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## RETIREMENTS

Ichiko Morita, chief of the Social Sciences Cataloging Division (SSCD) since April 2000, retired from the Library of Congress on April 26, 2002. Ms. Morita first came to LC in 1994 as head of the former Japan Documentation Center, which was abolished in March 2000. Prior to joining the Library of Congress, she served for over seven years as head of the Cataloging Dept. at Ohio State University, where she supervised more than fifty staff in seven sections -- search, copy, monograph, serial, special collections cataloging, catalog maintenance, and authority control. Ms. Morita earned a bachelor's degree from Okayama University, Japan, and a master's in library science from the University of Chicago.

As chief of the largest division in the Cataloging Directorate, Ichiko Morita was responsible for the day-to-day operations of eight teams: Business and Economics; Central and Eastern European Languages (CEEL); Education, Sports, and Recreation; Germanic and Scandinavian Languages (GSL); Law; Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology (PSSA); Religion, Philosophy, and Psychology; and Romance Languages. Her two years in the division were notable for the range and extent of changes that took place during that time, among them workflow changes, including those occasioned by the transition to cataloging in the Library's first integrated library system (calendar year 2000), the new Library-wide security plan, and changes in the working environment, including a refurbishment of carpeting and furniture throughout the division and ergonomic upgrades of most staff members' work cubicles. Ms. Morita also appointed new team leaders in the CEEL and PSSA teams. She was noted for generosity and flexibility in assigning scarce staff resources where they were most needed, for example allowing an SSCD cataloger to spend a year in the American Folklife Center and using SSCD staff to process receipts for other divisions.

Until the position of division chief can be filled, SSCD will be managed by team leaders who will rotate into the position of acting assistant chief on 120-day temporary promotions. First acting assistant chief is Thomas Imhoof, Ph. D., GSL team leader LC-CEAL Cataloging Workshop.

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