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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New databases offered by Oripobe Information Services

#### 《四部丛刊》Sibu Congkan 全文检索版

The electronic Sibu Congkan is a fully searchable collection of the authoritative editions of the 504 original and historical monographs (3,134 volumes) published by the Commercial Press in 1919-1936. Holdings span Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing Dynasties including early manuscripts and rare prints (antiquarian, out-of-print books). Original collection used photolithography, which resulted in better editions than any then-available typeset editions. The electronic Sibu Congkan is based on the Shanghai Hanfen Lou version kept in the Peking University Rare Books Collection. With the full coverage of the 3 series published in the year 1922, 1932 and 1936 respectively, it reaches up to 232,478 pages and 90 million characters. Each series is traditionally categorized into Classics (jing 经), History (shi 史), Philosophy (zi 子), and Literary Collections or belles lettres (ji 集).

The database supports Unicode, browsing, full-text searching, linked images and text, copy/paste and print. The electronic copy also features auxiliary Chinese input, a character dictionary and date conversion tools.

#### 《十通》The Ten General Series 全文检索版

The Ten General Series, a de facto encyclopedia of ancient China, is a collective name for the ten classic series on ancient Chinese regulations, institutions, politics, and their transformation over thousands of years in Chinese history. It includes three categories: Tongdian (Comprehensive Canon, a historical encyclopedia covering panoply of topics from high antiquity), Tongzhi (General Treaties, a great institutional history of China from its beginnings down through the dynasties), Wenxian Tongkao (General Study of the Literary Remains, a huge encyclopedia of general knowledge). The Ten General Series contains more than 2,700 volumes, totaling more than 30,000,000 characters. Covered are topics such as military affairs, culture, religion, philology, phonetics, the development of families and clans, etc.

The database supports Unicode, browsing, full-text searching, linked images and text, copy/paste, and print. The electronic copy also features Chinese handwriting recognition input, a character dictionary and date conversion tools.

#### 《中国历代石刻史料汇编》

#### Compendium of Chinese Stone Inscriptions over the Dynasties 全文检索版

"Compendium of Chinese Stone Inscriptions over the Dynasties" (Shike Huibian) is a full text database of epigraphical materials emerged in various dynasties in China. This database compiles more than 17,000 metal and stone inscriptions selected by contemporary experienced virtuosos of the National Library of China. It includes documents on Chinese politics, economy, military, religion, literature, geography, science, technology, education, etc. Margin comments made by concurrent inscription researchers are also incorporated along with the engravings per se.

These valuable inscriptions have a bearing on the past history and social life of ancient China providing an extremely valuable treasure for scholars on Chinese studies.

The database supports Unicode, browsing, full-text searching, linked images and text, copy/paste, and print. The electronic copy also features auxiliary Chinese input, a character dictionary and date conversion tools.

## China Online Videos (COV)

China Online Videos (COV) is a unique online video platform, focusing on Chinese Arts, history, geography, business, science & technology, and medicine. Partnering with well-recognized organizations, including China Central Television (CCTV), Phoenix , Chinese Medical Association(CMA), Beijing University and Chinese Academy of Sciences, COV provides a new easy access to China in a visual and audio format.

### Four Categories:

- Arts, History & Geography:
  - √ 1,589 videos
  - √ Discover the rich Chinese culture, and diversified regional geography
  
- Celebrity Interviews
  - √ 657 videos
  - √ Interviews and talks with social celebrities and elites
  
- Lectures
  - √ 4,398 videos
  - √ Lectures on culture, business, and health by professors, industrial experts and professionals
  
- Science & Technology and Medicine
  - √ 6,487 videos
  - √ Broad range of science & technology fields

### Twelve Topics:

- Arts (618 videos)
  - History (405 videos)
  - Business (2,910 videos)
  - Medical (1,409 videos)
  - Health (279 videos)
  - Geography (1,652 videos)
  - Industry (1,653 videos)
  - Agriculture (2,918 videos)
  - Climatology (263 videos)
  - Life Science (220 videos)
  - Science & Technology (545 videos)
  - Military (259 videos)
- √ 12,669 videos, and 145,421 minutes in total  
√ Updated monthly

Further information on these products is available at the OriProbe Information Services, Inc. website at <http://www.oriprobe.com/home.html>