

CHINESE-AUSTRALIAN COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The Australian National University - National Library of Australia Cooperation Agreement on Chinese Provincial and Provincial Capital City Statistical Yearbooks, which was signed by the heads of both libraries in August 1998, is now at:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/niac/libs/chinaanunla.html>

Source: Andrew Gosling

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**1. ANU's new database subscription:**

NACSIS-ELS (National Center for Science Information Systems) Service

NACSIS-ELS is a Japanese language database which enables users to retrieve a page image data containing academic journals and magazines along with bibliographic information.

The Library has taken out a subscription for the ANU community. The service requires ID and password and is limited to one user at a time. Users must give an undertaking that the information will be for their own private use and that they will not redistribute the information.

NACSIS-ELS is accessible from the Japanese Macintosh in the Menzies building between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm each weekday. People wishing to use the service are advised to first make a booking. Please ring Information Desk, Menzies tel. 6249-2005, for bookings.

Web address:

<http://www.nacsis.ac.jp/els/els-j.html>

2. Nikkei Telecom21

This is a Japanese language database, available via the Internet, which provides real-time news and financial market updates (since 1985). It offers corporate data on a wide range of Japan's listed and unlisted companies. It also gives access to Yomiuri Shinbun, Mainichi Shinbun and Sankei Shinbun.

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

Expensive item purchased:

1. Kakusei 33 vols + 1 suppl. 495,000 yen
2. Joshi Seinenkai (Japan YWCA) 33 vols. + 1 suppl. 748,000 yen
3. Fujin Shinpo 60 vols. + 1 suppl. 840,000 yen
4. Sei no Rekishi 1 v. 4,800 yen
5. Sei to Shakai 2 vols. 15,000 yen
6. Osugi Sakae/Ito Noe Sensho 14 vols. 44,300 yen

As you can see above titles they are mainly on gender and post-colonial study materials with specific reference to Japan.

Visitors:

The ANU Library was visited by Professor Yong Won Kim, Faculty of Cultural Information Resources, Surugadai University, and Ms Keiko Harada, Head, Library and Information Science, Library Cooperation Department, National Diet Library, Japan on Friday, 19 March 1999.

*ANU library Japan Web page just opened:

<http://anulib.anu.edu.au/clusters/ap/subjects/ja.html>

*Some interesting Web sites:

This year marks the International Year of Older Persons by United Nations.

Here is a site from Japan for the topic;

<http://www.senior-navi.com/>

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NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

National CJK Service news

Ms Bimal Rajapatirana, Manager NBD and Services is now responsible for overseeing the CJK area. Ms Deborah Fuller, who had been employed temporarily to compile the CJK user manual has now been appointed to the Japanese position formerly occupied by Ms Yumiko Tsuji, who has moved overseas. The "Australian National CJK Service User manual" was completed and published in December 1998.

Chinese and Japanese Australiana

As part of a project managed by Professor Mark Finnane of Griffith University, a team of researchers carried out a preliminary survey of materials on Chinese and Japanese perceptions of Australia held by the National Library. It is hoped that this will form the basis for further work in this area.

Microforms acquired

In recent months the Library has purchased a number of retrospective materials on microform relating to East Asia, including missionary and other archives on Western contacts with China, Japan and Korea and items in Japanese from the period of the Japanese occupation of Taiwan (1895-1945).

Visitors

Distinguished overseas visitors have included Phyllis Mirsky, Librarian, University of California, San Diego; Dr Du Pu, Contemporary China Institute, Beijing; Mr Hideki Hayashida, Commissioner, Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan; Mr Liu Hongchang, People's Daily, Beijing; Professor Yong Won Kim, Surugadai University, Saitama, Japan; Ms Keiko Harada of the Library Cooperation Department, National Diet Library, Japan (Keiko had previously worked for three years on secondment at the National Library); and Ms Miriko Atsuta, Diplomatic Record Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan.

Staff

Following her marriage in December Seiko Messenger-Umebayashi of the Japanese Unit is working part-time during 1999. Her duties are shared with Yumiko Clifton, who had worked in the Section temporarily some years ago. Wan Wong, Senior Librarian, Chinese is expected to be on maternity leave from July, and Ching Sun will act in her position.

National Library website

East Asia related items recently added to the site include the Survey of Users of Korean Materials (<http://www.nla.gov.au/asian/korus>)[also printed in this Newsletter - ed.]; the ANU-NLA agreement on Chinese statistical yearbooks

(<http://www.nla.gov.au/niac/libs/chinaanunla.html>)

and the report and papers of the Library and Information Needs of Asian Studies Academics panel organised by EALRGA and APSIG at the Asian Studies Association of Australia Conference, September 1998

(<http://www.nla.gov.au/asian/asaalib1.html>).

Article on Buddhist holdings

An article by Tina Faulk and Andrew Gosling about the Library's Asian and Western language holdings on Buddhism is in the "National Library of Australia News", April 1999 issue.

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UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

Adoption of Pinyin as transliteration standard

The East Asian Collection has adopted the use of Pinyin instead of Wade-Giles as the transliteration standard for cataloguing Chinese materials as from 11 November 1998. The use of Pinyin will better meet the needs of library users who are more familiar with Pinyin, which is the official transliteration standard used in China. The Library is proud at passing this significant historical milestone.

The East Asian Collection successfully downloaded approximately 14,000 CJK records from the NCJKS-Pinyin Database to overlay the CJK-romanised records (Wade-Giles) in local system in November 1998. It means that the library now provides users more records with CJK scripts in the local system.

WebPAC

The Online Catalogue at the East Asian Collection has changed to the web access format (WebPAC) as from December 1998, running via a separate CJK port with the special CJK software called WinMASS. The WebPAC at EAC now supports both the display of CJK scripts and search in scripts. WinMASS also allows library users to access and browse Internet in CJK scripts, thus greatly improving library services.

Daesan Foundation Grant

The Library is pleased that our application for a large number of Korean books related to literature and history has been successful. The donation (81 volumes) is a significant addition to the East Asian Collection. They are now catalogued in the National CJK System and will be appreciated by scholars and students, both in the University of Sydney and other institutions.

Japan Art Catalogue

It is pleasing to announce that the East Asian Collection, University of Sydney Library has been selected as the depository library, by the Japan Association for Cultural Exchange, for the Japan Art Catalogues. The first

batch of Art Catalogues in 652 volumes are expected to arrive on 19 April 1999.

Distinguished visitors

29 March 1999

Media & Publishing Delegation from Jiangsu, China--13 delegates

8 April 1999

Visit of Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong and Mrs Zhou, People's Republic of China. Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gavin Brown and touring the Library with the University Librarian, Mr John Shipp.

13 April 1999

Visit of Mr Yasuhiro Kano, Deputy Director, Japan Foundation and Mr Nambu Kengo, Exchange Of Persons Department, Japan Foundation, accompanied by Dr Claremont, Japanese Studies, University of Sydney.

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