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IN MEMORIAM

YENSHEW LYNN CHAO

Mrs. Yenshaw Lynn Chao, Librarian of the Rubel Asiatic Research Collection of the Fine Arts Library of Harvard College Library passed away at home on Monday, July 24, after a long illness.

Mrs. Chao came to Harvard in 1971, as the first librarian of the Rubel Asiatic Research Bureau in the Oriental Department of the Fogg Art Museum. The bureau evolved into the Rubel Asiatic Research Collection (RARC) and was integrated into the Fine Arts Library of the Harvard College Library in 1978. Under Mrs. Chao's leadership the Rubel Collection has grown into one of the finest specialized libraries in the world for the study of the art, architecture, and archaeology of East Asia, Central Asia, Southeast Asia, and India. It has become an indispensable research center for Harvard faculty, students, and visiting scholars from Asia, Europe, and the United States. One of Mrs. Chao's many accomplishments was the development of the Rubel Classification Scheme, authority files, and simplified catalog filing rules for the collection. Her scheme is still in use in Rubel and has been adopted by other research libraries.

Her colleagues and the University community will miss her. Rubel is a special place at Harvard with a welcoming atmosphere, in large part due to the care and professional attention Mrs. Chao devoted to her work and the needs of countless students, faculty, curators, and researchers from around the world.

Mrs. Chao is survived by her children, Viviane, Philippe, and Yvonne Chao.

(Taken from the announcements by the Fine Arts Library of the Harvard College Library and the EASTLIB posting by Harvard-Yenching Library)