

EALRGA GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 3 JULY 2000
BAILLIEU LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

1. Attendance:

Andrew Gosling (Chair), Bick-har Yeung, Chooi Hon Ho, Eiko Sakaguchi, Jung Sim Kim, Magdalen Lee, Marie Sexton, Mayumi Shinozaki, Oliver Mann, Susan Prentice.

2. EALRGA Committee

Andrew outlined the work the committee had been doing over the past two years. This consisted particularly of the production of the Newsletter and holding library sessions at conferences. Library sessions had been organised at the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) in Sydney in 1998, at the Chinese Studies Association of Australia Conference in Perth in 1999, the Korean Studies Association of Australasia in Sydney in October 1999, the Japanese Studies Association of Australia Conference in Rockhampton in December 1999 and this ASAA in Melbourne in July 2000. It was agreed that the Newsletter and library sessions were successful and should be continued.

It was agreed that, given the small number of East Asian librarians in most Australian centres, it was sensible to continue with the mainly Canberra-based committee. The committee had been expanded in 1997 with the founding of the Japanese Library Resources Group of Australia (JALRGA) within EALRGA. Eiko Sakaguchi of Monash represented JALRGA on the EALRGA committee. This arrangement was working well.

3. Discussion of future directions

A number of issues were raised in discussion for further consideration, namely:

- Remaining backlogs of uncatalogued East Asian materials particularly at the older collections and funding for projects to catalogue them.
- Possible collaborative projects for digitisation of rare East Asian materials in Australian libraries.
- Collaboration on access to online databases, given their expense and technical difficulties.

4. Thanks

Appreciation was expressed for the efforts of those involved in organising the three lunch time library sessions at ASAA 2000, in particular, the University of Melbourne and Monash University library staff.

Andrew Gosling, EALRGA President, 22/8/00