

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARIES' NEWS

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

World wide web developments

ELISA East Asian subject page

A start has been made on developing an East Asian subject page to be linked to ELISA, the ANU Library's WWW window to the world. An announcement will be placed on the "easia-libr-group-list" as soon as the URL is available.

ANU Chinese Studies Bulletin

Some preliminary work has been undertaken towards a *Chinese Studies Bulletin*, which aims to incorporate and coordinate information on activities and resources of interest to scholars in the field of Chinese Studies at the ANU and beyond. The prototype Bulletin can be accessed at the following URL:

<http://online.anu.edu.au/Asia/Chi/ChiBull.html>

It is hoped that other institutions will contribute to the development of a resource which will serve the academic and wider community in this important field.

Online Chinese libraries

The Online Chinese Libraries page at:

<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVLPages/AsianPages/ChineseLibr.html> has been updated to include recent libraries in Mainland China which have come on-line. The maintainer of HYTELNET has been informed and links maintained to HYTELNET's addresses for other on-line libraries in East Asia with Chinese holdings, including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau and Singapore. A link has also been made to CEAL's list of US and European libraries with Chinese holdings.

Other online Chinese serials/news sources

This resource, which is accessible via the ANU's Chinese Serials Database or directly at the following URL:

<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/SpecialProj/AJC/CHIN/OtherSources.html>

has continued to grow since its establishment in September 1995. As there are now maintainers of comprehensive lists of on-line Chinese serials and newspapers, further development has recently been restricted to pointers to these composite sites.

Chinese Collection developments

Nineteenth Century Books on China

The 2nd unit of this major microfiche collection has been received by the Library. All 5 units are due for shipment by the end of 1997. The first two units comprise almost 300 titles, and when complete the set will contain approximately 900 monographs about China written in English or translated into English.

Confidential British Foreign Office Political Correspondence: China, Series 1, Part 2 (1909-1911)

The 106 reels of microfilm covering the years 1909-1911 were received by the library in November, 1995.

Xu xiu Si ku quan shu

The first 40 volumes of an eventual 1,800 set of the *Sequel to the Si ku quan shu* have been received and are currently being processed. Some 200 volumes are scheduled for publication this year and the whole set is scheduled for publication within five years. The *Sequel* is planned to include over 5,000 works of Chinese classics, history, philosophy and literature which were either omitted from the original *Si ku quan shu*, have emerged since the 1760s (when the original work was compiled) or were written/published before 1911. The *Si ku quan shu* plus its *Sequel* will therefore offer a compendium of the majority of extant Chinese literature up to 1911.

Yunnan Cultural Revolution Materials

Negotiations during 1995 with the Universities Service Centre, Chinese University of Hong Kong resulted in the joint purchase with Harvard University and the University of Southern California of unique Cultural Revolution materials from Yunnan. Published during the period 1966-1967, the majority of the materials originate from Yunnan and comprise local Red Guard newspapers as well as publications of groups of Red Guards who had moved to Yunnan from major cities such as Beijing or Tianjin. Also included in the collection are samizdat/reprinted materials including speeches of Central Party figures to local units or organizations. The collection contains a total of 29 individual Red Guard newspaper titles comprising some 72 individual issues. The remaining materials include a book of eulogies to the "heroes" of the Cultural Revolution in Yunnan, published in Kunming in August 1968 and approximately 1500 pages of local samizdat and reprinted materials.

Chinese Serials Database

The Database continues to build its already substantial coverage to include some 330 individual serial issues from some 83 titles by the end of April. It

continues to be an extremely popular resource internationally with some 20,000 accesses up to the end of April.

Japanese Collection news

NACSIS (Japan) Service Trial

NACSIS was inaugurated in April 1986 under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture and is one of the inter-university Research Institutes which serve all university researchers in Japan. Presently 542 computers and other facilities located in 243 universities are interconnected via 31 nodal universities to the NACSIS packet-switching network. Although initially NACSIS concentrated largely on science, social sciences information is increasingly being added with the current service incorporating 31 databases covering a variety of disciplines, mostly in Japanese with some in English.

Science and social science information from Japan is available through this online service to ANU Library users for a trial period of one year from August 1995 to July 1996 in the R.G. Menzies Building of the Library. Use of the service is free to all staff and students of the ANU during the trial period. Data from searches can be downloaded onto a floppy disc.

Resubscription to NIKKEI database

The NIKKEI database will again be available at ANU Library in 1996.

Oe Kenzaburo Collection (The Nobel Prize-winning novelist)

With the 50th anniversary of the dropping of the first nuclear bomb on Hiroshima and the ending of the Pacific War, it was proposed during 1995 that the Library develop a collection of the works of Oe Kenzaburo whose involvement with these events and with the movement against the testing of nuclear weapons is well-known.

Toyo Keizai Donation

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of its foundation, the Toyokeizai publishing company has selected the ANU as one of a small number of major research centres outside Japan to receive a donation of books and journals which have been published by their company over the years. The ANU Library has accepted the donation on behalf of the Australia-Japan Research Centre, RSPAS. The donation which will strengthen the ANU's resources for the study of Japanese and international economics is estimated to be worth approximately A\$40,000 and will be received over the next 10 years. Other recipients of the offer in the Asian region include centres in Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Russia, Indonesia and China, both the Mainland and Taiwan.

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KOREAN STUDIES RESEARCH LIBRARY

Ms Jung Sim Kim, Korean Studies Librarian at the Korean Studies Research Library (KSRL) of the National Korean Studies Centre, visited a total of 5 libraries and other organisations on her recent trip to South Korea from 17 to 20 October 1995. She visited the National Assembly Library, Korea University Library, Korea Foundation's Reference Materials Department, Kyobo Information Library and the National Library of Korea.

As a result of the visits, the KSRL received gifts in excess of 240 volumes (comprising 68 serial titles, approximately 60 monograph titles, 1 disc, and 1 CD-ROM title).

The KSRL has about 2,150 Korean language monograph titles which are already catalogued.

The contacts established with the Korean librarians will be valuable in the development of our KSRL collection. It is important that the contacts made on this trip be maintained and renewed on a regular basis in the future.

Newsletter of the National Korean Studies Centre
No. 4 March 1996: p. 2

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Convergence

Over the past 12 months the University Librarian, Barrie Mitcheson, has been seconded from the Library to the position of Coordinator of University Information Technology Strategic Planning, established by the Vice-Chancellor (VC). Recommendations from Barrie's report and other related studies have led to the announcement by the VC of the establishment of a Division of Information Services in the University, which will include the Library, the Office of Computing Services and the group presently known as Multimedia. This development is a convergence of the information-based groups on campus in order to provide a more coordinated and more integrated service provision. Barrie Mitcheson is to head this Division for a two year period as Executive Director as of April 1 1996.

Staff training

The Library's East Asian materials cataloguers, Malika Xayasy (Chinese, Thai) and Philip Lincoln (Japanese) attended the March 19-21 NCJK Project Cataloguing training course with a view to the Library becoming a full contributing member by time the NCJK system is implemented.

Visitors

A delegation from Nankai University, comprising the President, two Vice-Presidents and teaching staff, visited the Library on March 15. The visit included a welcome by the University Librarian (Acting), Mr Neil McLean, a tour of the Library and a demonstration of the CD-ROM network and the newly established file server in the Law Library.

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UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Staff news

The Japanese Studies Librarian position of the East Asian Collection, the University of Melbourne Library, was filled by **Ms Michelle Hall** on 1st February 1996.

Here is some information about Michelle: - Michelle's interest in Japan began when she was chosen to be a Rotary Exchange Student to Japan for one year while still at high school. After completing a B.A. (Honours) at Monash University in Japanese and Japanese Studies, and a Graduate Diploma in Education from Victoria College, Michelle taught Japanese language while studying for a Graduate Diploma in Japanese from Swinburne Institute of Technology. She was then awarded a scholarship by the Asian Studies Council and spent one year studying at the National Language Research Institute in Tokyo, Japan. On her return in 1991 she began work as a Senior Tutor in Japanese at the University of Melbourne, and achieved the position of Lecturer in 1995. While teaching at this university Michelle completed an M.A. in Applied Linguistics. Her areas of interest in Japanese studies range from language teaching to the history of the change in dietary habits in Japan since 1868 to, more recently, comparative anthropological studies of circumpolar peoples. A book she has been working on for several years, *Japanese for Busy People: The Teacher's Manual* (English Version) is in the final editing stages and due to be published by Kodansha International (Japan) in May this year.

Michelle can be contacted on 03-9344-5365 and her office is located at the third floor of the East Asian Collection, Baillieu Library, the University of Melbourne. Her email address is:

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Ms Yi Wang, Exchange Visiting Scholar from Peking University, completed her visiting program at the University of Melbourne Library by the end of February 1996. During her stay, she participated in Victoria University's Chinese Conspectus Project and the East Asian Collection Homepage Project

on VU Chinese newspapers holdings. The East Asian Collection staff members are thankful to Ms Wang for all her contributions.

Home page

The East Asian Collection of the University of Melbourne Library has recently mounted a new home page:

<http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/contact.html#EAST>

The web page covers the following information:

Chinese Newspapers in the East Asian Collection

A listing of all Chinese newspapers and holdings held by the University of Melbourne Library, providing links to the major electronic Chinese newspapers sites in Asian countries.

Chinese WWW Sites:

Links to major China WWW sites, plus a link to the "Multilingual Database of Plant Names Including Chinese and Japanese scripts".

Chinese Business and Economy Subject Home Page

East Asian Conspectus

The University of Melbourne is in the process of Chinese Conspectus since December 1995. During the Conspectus process, staff members of Asian Collection and Collection Development of the Monash Library were consulted. A work group entitled "Melbourne-Monash CJKI (Chinese-Japanese-Korean-Indonesian) Conspectus Group" was formed to share ideas and work on the usage of same codes and means for reporting the Conspectus of our collection. A Chinese-Note Subgroup was formed to work on the Chinese Conspectus codes, reporting methodology, and corresponding with the DNC Office.

CJK Library database

The University of Melbourne is implementing the Innopac system which supports CJK characters. East Asian Collection staff are trained locally for the Cataloguing, Orders and receiving system. Training for the CJK module was provided by Mac Horn, Trainer from Innopac in April 1996.

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NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

CJK Project

Most staff of the National Library of Australia (NLA) Chinese, Japanese and Korean Units have now undertaken CJK training courses from Innovative, prior to CJK implementation scheduled for the end of May. The remaining staff will be trained at the beginning of June.

Cooperation with ANU Library

A draft "Agreement Between the National Library of Australia and the Australian National University Library for Collecting and Providing Access to Korean Vernacular Materials" is currently being finalised. The agreement covers collecting bibliographic control, access, loans and preservation. Discussions aimed at producing collecting agreements for Chinese and Thai language materials are also continuing.

Korean meeting

Details of the DNC Korean Collecting Meeting held at the national Library on 13 March are included in a separate article. Asian Collections staff, in cooperation with the DNC Office and others, have been heavily involved in planning for and in the follow up to this meeting, including seeking funds for projects relating to Korean collections and services.

Book move

In order to provide some short-term improvement in the arrangement of the Chinese, Japanese, Korean and other Asian collections, a book move was carried out between February and early June 1996.

Gift from Korea

Professor Joong-Ka Ma, Professor of Chinese Studies at Hallym University in Chunchon, Korea, visited the Library in January this year. He has since donated a number of Korean social science publications, and has kindly undertaken to send further materials.

Visitors

Recent visitors from overseas include Korean scholar Dr Paik Sungjong of Tübingen University, Germany; Professor Boudewijn Walrave of the Centre for Korean Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands; Professor Yotani Toshio of Tokyo University of Foreign studies; Dr Lee Yong-jae of Library Studies at Pusan National University, Korea; Ms Fujii Yasuko of Keio University Library, Japan; and Ms Yanagisawa of the National Diet Library carrying out research on Australian materials about the Second World War.

Mrs Nina Stoopin

Mrs Nina Stoopin, who worked for many years in the Chinese Unit of Orientalia (now Asian Collections) before her retirement in September 1976, died on 7 March 1996. Present and former library staff attended her funeral at the Russian Orthodox Church of St John the Baptist in Narrabundah.

Staff

Beatrice Tam, Senior Librarian, Chinese Unit, has been working in the National Library's Services to Libraries Division since December 1995. Sue Simpson of the Overseas Selection has been acting for Beatrice. Wan Wong, formerly of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Library, has joined the Chinese Unit in the librarian position formerly held for a number of years by C.P. Tang, who is now with the National CJK Project. Mr Xinmin Wu, a Monash University graduate in librarianship, and formerly from China, is currently working as a volunteer on a special project to catalogue Chinese rare books. He is the first volunteer to work in Asian Collections, following some changes to earlier restrictions on voluntary work in the Library.

Andrew Gosling
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Asian Collections



UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Australia-Korea Foundation Grant

It is my pleasure to announce that the Australia-Korea Foundation has approved a grant of \$6,000 to provide funding to catalogue the Korean materials held by the East Asian Collection, comprising approximately 3,500 volumes. The seed-funding is very much appreciated. We envisage employing a library-assistant with Korean language skills, on a casual basis, to make our Korean materials accessible locally and nationally commencing in June 1996 when the National Chinese, Japanese and Korean System is operational. The library staff with Korean language expertise will also be able to help students enrolled in Korean Studies.

The Third Pacific and Asia Conference on Korean Studies, July 1-4,1996

The Korean Studies, School of Asian Studies, University of Sydney will be hosting the Third Pacific and Asia Conference on Korean Studies in the University of Sydney campus. The Conference is sponsored by the Korea Research Foundation and the Korean Foundation. Further information is available from:

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CJK training in University of Sydney Library's III

The Innopac System has been operational since December 1995 with OPAC, Catalogue, Electronic databases, Circulation, Acquisition and Special Reserve in the Library. We are now exploring the CJK functionality in III. Mac Horn conducted a CJK training session for us on 6-7 May 1996.

DNC 13 March 1996

Ross Coleman and Magdalen Lee represented the Library and attended the Distributed National Collection (DNC) Meeting. The Minutes and Resolutions are available on the National Library of Australia server at:
<http://www.nla.gov.au/dnc/korea/korea.html>

The satisfying outcome of the Meeting was the formation of a Korean Working Group which will develop an action plan based on the resolutions in broad consultation with others. The Group consists of Cliff Law of the DNC Office; Marie Sexton, NLA; Dr Ken Wells representing the KSAA(Korean Studies Association of Australia) and ASAA (Asian Studies Association of Australia); Chooi-Hon Ho of Monash University Library and the National Korean Studies Centre (NKSC) Library Advisory Committee and Janice Rickards of Griffith University Library.

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