

CHINESE-JAPANESE-KOREAN NEWS

Australian National CJK Service

There are now over 800,000 catalogue records in the National CJK Service, and over a quarter of a million local holdings. The newest members of the Service are CAVAL (which can provide cataloguing services in Chinese, Japanese and Korean), Botany Bay City Library, Whitehorse-Manningham Regional Library and the University of Technology, Sydney.

Software for Australian National CJK Service

The issue of software for use with the National CJK Service has been of concern. Towards the end of October there was some good news from the producers of WinMASS software, Star+Globe in Singapore. Star+Globe will produce a viewer-only version of WinMASS which should retail for under \$100 in Australia. This will allow characters on the databases to be viewed, and will make access to the Web version of the Service much more affordable for smaller libraries and end users within member organisations. In addition, Star+Globe have developed WinMASS CJK, software allowing character input, at a price which should be somewhat cheaper than WinMASS Pro. At the time of writing neither of these new products was yet available, but they are expected to be on the market before the end of this year.

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These articles cover CJK issues:

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