

## OVERSEAS NEWS

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### OCLC to convert 209,000 East Asian Titles

OCLC has entered into a retrospective conversion agreement with Cornell University, the University of Pittsburgh and the Chinese University of Hong Kong to convert a combined total of 209,000 Chinese, Japanese and Korean (CJK) titles from traditional catalogue cards to machine-readable form.

"Ten years after the online CJK shared cataloging system was launched, three East Asian libraries are making plans to create a bibliographic database of their libraries' holdings that contain East Asian script", said Andrew H. Wang, director, OCLC Asian Pacific services. "OCLC offers quality retrospective conversion services, and we are indeed honored to have been chosen by these institutions to undertake their CJK retrospective conversion projects".

OCLC will process 86,000 titles for Cornell University, including 66,765 titles in the Chinese language, 22,440 Japanese titles and 375 Korean titles.

Under the agreement with the University of Pittsburgh, OCLC will process a total of 56,000 titles, which are primarily Chinese.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong used the OCLC TAPECON service to convert over 80,000 titles from its collection. The remaining 67,000 titles — 92 percent in Chinese and 8 percent in Japanese — will be processed by the OCLC CJK retrospective conversion staff.

The libraries will ship their shelf-list cards to OCLC, and the OCLC CJK staff will use the OCLC CJK Plus system to convert the records online. OCLC is scheduled to complete the projects by June 30, 1997.

OCLC CJK staff are also undertaking a retrospective conversion project of Chinese titles for the Harvard-Yenching Library.

OCLC has completed CJK retrospective conversion projects for the following institutions: St. John's University, Jamaica, New York; the University of Washington, Seattle; the University of California at Los Angeles; Washington University, St. Louis; San Francisco Public Library; and Georgetown University.

OCLC is a non-profit computer library service and research organisation whose computer network and services link more than 21,000 libraries in 61 countries and territories.

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## **OCLC PRISM Service now available 24 hours, five days a week**

Beginning September 3, the OCLC PRISM service will be available 24 hours a day, five days a week, giving libraries an additional 34 hours each week to use the world's most sophisticated online cataloging and resource sharing system.

PRISM will be available around the clock on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 23 hours on Thursday and 14 hours on Sunday.

The increased PRISM availability will impact on OCLC users worldwide. "Extending service availability is a priority for OCLC as more libraries outside the United States are interested in our online services", said Phyllis B. Spies, OCLC Vice President, Member Services, Sales and International. "With the increased PRISM hours, libraries from Austin to Australia have greater flexibility and more time for cataloguing and resource sharing on the OCLC system."

The OCLC PRISM service will be available from noon Sunday, US Eastern Time, to 2 am the following Sunday. The system will be unavailable from 2am to 3am Thursdays, US Eastern Time, for system maintenance. During the one-hour downtime on Thursdays, OCLC operations staff will create a backup image of the Online Union Catalog and related files. Sunday downtime will be used for backups, software installations, testing and other system maintenance.

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## **Nineteenth century books on China on microfiche**

Publishers Chadwyck-Healey Ltd. announce their new microfiche collection *Nineteenth Century Books on China*. The collection, comprising 2,500 microfiche, contains around 900 monographs about China written in English, or translated into English, which have been selected for their scholarly value, to provide a resource for the study of history and cultural history of China in the nineteenth century. The collection will be published in units of 500 microfiche over the next two years and is provisionally priced at £8,750.

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