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University of Hawaii: The University of Hawaii at Manoa Library (UHM) and the Kanazawa Institute of Technology Library Center (KIT) in Japan have completed arrangements for a new cooperative venture. The UHM/KIT cooperative agreement will facilitate resource sharing for students and faculty by establishing interlibrary loan and document delivery services. The UH School of Engineering and KIT developed the first institutional ties when they became sister universities in the 1980s, and this latest agreement will strengthen this bond. More than 20 KIT students per year study English at UHM while the engineering schools conduct faculty exchanges. The KIT Library Center is known throughout Japan for its use of technology and innovative management style.

(Wil Frost, University of Hawai'i at Manoa Library)

East Asian Librarianship-related Ph.D. Dissertation: Sachié Noguchi, Japanese Bibliographer at the University of Pittsburgh, completed her Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh in 2001. Her dissertation, titled "Assessing users and uses of electronic texts: In case of the Japanese Text Initiative, Japanese classics electronic text on the World Wide Web," investigated users and their usage of electronic texts in the Japanese Text Initiative through the World Wide Web by both quantitative and qualitative assessments and to develop a model for use. The study revealed that main use of the JTI texts was for non-academic reasons, and confirmed that the World Wide Web has helped popularize information and democratize scholarly information.

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