

Australian National CJK Service News

CJK and Kinetica

The National Library of Australia's Kinetica Web Service has been available since April this year, and with it, access to the Australian National Chinese Japanese Korean (ANCJK) Wade-Giles and Pinyin databases. Kinetica Web provides a search gateway to the National CJK Service based on the Z39.50 (ISO 239.50) search and retrieval protocol. Searchers can opt to search or browse selected indexes in a single database, or do a multidatabase search across the CJK and other databases such as the National Bibliographic Database.

New structures and staff

The ANCJK Service Team has come under new management with its move to the National Bibliographic Databases (NBD) Section in December 1999. Ms Bernal Rajapatirana, the manager of the NBD, became the ANCJK manager, replacing Mr Tom Ruthven, and prior to this Ms Sandra Henderson. Ms Rajapatirana can be contacted on: ph: (02) 6262-1215; fax: (02) 6273-1180; e-mail: brajapat@nla.gov.au

Ms Deborah Fuller also joined the team in February 1999. Ms Fuller has a strong background in the Japanese language, cataloguing and database management and she can be contacted on: ph: (02) 6262-1682; fax: (02) 6273-1180; e-mail: dfuller@nla.gov.au. Ms Yumiko Tsuji officially resigned from the Library in December 1998.

Database status

Membership:

Bond University and Randwick City Library Service took up membership at the beginning of this year. The total membership currently stands at 22 libraries.

Database Size:

There are 99,800 bibliographical records and 31,100 item (holding) records.

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StarGlobe Technologies, Singapore, has recently brought out WinMASS 2000 CJK for Windows 9.x, which upgrades WinMASS CJK for Windows 3.1/95. WinMASS uses Unicode for creating and handling multilingual text. Run in conjunctions with web browsers, word processing software and other PC-based applications, it can handle Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tamil, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Greek, Cyrillic and others. It can be run with web browsers, word processing software and other applications to create a multilingual environment. (Problems that users had with the Windows NT version are being fixed)

Library of Congress converting to Pinyin

The Library of Congress is planning to convert Chinese records from Wade-Giles to Pinyin romanisation. The Library has issued guidelines for conversion which can be requested from Philip Melzer, Team Leader, Korean-Chinese Cataloging Team, Library of Congress, e-mail: pmel@loc.gov phone: +1-202-707-7961, fax: +1-202-707-2824.

Source: eastlib mailing list

Pinyin Conversion Task Force

The OCLC CJK Users Group formed a Task Force on Pinyin Conversion in late March 1999 to assist the Users' Group prepare for pinyin conversion. Their first task was to achieve full user awareness of the pinyin conversion project.

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