

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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In this issue, we have some comments from H.C. Li about East Asian acquisitions, providing a practical and current overview of suppliers and prices. Readers may have followed the controversy over Chinese book prices which was aired on the eastlib mailing group. Mr Li sets the discussion in context.

Philip Lincoln also reports on a two week visit to Japan to observe first-hand how the National Diet Library handles its Japanese language materials. It is hoped that the scheme will be continued in successive years.

The Online section contains a miscellany of information concerning East Asian sources and access to them. As far as possible, sources of information have been contacted for permission to include in this Newsletter news items originating as email on public lists. At the same time, EALRGA committee members have not had time to test all Internet addresses, sources or software configurations, and cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information, given the fluid nature of online resources on the Internet.

We intend to bring out an extra issue in February containing the papers presented at the East Asia Online session, held at the joint NZLIA/ALIA Conference in New Zealand in September/October 1994.

Your contributions to the *EALRGA Newsletter* are welcome. The deadline for the May 1995 issue is April 30th 1995.

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