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As a result of a three-month review and study coordinated by Linda Beaupre, special assistant to the Head of the East Asiatic Library, the following personnel reassignments were made, effective May 16:

Eiji Yutani: Coordinator of Acquisitions, responsible for activities related to acquisitions, collection development, and bindery preparation.

Young-Kyu Choo: Coordinator of Reference Services, responsible for development of reference, orientation and instructional services to East Asiatic Library users.

Christa Chow: Head of the Cataloging Division, responsible for coordinating original and LC cataloging, and post-cataloging operations within the Cataloging Division.

Arthur Miyazaki: Coordinator of original cataloging;

Ruth Pfeiffer: Coordinator of post-cataloging;

Christa Chow: Coordinator of LC cataloging.

Jean Ham: Head of Current Serials and Circulation Services, responsible for developing and maintaining policies and procedures for the processing of current serials and circulation returns of East Asiatic materials.

In addition, an Administrative Council was formed made up of the Heads of the East Asiatic Library, the Catalog and Current Serials and Circulation Divisions, the Coordinators of the Acquisitions Division and Reference Services, and one library assistant selected by the non-academic staff.

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Since the 1950's the East Asiatic Library has been the second depository library of Japanese government publications in the United States, the first being the Library of Congress. In exchange for State of California legislative publications, the Library regularly receives more than 250 serial titles plus a large number of monographic materials. According to the 1975 National Bibliography, government publications (seifu kankōbutsu) comprise a little over 25% (9,501 titles) of the total Japanese language publication output and may be broken down into the following general categories: social sciences (80%); technology (12%); history (5%); humanities (1.5%); and other (1.5%).

As a tribute to the National Diet Library of Japan for the support of an active and sustained exchange program with the East Asiatic Library, a selection of government publications was placed on display. This exhibition included government issued documents as well as works compiled by government agencies but issued by commercial publishers and consequently not available on exchange.

(Eiji Yutani)
Cornell University

The China Catalog of the Wason Collection, Cornell University Libraries, is being compiled under the direction of Paul P. W. Cheng, East Asian Librarian, with a grant of $34,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project will be completed in December, 1978, and will be published in eight volumes by the ARL Center for Chinese Research Materials, Washington, D. C.

Part I of the Catalog, the Serials Catalog, in one volume, will include 5,700 titles in Chinese, Japanese, and Western languages, and will list complete holdings to facilitate its use. Part II, the Catalog of the Monographs, will include some 110,000 titles in Chinese, Japanese, and Western languages. When published, this catalog will open the rich resources of the Wason Collection to the academic community of Asian scholars.

(Paul Cheng)

Harvard University. Harvard-Yenching Library

The Harvard-Yenching Library has received a three-year Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities totaling $235,000. The broad purpose of the Challenge Grant program is "to help those institutions that store, research, or disseminate the humanities to increase their base of financial support so that, at a minimum, existing services and resources can be maintained." For every NEH dollar the equivalent of at least three non-Federal matching dollars must be raised; and all of these matching contributions must be either from new sources or in addition to the support normally provided by traditional sources. The Challenge Grant to the Harvard-Yenching Library runs through June 30, 1980.

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The Harvard-Yenching Library has acquired a twelve-volume xerox collection of 564 Chinese legal documents in 1,300 pages relating to real property transactions, land taxation, contracts, registers, receipts, etc. pertaining to the political, economic, and social life on Taiwan in the 17th-19th centuries. The xerox copies, reproduced from the original documents in original size, were collected throughout Taiwan by Dr. Wejen Chang and his staff of the Institute of History and Philology of the Academia Sinica in Nankang, Taipei.

(Eugene Wu)
Indiana University

On June 15, 1977, President and Mrs. John W. Ryan of Indiana University welcomed the Shimbashira, The Reverend Zen'ei and Mrs. Nakayama, his associates, and President Kikuo Tanaka of Tenri University. The Shimbashira presented to President Ryan a publication of facsimiles of Ihara Saikaku's early imprints in the collection of the Tenri Library. The group later visited the Music Arts Center, the Main and Lilly Libraries, and the Fine Arts Museum.

In honor of the visit, the Library exhibited reprints of rare books included in Tenri Toshokan zempū sōsho presented to Indiana University during President Ryan's visit to Tenri in 1976. Also on display were publications on the doctrine of Tenrikyō and a selection of Tenri Sankōkan Museum catalogs. It is hoped that the Shimbashira's visit will contribute to the furthering of exchange of faculty and students between Tenri and Indiana Universities.

(Shizue Matsuda)

Library of Congress

The Library of Congress has made a new arrangement effective October 1, 1977, with its blanket order dealer in Japan, Japan Publications Trading Company, to acquire all available North Korean publications in Japan regardless of format and subject. It has authorized JPTC to select and supply North Korean publications currently available in Japan on North Korea regardless of imprint (either Gakuyu or Kugatsu or Pyongyang), language (either Japanese or Korean), or subject, including North Korean textbooks and juvenile literature.

(Key P. Yang)

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As part of an effort to increase its acquisitions coverage of current publications from the Republic of China, the Library of Congress has entered into an agreement with the National Central Library by which NCL will establish a Task Force for Exchange Activities with the Library of Congress for a one-year period (October 1, 1977 to September 30, 1978). The Task Force, headed by the Chief, Bureau of International Exchange of Publications and including the Chief, Acquisitions Department, is responsible to the Director of the National Central Library and is located at, but not an official part of, NCL.

With funds provided by LC the Task Force will employ two full-time staff to assist it in soliciting the participation of government agencies, universities, societies, and other non-commercial sources in the Republic of China in an exchange program with the Library of Congress. The Task Force will either accept library material on behalf of LC for transmission to LC or arrange for the source to forward such material directly to LC. It is also authorized to purchase for LC non-commercial publications not available on an exchange or gift basis.
After consulting various organizations, the Library of Congress formed a study group comprising representatives of the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, the Association for Asian Studies, and the Library of Congress to visit libraries and related institutions (library schools, publishers, bookstores, museums, etc.) in the People's Republic of China. The suggested dates were late fall of 1977, or the spring of 1978. In July of 1977, the Library was notified by the China International Travel Service that full bookings made it difficult to arrange a trip during the suggested dates. There remains a possibility that the visit can take place in the calendar year 1978.

The study group of 12 includes the following from the East Asian library community: Tao-tai Hsia and Warren Tsuneishi, Library of Congress; Tsuen-hsuin Tsien, University of Chicago; Eugene W. Wu, Harvard-Yenching Library; and P. K. Yu, Center for Chinese Research Materials.

(Warren Tsuneishi)

University of Maryland

Just thirty-two years after V-J Day, August 14, 1945, the University of Maryland's College Park Library System received a $117,079 grant to preserve the library's valuable and unique East Asian Collection of Allied Occupation materials. This grant, the largest single grant to be received by the Library System, was awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and will support a three-year project designed to result in the creation of a fully cataloged and integrated research and reference collection. Included in the Collection are approximately 11,000 titles of newspapers, 11,000 titles of periodicals, 40,000 volumes of books, and numerous additional documents.

According to Jack Siggins, Project Director and Assistant Director of Libraries for Reader Services, this project establishes the University of Maryland as a major university center for Allied Occupation research and enhances the reputation of the Washington metropolitan area as the major source of materials for the study of Japan during the immediate post-war period. The project will encompass three stages: (1) completion of the processing and arranging of newspapers and periodicals for preservation, including the preparation of holding cards; (2) expeditious processing of the monographic literature, particularly publications of social, cultural, and historical value; and (3) preparation of bibliographic catalogs and a research guide to all of the materials. During the first two years, emphasis will be placed on stages one and two.

As a result of the successful proposal prepared by Jack Siggins; Frank Joseph Shulman, Head of the East Asia Collection; and Dr. Marlene Mayo, Chairperson of the Committee on East Asian Studies, researchers throughout the country interested in modern Japanese and American history will benefit. Mr. Shulman is to deliver a paper on this Collection at a panel of the Mid-Atlantic Region AAS Conference scheduled for October 29th at Princeton University.

(Frank Joseph Shulman)
Sinological Institute at Leiden

The Sinological Institute in Leiden, Holland, has acquired the private Chinese library of the late Dr. Robert Hans van Gulik. The acquisition of this rare collection from the van Gulik family was completed in May, 1977, and full cataloging of the collection is under way at the Institute's library. The collection, numbering more than 2,500 titles in nearly 10,000 volumes, is particularly strong on literature, fine arts, and music, including a number of Ming editions and manuscripts. Among the unique items are twenty-one titles on the ch'in, a horizontal seven-string lute, and a number of erotica which he used in writing his famous book, Sexual Life in Ancient China.

(John T. Ma)

University of Toronto

In anticipation of new Korean Studies Programmes to be set up by the University of Toronto, the East Asian Library of the University has recently purchased its first vernacular Korean materials. Among these first acquisitions are some basic Korean histories, such as Han'guk sa, Han'guk munhwasa taegye. Reference materials, such as a selection of dictionaries, biographical records and a few bibliographies, are also included.

(Anna Liang U)

Washington University

Effective October 14, the East Asian Library of Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, has a new telephone number: (314) 889-5155. The change was necessitated by the installation of Dimension 2000--totally computerized and the most advanced telephone system now in operation--which was the 40th such system having been adopted in the United States.

(E. J. Tsai)

University of Washington

A group of eleven Japanese librarians visited the University of Washington Libraries in June. The visit, sponsored by the Japan Library Association, was part of a tour of West Coast libraries which included public and academic libraries in Elensburg, Olympia, Portland, Eugene, Reno, and San Francisco. The group was welcomed by Mr. Kenneth Allen, Associate Director of the Libraries. Among those present were: Director of Libraries, Mr. Merle Boylan; two Assistant Directors; and Ms. Carla Rickerson, Head of the Reference Section of the Odegaard Under-
graduate Library. A tour was conducted of the public and technical service areas in the Suzzallo Library and the Odegaard Undergraduate and East Asia Libraries. The visitors also viewed the Media Center's program on the Washington Libraries system for which Mrs. Teruko Kyuma Chin, Japan Librarian, provided a commentary in Japanese.

(Teruko K. Chin)

Japan Foundation

The Japan Foundation Newsletter, published five times a year in Tokyo, has been publishing a series of articles entitled "Guide to Institutions for Japanese Studies." This series, which covers private and public institutions and programs in Japan, began with Vol. 1, No. 2 (October 1973) of the Newsletter, and has been included in most subsequent issues. Those institutions covered to date are:

1. The Toho Gakkai (Vol. 1, No. 2, October 1973)
3. The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (Vol. 1, No. 4, February 1974)
6. The Toyo Bunko (Vol. 2, No. 5, January 1975)
10. Tokyo Daigaku Shiryō Hensan-jo (Historiographical Institute, Tokyo University) (Vol. 4, No. 1, April 1976)
12. The Fukuoka UNESCO Association (Vol. 4, No. 4, October 1976)
14. The Research Institute for Japanese Culture, Tōhoku University (Vol. 4, No. 6, February 1977)
15. Japan Culture Institute (Vol. 5, No. 1, April 1977)
16. The Shidō Bunko (The Institute of Oriental Culture, Kieo University) (Vol. 5, No. 1, April 1977)

Since Vol. 3, No. 1 (May 1975), the Newsletter has also carried a continuing series of articles entitled "Review of Japanese Studies Abroad." Each article focusses on a separate country and includes a brief introduction to that country's relations with Japan, notes on museum collections on Japan and universities offering Japanese studies, notices of conferences and symposia on Japanese studies and information on public and private organizations concerned with Japan.

(Raymond Lum)
PROFESSIONAL VACANCY

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