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PUBLICATIONS

I. China

1990 nien ti 4 tz'u Chung-kuo jen k'ou p'u ch'a, hsien shih chi tzu liao 1990年第四次中國人口普查.
縣市級資料 (1990 the fourth Chinese population census, county and township volumes)
Published by various county and township census bureaus in China, 1992-1993.
Approximately 2,500 volumes.

The East Asia Library of the University of Washington is acquiring a complete set of the county and township volumes of the 1990 Chinese census consisting of approximately 2,500 volumes published by the county and township census bureaus. We have received over 1,200 volumes and are expecting to receive most of the rest by the end of 1996.

The collection is to support research of the project, "China in Time and Space" (CITAS), under the direction of Professor William Lively of the Sociology Department at the University of Washington. CITAS is a permanent organization, sponsored by the ACLS/SSRC Joint Committee on Chinese Studies and the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network. CITAS is charged with providing access to contemporary and historical data on China.

Professor Lively has this to say about the importance of the material: "This census collection is both fundamentally important and rare. There are no comparable sources of demographic data on China's county or township units. County census volumes have been quite difficult for researchers to obtain within China, as county and provincial officials generally treat them as internal circulation documents or are ignorant of their existence. They are rare books in an absolute sense: some have press runs of only fifty volumes."

These volumes contain: (1) detailed data on local-level demography, a rare source of such systematic data for Chinese society, including population by age, sex, ethnicity, education, occupation, marital status, fertility, mortality, and migration; and (2) data on townships and towns, the only systematic data set on China's sub-county units. According to Professor Lively, these data will be incorporated into a Geographic Information System which will facilitate mapping and spatial analysis in juxtaposition with the wealth of county-level data that is now available in electronic form.

(Yeen-Mei Wu)

Directory of British organizations with a China interest. Edited by Anna Johnston. 3rd edition. London: The Great Britain-China Center, 1995. 163 pages. ISBN 0-9519448-1-9.

The third edition of the *Directory of British organizations with a China interest* is an important reference work in the field of China studies. Compared with its first edition (1987) and second edition (1992), this new one has been greatly enlarged and revised to encompass the significant changes the relationship Britain and China has undergone since the beginning of the 1990s. Substantial addenda have been added to the sections of Degree Courses, Trade, Business services, Media, Chinese Medicine, and Chinese Community Associations.

The directory consists of twenty-six sections, covering about 260 British organizations with a China interest. Major sections include "Degree Courses," "Classes in Chinese Language and Culture," "Grants and Scholarships," "Research and Educational Links," "Libraries," "Arts," "Magazines and Newspapers about China," "Hong Kong," "Tibet," "Local Council with Twinning Links," "Government Departments," and "Chinese Official Representation in Britain". A brief description about each organization is provided in addition to a list of its address, phone and fax numbers, and access.

The strength of this source is its scope. It covers not only most of the concerned British academic and educational organizations, but numerous types of British business organizations, booksellers, art dealers, and travel services. It also has a detailed "Index," listing the British organizations and their links to China. However, since the description of each organization was supplied by the organization, its objectivity may be questionable.

In sum, this book is highly recommended for both libraries as well as the business world.

(Song Yongyi)

II. Japan

Restless Spirits from Japanese Noh Plays. By Chifumi Shimazaki. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University, 1995. (Cornell East Asia series) \$15.00.

This is the seventh volume in a series which will eventually encompass all five groups of Noh plays (God, Warrior, Woman, Various, Supernatural). Each volume comprises one or more books, each book consisting of a general introduction to the group therein, plus specific introductions to each play translated, each translation consisting of facing pages of the English paralleling, line for line, the original Japanese printed in roman characters, along with copious footnotes detailing and explaining the many subtleties of the language of the original plays.

The series is as follows (those published and those in preparation):

- Vol. 1 *God Noh* (1972), six plays published by Hinoki Shoten, Tokyo;
- Vol. 2 Bk. 1 *Battle Noh* (1987), five plays published by Hinoki Shoten;
Bk. 2 *Warrior Ghost Plays* (1993), six plays published by Cornell East Asian Series, Ithaca, NY;
- Vol. 3 Bk. 1 *Woman Noh* (1976), four plays published by Hinoki Shoten;
Bk. 2 *Woman Noh* (1977), five plays published by Hinoki Shoten;
Bk. 3 *Woman Noh* (1981), five plays published by Hinoki Shoten;
- Vol. 4 Bk. 1 *Restless Spirits* (1995), four plays published by Cornell East Asia Series;
Bk. 2 (in preparation) six plays;
- Vol. 5 Bk. 1 (in preparation) five plays;
Bk. 2 (in preparation) six plays.

Volumes 1 and 3 are currently out of print, though there are plans for possibly reprinting them. Volume 2, Book 1 (*Battle Noh*) is available for \$15.00 prepaid from Howard Hamilton at 6645 Tansey Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042. Volume 2 Book 2 (*Warrior Ghost Plays*) and Volume 4 Book 1 (*Restless Spirits*) are available for \$15.00 each from Cornell University East Asia Series, Cornell University, 140 Uris Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-7601. Besides the mailing address above, Mr. Hamilton can be reached by telephone at 703-532-0006 or by e-mail: Haniwa@ix.netcom.com.

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Tairiku Nippo, *Nikkan Minshu*, *Kanada Shinbun*. Microfilmed by the University of British Columbia Library. Vancouver, B.C.: University of British Columbia, n.d.

The University of British Columbia (UBC) has recently completed three projects in microfilming of Japanese-Canadian newspapers published in Vancouver. All three newspapers provide a mixture of current domestic news from Japan and articles on daily social and political events in Vancouver's Japan Town. The key project was the filming of the *Tairiku Nippo* (68 reels). This was the major Japanese-language newspaper in Vancouver for over thirty years, 1908-1941. However, few copies exist of the original issues and UBC's holdings—a virtually complete run—are useful for research into all facets of the Japanese community in British Columbia during that period.

UBC also filmed *Nikkan Minshu* (1 reel) and *Kanada Shinbun* (1 reel), the chief rivals of *Tairiku Nippo*. However, only a few issues of these papers survive and the holdings microfilmed include continuous runs of only the last few months of each, before all three papers were closed in 1941 at the outbreak of war in the Pacific.

For more information about the newspapers or about acquisition of the microfilm, please contact Mr. Tsuneharu Gonnami, Japanese Librarian at UBC, at tsuneharu_gonnami@library.ubc.ca or the Japanese-Canadian Newspapers Project, Facilities and Preservation Office, University of British Columbia Library, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6T 1Z1.
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