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The University of Pittsburgh East Asian Library  
Receives Award from the Japan Foundation

The University of Pittsburgh East Asian Library was awarded a 1996-1997 Library Support Program Grant from the Japan Foundation in the amount of 1,200,000 yen (about \$12,000) to purchase books on Japanese apprenticeship. The University of Pittsburgh Library System provided additional funding of 532,157 yen (about \$5,400).

Sixty-four titles in eighty-three volumes and ten compact disks covering various forms of apprenticeship from the traditional master/disciple relationship of craftsman or journeyman to the modern factory setting were acquired, as well as volumes on the introduction of Western learning to Japan. The collection covers a wide range of subject fields from art and medicine to industry. These new materials add breadth and depth to existing resources on apprenticeship in the University of Pittsburgh East Asian Library Japanese studies collection.

The East Asian Library is very grateful to the Japan Foundation for its support of this apprenticeship project and other projects in the past. Without this support, it would have been nearly impossible for the Library to develop core research resources for Japanese studies.

(Sachie Noguchi, University of Pittsburgh)