acquisitions is pending further consideration of the romanisation dilemma.

Susan Prentice
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