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I. New Publications

1) Books


This book-form catalog represents the West Point collection of Chinese military materials. The collection dates from 1970, when the Academy acquired the personal collection of Dr. William Whitson. Since that time, the collection has been organized and augmented to its present size through the efforts of Mr. Pingkun Lee, recently retired Librarian of the Orientalia Collection. The catalog lists alphabetically by romanized main entry over 1,000 titles of books and periodicals, mostly in Chinese but also including a few titles in Japanese and in English. The particular strength of the Collection is in materials on the military and political history of China since 1937.


Focusing on Japanese Christian missions, this work explores another facet of the Japanese in America. The first half of the volume includes a chronology, general background and history of the major Christian denominations, while the latter half is devoted to individual church histories of 114 Japanese-American churches in the United States and Canada. An index of churches is provided.


This bibliography, with historical and descriptive annotations, includes references to primary sources only (scholarly or critical studies excluded) in major American and Western European libraries, and in the authors' private collection. The sources are discussed in two principal sections: (1) classical literary versions, including general collections, and individual works and specialized collections arranged by period; and (2) modern oral versions, which are divided into those published before the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War in 1937, and those published thereafter. There is an author-title index.
This German-language glossary contains some 12,000 Chinese political terms arranged alphabetically by pinyin romanization. Chinese characters, pinyin, and definition in German are provided for each term. The focus of the volume is upon usage since 1949, with special emphasis upon terminology employed during and after the cultural revolution. Major sources of terminology are the major organs of the national press, such as Jen min jih pao and Hung ch'i, and recent Chinese-language dictionaries. The final 60 pages are occupied by character indexes, a conversion table from pinyin to Wade-Giles, and appendixes listing geographic names, press agencies, and tables of political-military organization in China.

Modelled upon Ulrich's International Periodical Directory, this volume lists by subject category some 1,600 periodicals currently published in Taiwan, with additional titles from Hong Kong and Singapore. Each title entry includes a statement of frequency, date of first issue, brief statement of content, editor or editing body, publisher's name, address, and phone number, and the price if in the book trade. Appended is a listing of 154 older periodicals which have been reprinted in Taiwan, Hong Kong, or Japan, and a list of 218 defunct periodicals, with date of final issue, if known. There is a combined stroke-count index of Chinese titles and an alphabetical index to English titles.

Established in 1975 by an initial gift of 1,000 volumes of books on Japanese culture and a grant from the Soka Gakkai and the Soka University in Japan, the Ikeda Collection is a special collection within the Far Eastern Library in the fields of religion, thought, literature, fine arts, and other aspects of Japanese culture. This catalog includes over 800 titles in about 2,500 volumes as of February, 1977, classified according to the Harvard-Yenching classification scheme. Available from the Photoduplication Dept., University of Chicago Library, 1100 E. 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

This volume is an outgrowth of Asian Resources in American Libraries: Essays and Bibliographies.

(Thomas C. Kuo)


This is the first volume of a projected ten-volume encyclopedia designed to serve as a basic reference work for general readers as well as specialists. The areas of Asia covered extend from Afghanistan and Persia eastward to Korea and Japan and to Indonesia and the Philippines. Entries include historical personages and events, geographical names, archaeological sites, and terms from philosophy, religion, mythology, ethnology, literature, art, music, and science. The entries, which vary in length from a single sentence to several paragraphs, are arranged alphabetically by romanization of the name or term: Chinese entries by the pinyin system (followed by Wade-Giles in parentheses); Japanese entries by the Hepburn system; and Korean terms in the McCune-Reischauer transcription. Characters for all of the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean entries are listed at the end of each volume.


This volume contains a holdings list of approximately 5,000 serial titles on East Asia in Far Eastern and Western languages in the Far Eastern Library and other departmental libraries of the University of Chicago Library system, arranged by language into four sections: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Western languages each with a main text and an addenda, except for the section containing Korean serials. Within each section, titles are arranged alphabetically according to romanization. Available from the Photoduplication Department, University of Chicago Library, 1100 E. 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

A HONG KONG UNION CATALOG: WORKS RELATING TO HONG KONG IN HONG KONG LIBRARIES. By H. A. Rydings. Hong Kong: Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong, 1976. 2 v. 967 pp. (Bibliographies and Research Guides, 10)

This catalog lists books, chapters or parts of books, periodicals,
and periodical articles (mostly in Chinese and in English) which relate primarily to Hong Kong, with their locations in nine major libraries in Hong Kong. The entries are grouped under modified LC subject headings arranged in alphabetical order. There is an author-title index of English and Chinese romanized names, and a separate Chinese author-title index arranged by number of strokes. In his Introduction the compiler states that photocopies of materials listed can usually be provided by the University of Hong Kong and its college libraries, and by the Colonial Secretariat and Urban Council Public Libraries.


Subtitled "Proceedings of the Third Japan-U. S. Conference on Libraries and Information Science in Higher Education, Kyoto, Japan, October 28-31, 1975," this volume contains 18 conference papers by Japanese and American library directors and others. The papers are grouped under four general themes, each theme representing the concern of one of the conference's four working groups: (1) library networks--national planning; (2) prerequisites for library cooperation--standards and compatibility; (3) development to meet information needs; and (4) managing change--library facilities and staff. Also included, as appendixes, are the recommendations of the four conference working groups, the final conference communique, and listings of conference committees and participants.


The most detailed study to date of the Chinese newspaper press in a Western language, this 3-volume work covers the period from the early 1800's up to 1965, with emphasis upon the newspapers published from the 1930's to the mid 1960's. The first volume contains the narrative text to accompany the illustrative material in volumes 2 and 3; it is divided into separate sections on imperial China, early Republic, Nanking regime, post-war Taiwan, People's Republic of China, overseas Chinese press, and analysis of newspaper groupings in China. In volume 2 are tables, diagrams, and maps depicting the historical development of the daily press. Volume 3 contains reproductions of sample newspaper mastheads and title pages of periodicals.


Part I: Title Index in 2 volumes has already been noted in the CEAL Newsletter, No. 51 (p. 50), where it is stated that
A UNION LIST OF CHINESE PERIODICALS IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN TAIWAN.

This volume lists the holdings of 2,497 distinct Chinese periodical titles by 104 university and college libraries in Taiwan. Included are titles of a few periodicals published in Singapore and on the China mainland before 1949, but most are post-1949 periodicals published in Taiwan. Entries are arranged alphabetically by romanized title, supplemented by a separate "Romanization Index" and a "Strokes Count Index" at the end of the volume. Each entry includes the title in romanization and in Chinese characters, title translated into English, frequency of publication, date of first issue, a one- or two-line description (in English) of the content, and a statement of holdings. Holdings indicate specific volumes and issues held by each library, but not the dates of publication. Generally, no publisher or place of publication is given unless it appears in the title.

2) Articles


In this article the author surveys the most important of the ancient Chinese writings on bamboo and wood excavated between 1972 and 1975 at four different sites (Ma-Wang-Tui in Hunan; Yin-Ch'êoh-Shan in Shantung; Han-T'an-Po in Kansu, and Shui-Hu-Ti in Hupeh), describing briefly the physical characteristics and subject content of these early finds.

3) Periodicals


This new Paris-based news magazine, with offices in Bangkok and Tokyo, claims to be the first French-language weekly to be edited in Asia. Each 30-40 page issue contains brief, unsigned articles.
on political, economic, social and artistic subjects, as well as on sports and women's fashions, relating to the various countries of East, South, and Southeast Asia. Issue no. 3 (dated 30 April, 1977) includes a one-page note on the publication of volume 5 of The Selected Works of Mao Tse-tung.


This handsomely-produced quarterly, now in its 17th issue, is the organ of the Urasenke Foundation of Kyoto and Honolulu, described as "a public foundation dedicated to the promotion of peace and international goodwill through the propagation of the best in Japanese philosophy, tradition, and teaching as found in the Japanese tea ceremony." Separate signed articles, profusely illustrated (partly in color) and written for the general interested reader, describe almost every aspect of the tea ceremony, including utensils, textiles, buildings, and gardens, as well as historical personalities, sources, and texts relating either directly or indirectly to the ceremony. A few brief book reviews appear at the end of each issue.


This new publication is devoted to modern China, with heavy emphasis on the Republican period. In addition to articles, it includes sections on documents, oral history interviews, biographical studies, and current academic activities in Taiwan in the field of history. The publisher, Professor Ch'in Hsiao-yi , is the Director of the Kuomintang Archive.

(Eugene Wu)

JOURNAL OF ASIAN CULTURE. Los Angeles: Graduate Students Association of the Oriental Languages Department, University of California at Los Angeles. Vol. 1, no. 1- . Spring 1977-

This new journal consists of essays and annotated translations prepared by graduate students of the UCLA Department of Oriental Languages and other members of the UCLA student community dealing with the language, literature, religion, thought, and cultural heritage of China and Japan. The initial issue (144 pages) contains six articles on modern Chinese literature, T'ang poetry, Chinese woodcuts, the Ryukyuan language, and Buddhism.

MANCHU STUDIES NEWSLETTER. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University, Uralic and Altaic Department. No. 1- . 1977-

The stated purpose of this new publication is to serve as a forum for the exchange of information on research in Manchu studies. Although its focus is the period of the Ch'ing Dynasty,
its scope of interest extends from Jurchen studies to the study of modern remnants of Manchu culture. Each issue is to contain (1) a mailing list identifying and locating scholars specializing in Manchu studies; (2) information on past and current research, teaching, travel, and grants; (3) bibliographical notes; and (4) brief research notes and communications. Correspondence concerning the Newsletter should be addressed to Larry V. Clark, Uralic and Altaic Department, Boody Hall 334, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.


This informative newsletter provides annotated listings of art exhibitions held in the U. S. and Canada, with information on locations, dates, admissions, and exhibit catalogs. Notices also appear under the headings, "Lectures, Conferences and Symposia," "Museum News," "Individual News and Research," "Slides, Photographs and Films," and "Grants." Toward the end of each issue there is also a section separately listing dissertations completed and in progress.


Although published for several years, this periodical would appear to be little known in this country. It contains English-language haiku and tanka by foreign poets as well as poems by Japanese poets in English translation. Also included are articles on Japanese poetry, reviews, and reports on the activities of poets and poetry societies in Japan. It is available to foreign subscribers from the Charles Tuttle Co., in Tokyo.


Issued by the publishers of The East, this new English-language quarterly specializes according to the editor, in the publication of complete and abridged translations of the classics of Japanese literature, religion, art, and thought and also recent scholarly treatises in the fields of history, sociology, linguistics, etc." The 96-page first issue contains translations from (1) a work by the Zen priest Takuan (1573-1645); (2) the section dealing with Japan in the Chinese dynastic history San kuo chin; (3) the Towa-zu-gatari by the lady Nijo (b. 1258); and (4) a scholarly account of the origins of the Osaka merchants by the economic historian Miyamoto Mataji.
4) Dissertations.


(Frank J. Shulman)

II. Publishing Notes

Control of Government Publications in ROC. Two recent articles in the international edition of Chung yang jih pao [Central Daily News], Taipei, discuss measures formulated by the Administrative Research and Evaluation Commission of the Executive Yuan aimed at bringing the thousands of ROC government publications under bibliographic control. These two articles appeared in the October 16 and October 23, 1977, issues. The steps they outlined will be welcomed by American libraries that have experienced difficulty in acquiring ROC government publications.

As these articles indicate, at present there is no system for the control of ROC government publications, and consequently numerous difficulties have arisen in cataloging, distributing, exchanging, and preserving them. The articles point out that the various ROC ministries and commissions have been unaware of publications issued by some of their subordinate units. Countless issues of valuable government publications have been destroyed because of the difficulties of storage. Both domestic and foreign scholarly organizations have written in vain in an attempt to acquire certain titles.

In order to minimize these difficulties, the Administrative Research and Evaluation Commission of the Executive Yuan has formulated the "Measures Governing the Control of Government Publications." These measures will probably be implemented in early 1978. These measures contain provisions that:

1. Require that the issuing unit put a serial number on the covers of its publications. This serial number will be designed to reflect the identity of the issuing unit and the nature of the publication, and it will be taken from a comprehensive scheme of serial numbers for all the government publications in the country.

2. Call for the compilation and publication of catalogs of government publications.
(3) Require all units to adopt a uniform size for their publications in order to facilitate packing, preservation, and shipping.

(4) Require the use of a uniform format in the printing of government publications.

A further step called for in the plan for bibliographic control of government publications is the establishment of a government publications reading room at an unidentified location. In addition, an agreement is to be concluded between the Executive Ydan and the China Cultural Service [Chung-yang wen-wu kung-ying she], making the society responsible for distribution and sale of government publications.

(Tao-tai Hsia)

Forthcoming Publication of Asia Library Catalogs. The catalogs of the Asia Library, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, containing an estimated 408,000 cards, will be published in book form by G. K. Hall & Co. in 1978. The catalogs are dictionary catalogs with authors, titles, and subjects interfiled in one alphabetical sequence according to transliteration. Library of Congress Classification and Subject Headings are used. Pre-publication price before April 30, 1978, for the twenty-five volume set is $1,960.00.

(Weiying Wan)

Oldest Chinese Encyclopedia Published in Japan. The long sought thirtieth volume of Han Yuan (漢元) by Ch’u-chin Chang (張楚金)—an encyclopedia published during the Tang Dynasty (618-905 AD)—was recently published in Japan. It was reportedly lost for several hundred years and recovered in Kyushu, Japan, sixty years ago. It became a national treasure owned by the well known temple Tenmangu (天满宮). This encyclopedia is a hand-written scroll of fifteen meters in length and is a source of the recorded history of Japan and Korea during that period. Two thousand copies were printed, but only one thousand will be for sale. The Japanese edition is printed in two languages, Chinese and Japanese. (Chinese Librarians Association Newsletter. III: 2 (June 1977), p. 1)

Copies of this scroll have been presented to the University of California at Berkeley, Claremont Colleges, Columbia University, Harvard University, and the University of Hawaii. Representatives of the Japan Air Lines made the presentation on behalf of the Chief Priest of the Dazaifu Tenmangu shrine in Fukuoka where the original scroll is kept. --Eugene Wu

A Scholar’s Guide to Washington, D. C., for East Asian Studies is currently being prepared under the auspices of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars by Professor Hong N. Kim of West Virginia University. This two-part publication is designed to serve those who wish to know about the scope and extent of research facilities and resources available for the study of China, Japan, Korea, and Mongolia in the nation's capital. It is expected to be published in early 1979. In connection with the compilation of this guide, Professor Kim is anxious to enlist the support and
cooperation of individuals who may have information and data about special collections, noteworthy library holdings, rare books and manuscripts, private collections, etc. that the guide could bring to the attention of interested scholars. He is also seeking information about film and still-picture collections, music and other sound recordings, and data banks on East Asia. All offers of information will be gratefully appreciated and should be directed to: Hong N. Kim, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D. C. 20560.

Selected Works of Mao Tse-tung. According to an announcement in the Jen min jih pao 人民日报 of September 30, 1977, a special edition of the fifth volume of the Mao Tse-tung hsuan chi 毛泽东选集 went on sale in China on October 1, 1977. This edition, printed in standard form characters ( ) and in vertical columns, is also available in a special large-type stitched-bound edition.

(Eugene Wu)