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Columbia University Libraries Establishes Miwa Kai Endowment Fund

In July 2013 Columbia University Libraries announced the establishment of the Miwa Kai Endowment Fund for the Japanese Studies Collection in the C.V. Starr East Asian Library.

The endowment, with principal funding of \$50,000, has been established in memory of Miwa Kai (1913-2011), former Head of the Japanese Studies Collection at the Starr Library. Established in 1931, the collection holds over 300,000 volumes, over 2,500 serials, and many unique collections, including the Adachi Bunraku Collection and the Makino Collection.

During her professional tenure at Columbia from 1944 to 1983, Miss Kai dedicated her career to the development of the Japanese Studies Collection. After her retirement, she continued to work with and support the faculty and students on a consultative basis, and paid many visits to the Starr Library up until nearly her last days.

“We are deeply grateful to the members of the Kai Family, Miss Kai’s colleagues, friends, the related vendors and institutions, and the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia. Their donations and contributions made the establishment of Miwa Kai Endowment Fund possible,” said Jim Cheng, Director of the Starr Library. “This is the most meaningful way we can remember Miss Kai and continue her favorite cause of supporting the Japanese Studies Collection at Columbia in perpetuity.”

(From a press release by Columbia University Libraries news@libraries.cul.columbia.edu)

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill receives grant of \$90,000 from Taiwan Ministry of Education

On Thursday, September 26, 2013, representatives from the Taiwan Ministry of Education and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a grant of \$90,000 over a period of three years to be used to enhance UNC library resources on the history and cultures of Taiwan. The new funding will focus on the acquisition of major electronic databases, e-books, and art materials from Taiwan.

A key goal of the funding agreement is to promote a strong relationship between Taiwan and the UNC Library through the development of teaching and library resources related to Taiwan.

(From an Eastlib posting by Hsi-chu Bolick, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)