

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARIES' NEWS

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Database subscriptions

The following databases are newly subscribed to by us.

1. *MagazinePlus* (Japanese)

Only available in Menzies library.

The most comprehensive journal index in Japan (5.2 million records). 8,500 journals covered since 1945. Covers a wide range of disciplines including popular information to specific economic & industrial subjects and academia.

2. *Nikkei Net Interactive* (English)

Only available in Menzies library.

24-Hour Nikkei News with over 100 stories translated from Japanese newspapers daily with archives on key economic and political issues. Corporate database of over 3,300 listed and OTC companies featuring stock quotes, financial highlights and corporate profiles with stock, bond and forex information and latest reports. Online editions of the Japan Economic Almanac and the Nikkei Weekly.

3. *WHO Index* (Nichigai) (Japanese)

Only available in Menzies library.

Biographical/Bibliographical information covering over 440,000 eminent Japanese people from all walks of life. Categories include; Politics and Government, Education, Medicine and Society, Economics and Industries, Academics and Researchers, Journalists, Writers and Artists, & Musicians and Sports Personnel. Coverage runs from 1868 to present and includes 1.9 million publications.

4. *The Netto de Hyakka for Library* (Net Encyclopedia for Library) now available for ANU staff and students.(Japanese)

The ANU Library has subscribed to the Netto de Hyakka for Library (Net Encyclopedia for Library - in Japanese) that is an online version of Digital Gekkan Hyakka (Digital Monthly Encyclopedia) and Sekai Dai Hyakka Jiten (World Encyclopedia Dictionary) from Heibon Sha in Japan. It gives full text search functions over 83,000 terms and 10,000 graphics.

<<http://ds2.hbi.ne.jp/netencyforLibrary/>>

It is accessible from the Menzies Building between 9 am and 5 pm each weekday. People wishing to use the service are advised to first make a booking with the Information Desk, Menzies, ph. (02) 6125 2005

5. *Asahi Shinbun* has been added to the Nikkei Telecom21 database from Tuesday, 9 January, 2001.

The ANU library has been subscribed to the Nikkei Telecom21 database for more than a year. The database now contains *Asahi Shinbun* newspaper coverage of all major Japanese Newspapers for the first time ever to be able to search full text articles of *Asahi* since 1985.

<<http://telecom21.nikkeidb.or.jp/home/>>

For more information about the database see:

<http://anulib.anu.edu.au/clusters/ap/databases/nikkei_telecom21.html>

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Some major items purchased in 2000

1. Title: *Ingo Jiten* 22 vols.
Price: 204,000 yen (A\$3140)

The item is a biggest dictionary of its kind ever published. This is going to be not only a valuable item for ANU but also as an Australian national item

2. Title: *Kindai Nihon Mediashi Shiryo Shusei*
Part 1: Domei Tsushnsha Kankei Shiryo 10 vols. Price: 350,000 yen (A\$5384)
Part 2: Johokyoku Kankei Shiryo 7 vols. Price: 200,000 yen (A\$3076)
Supplier: Kinokuniya Shoten
Proposer: Dr Tomoko Akami, Lecturer, Faculty of Asian Studies

This item, though rather expensive, contains a very important collection of the documents which had been difficult to access and collect, and which would support various studies on critical issues on media control, colonial relations, national mobilisation, and war and the role of media and development of democracy in Japan.

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Chinese Collection page

The National Library's Chinese Collection page has recently been expanded to include Chinese Internet sites, with a particular emphasis on resources about Australian Chinese and Chinese Studies in Australia.

www.nla.gov.au/asian/lang/chin1.html

Asian Accounts of Australia Project

Researchers and National Library staff held a workshop on 14 March 2001 to consider the researchers' findings on Chinese and Japanese language sources about Australia held by the Library. This is part of a three year project funded by the Australian Research Council and involving the ANU and Griffith University as well as the National Library.

London Missionary Society Collection

As previously reported in this Newsletter the London Missionary Society Collection of rare and unusual Chinese publications has now been catalogued onto the National CJK Service and the Library's own online catalogue. A printed catalogue of the collection has now been produced by Ching Sun and Wan Wong and is attracting considerable demand from libraries and scholars here and overseas.

Copies are available from Andrew Gosling at tel (02) 6262 1286; fax (02) 6273 4327, email : agosling@nla.gov.au

Van Gulik Chinese Collection

Robert van Gulik (1910-1967) was a distinguished China scholar, writer and collector. Part of his valuable Chinese collection at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands was made available on microfiche by the Inter Documentation Company. The National Library has recently added holdings of van Gulik Collection microfiche to the National CJK Service and the Library's own catalogue. This covers Part 1. Folk novels and Part 2. Literature and fine arts.

Walter Simon East Asian Collection

An article by Andrew Gosling on the Walter Simon Collection appeared in the December 2000 issue of National Library of Australia News. It is also on the Library's website at

www.nla.gov.au/pub/nlanews/december00/waltersimon.html.

Professor Walter Simon (1893-1981) was an eminent scholar on Chinese, Tibetan and Manchu studies. His collection of over 2000 books in East Asian

and Western languages was acquired by the National Library between 1970 and 1982.

Chinese Card Catalogue Conversion Project

The Chinese Card Catalogue Conversion Project is making excellent progress in reducing the number of older Chinese language titles only accessible through the card catalogue in Asian Collections. By the end of April 18,388 holdings had been added to the National CJK Service and the Library's online catalogue.

Harold White Fellowship

Dr Benjamin Penny, China scholar and Executive Officer of the Freilich Foundation at the ANU is a 2001 Harold White Fellow at the National Library. He is carrying out research on the Falungong movement in China. This is expected to lead to several published items. He also gave a well-received public lecture at the Library on 11 April. This attracted a record audience for a Harold White Fellowship lecture with some 200 people.

Gift of books on Transport and Communication in Asia

Professor Peter Rimmer who recently retired from Human Geography, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the ANU has donated a substantial collection of books and periodicals relating mainly to transport and communication in East and Southeast Asia. As well as English language works there are more than 70 titles in Asian languages, of which 42 are in Japanese and 17 in Chinese.

Spotlight Talks

The Spotlight Talks for members of the public held in Asian Collections during February 2001 proved very popular. The first on "Food, Fashion and Music in Asia" attracted 70 people while 60 attended the second on "Travel and Tourism in Asia."

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UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY LIBRARY

Library's website re-designed

The University of Sydney Library's website has been re-designed to enable library users to find what they need quickly. Services offered by the library are easily accessible from the homepage. The new website went live at the end of February 2001 before the commencement of Semester One. Groups of users are asked to test the new website and the library received favourable comments. The new website will be continuously improved and updated as feedbacks are received. Please have a look of our new website at:

<http://www.library.usyd.edu.au>

Your comments would be most welcomed and valued.

Generous Donations

The East Asian Collection is pleased and grateful to have received special donations from both institutions and individuals. The following donations are undoubtedly significant additions to the Collection and will be much appreciated by scholars and students using the resources.

- Donation from the Chinese Consulate - 500 titles on contemporary Chinese literature, history and philosophy, supporting the current research and teaching in the University.
- The donation of the late Dr Winston Lewis offers the library an opportunity to consolidate its holdings in the areas of Chinese history, Chinese literature and language. · Japan Association for Cultural Exchange-360 titles of Japanese Art Catalogues which will strengthen the East Asian Collection's Art Collection.
- Donation of Professor Hiroaki Yamashita-8 boxes of Japanese materials mainly on Japanese linguistics and literature.
- The Korean Alumni Association has donated \$1,000 for the purchase of Korean materials. The moral support is very much appreciated, especially at time of financial constrains.

Distinguished Visitors

The Library and the East Asian Collection are fortunate to receive international visitors constantly. Exchange of ideas and discussions are always invaluable. Visitors received so far this year are:

- 29 January 2001
Delegation of 7 visitors from Fudan University led by Professor Wang Weiping, accompanied by Consul An Yufeng and Consul Zhang Xiaoying, People's Republic of China.
- 1 February 2001
A delegation from Shanghai University and government officials led by Deputy Director Wang Leqi, Shanghai Personnel Bureau.
- 7 February 2001
Delegation of 14 visitors from Ninbo Education Commission, led by Professor Hua Changhui and Director Sun Ming.
- 13 February 2001
A delegation of officials from Tohoku University, Japan, accompanied by Dr Elise Tipton and Ms S. Yasumoto, teaching staff of Japanese Studies and Ms Claire Essery and staff, International Links.
- 5 March 2001
Delegation of 11 visitors from Hebei Province Education, led by Professor Li Zhengshuan and Deputy Director Zhang Ning, Hebei Teachers University.
- 27 April, 2000
Mr Wei Haisheng, Director of the Library at the Central Compilation and Translation Bureau in Beijing, and Mr Ge Yongqing, Chief Executive of the China Society of Indexers in Shanghai, accompanied by Alan Walker, President of the Australian Society of Indexers.

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