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The East Asian Library of the University of Colorado Libraries has secured funding to expand its Japanese Collection in support of the Master of Arts program in Japanese recently established by the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures of the University of Colorado. The materials in the East Asian Library are mainly print monographs dealing with the humanities of China and Japan, especially literature and history, and currently most are in Chinese. The Library supports the curricular and research needs of the faculty and students of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures as well as other East Asian programs on campus and also makes East Asian language material available for recreational reading. Librarian of the CU East Asian Library is Zhijia Shen.

(From the University of Colorado Libraries Friends Newsletter)

Dr. Ma Tai-loi appointed Deputy Librarian of the Fung Ping Shan Library: The University of Hong Kong Libraries are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ma Tai-loi to be a Deputy Librarian of the University of Hong Kong Libraries, in charge of the Fung Ping Shan Library (the East Asian Collection of the Libraries).

Dr. Ma is a graduate of the University of Hong Kong, having majored in Chinese History and Literature. He later received a Master’s degree in Library Science. Dr. Ma worked at various posts in the Far Eastern Library of the University of Chicago while earning his doctoral degree in East Asian Studies from that institution. For the past ten years Dr. Ma served as the Curator of the East Asian Library of the University of Chicago.

Fung Ping Shan Library is a branch of the University of Hong Kong Libraries system. It houses more than 500,000 volumes of CJK materials and 9,000 titles of CJK periodicals, excluding those held in the University Library’s Hong Kong Collection. The Fung Ping Shan Library collections also include about 400 titles of major newspapers published in Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Japan and various places in Southeast Asia. There are over 6,000 rolls of microfilm, over 18,000 sheets of microfiche, and more than 1,100 items of audiovisual materials. The Library is renowned for its collections in Chinese rare books, genealogy of China and Hong Kong, and Chinese rubbings, as well as distinguished holdings of materials on modern and contemporary China. In recent years the Library has also subscribed to online Chinese databases and developed a CD-ROM collection to facilitate easy access to CJK resources.

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(Dr. L. B. Kan, The Librarian, The University of Hong Kong Libraries)

Tsuneharu Gonnami, Japanese Librarian of the Asian Library, University of British Columbia, at the invitation of Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto and other Japanese institutions gave a number of lectures in Japan last fall about the Japanese Canadian Historical Collection at UBC and Japanese Collections in North America. Papers he read and lectures delivered were

Oct. 31: “Japanese Canadian Research Collection at UBC,” Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto
Nov. 4: “Japanese Collections in Canada and the USA,” School of Library and Information Science, Aichi shukutoku University, Nagoya
Nov. 6: "Canada for Japanese Students," Tohoku Fukushi University, Sendai  
Nov. 7: "A History of Japanese Canadians," Takushoku University, Hokkaido College, Fukagawa  
Nov. 8: "Japanese Canadians in the Multi-Cultural Society of Canada," Hokkai Gakuen University, Sapporo.


WCAAS Library Panel: Continuing in the tradition of having a library panel on the program of the annual WCAAS meeting, a tradition maintained for many years by Ai-hwa Wu of Arizona State University and Gene Hsiao of the University of Arizona, a panel focusing on East Asian libraries was held at the annual meeting of the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, which met in Boulder, Colorado, October 24-26, 1997. The panel, titled "Stretching Library Walls: East Asian Collections in the Electronic Age," was planned to include presentations by Joy Kim, Curator of the Korean Heritage Collection at the University of Southern California ("Korean Electronic Resources"), Zhijia Shen, Head of the East Asian Library at the University of Colorado ("Accessing Electronic Resources for Chinese Studies," ) and Gail King, Curator of the Asian Collection in the Harold B. Lee Library of Brigham Young University ("Japanese Electronic Resources for Academic Users"). The unexpected Blizzard of October 1997 which hit eastern Colorado that weekend prevented the two faculty discussants from making the trip to Boulder October 25 for the panel, and Gail King (and family) were stranded trying to get to the meeting on nearly impassable roads. Joy Kim and Zhijia Shen carried on with the panel and presented their papers to an appreciative, if small, audience. All three papers, revised, are included in this issue.

Destruction of the Hanlin Academy Library: Readers of the Journal of East Asian Libraries will be interested in the article "The Destruction of a Great Library: China's Loss Belongs to the World," by Donald G. Davis Jr. and Cheng Huanwen, which appeared in the October 1997 issue of American Libraries (pp. 60-62). The article, which describes the loss of the Hanlin Academy library during the Boxer Uprising, is an adaptation of the authors' paper "Destruction of Chinese Books in the Peking Siege of 1900" delivered at the 1996 IFLA Conference in Beijing.

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