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## LIBRARIES AND INSTITUTIONS

### Tsinghua University Establishes OCLC Service Center in China

Tsinghua University in Beijing has established an OCLC Service Center to extend the FirstSearch service and other OCLC services to libraries and information centers in China.

"OCLC is a world-renowned information provider and Tsinghua University is pleased to be associated with OCLC to extend the much-needed information services to libraries and information centers across China at a reasonable price," said Liu Guilin, director, Tsinghua University Library.

"Tsinghua University is one of the finest institutions of higher education in China and its strength is in scientific research and technological development," said Andrew H. Wang, director, OCLC Asia Pacific services. "OCLC's strategic alliance with Tsinghua University will help Chinese libraries and information centers meet the increasing needs for information as we head toward the twenty-first century."

Phyllis B. Spies, vice president, OCLC member services, sales and international, emphasized the significance of the cooperative effort for libraries worldwide. "The community of OCLC libraries today is truly international and becoming more so each day," said Ms. Spies. "Cooperation and collaboration among libraries on a global basis holds the promise of a new era of success for libraries and library users."

K. Wayne Smith, OCLC president and Chief Executive Officer, called the strategic alliance "a significant milestone in OCLC's history." Dr. Smith will head a delegation to dedicate the OCLC Service Center at Tsinghua University in August.

Tsinghua University houses the network center of the China Education and Research Network (CERNET), which is the Internet arm in China for educational institutions. Presently, 108 universities are linked with CERNET. The majority of the more than 1,000 universities and colleges in China are expected to be on the CERNET by the year 2000.

Hwa-Wei Lee, dean of libraries, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, served as a consultant for OCLC to work with Mr. Wang in developing the framework for the alliance. Tsinghua University has set aside half of its main lobby in the university library for an OCLC training room, in which thirty Pentium workstations are connected to CERNET. FirstSearch training has begun at Tsinghua University and will take place throughout China in the coming months.

(Andrew H. Wang, by email dated 23 May 1996)

### Implementation of the CJK System at the National Library of Australia

The National CJK System has been implemented in the National Library of Australia smoothly and successfully. From the end of May 1996, staff of the Asian Collections Section have ceased using the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN) for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean-language cataloging and commenced working on the new CJK System.

The National CJK System uses INNOPAC software from Innovative Interfaces to provide user friendly search and bibliographic database functions. National Library staff are using MASS software to search and input Chinese, Japanese, and Korean characters. MASS,

which is Windows-based, was developed by the Institute of Systems Science at the National University of Singapore.

During the month of June 1996 around 2,000 new and updated holdings have been added to the CJK database for East Asian materials held by the National Library. This includes 619 new holdings, consisting of 286 Chinese, 157 Japanese, and 176 Korean holdings.

Readers coming to the Asian Collections Reading Room may now use the new CJK Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) to search for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean records including East Asian characters. They may search for CJK material held by the National Library and other libraries. Printing is also available for these records with CJK script.

Readers can also access the National Library's new CJK records through the Library's local Dynix system. Once each day the latest records are transferred by ftp from the CJK System to the Library's local system. This provides up-to-date romanized Chinese, Japanese, and Korean records on the Library's OPAC, which is accessible via the Internet.

The smooth implementation of the CJK System within the National Library owes much to the assistance of staff in the CJK Project Team, Systems, and other areas. Other Australian libraries may also wish to provide information on their use of the new National CJK System. Further details about the System are available on the National Library's Server at the URL: <http://www.nla.gov.au/1/asian/ncjk/cjkhome.html>.

(Andrew Gosling, by email dated 2 July 1996)

#### Exhibition of Gift Books in Conjunction with 1996 Conference of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast at the University of Alberta

A book exhibition was staged by the university library in conjunction with the 31st Conference of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast held at the University of Alberta, 20-22 June. A total of 360 gift books were displayed. The Bureau of International Exchange of Publications of the National Central Library, Taiwan, Republic of China, contributed 239 volumes, covering history, politics, literature, and fine arts. This was the second major gift we received from the National Central Library since its significant presentation of 1991. The Cheng & Tsui Company, the publisher and book supplier in Boston, presented thirty volumes on Chinese and Japanese language topics. The Association for Asian Studies also deposited a number of its most recent monographs. The other two exhibitors were the Korea Research Foundation, a frequent benefactor of the library, and the Japan Foundation, which financially sponsored the Conference.

The Conference had 300 participants, while the exhibition, which was considered very satisfactory, attracted about seventy visitors, including official representatives of the exhibitors.

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