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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

I. Major Activities of CEAL During 1995

CEAL Name Change

As a result of a mail balloting of the CEAL membership, the decision was made to change the name of the organization from "Committee on East Asian Libraries" to "Council on East Asian Libraries." At the same time the name of each of CEAL's "subcommittees was changed to "committee," CEAL's chief official was changed from "Chairperson" to "President," and the name of the organization's publication was changed from CEAL Bulletin to Journal of East Asian Libraries. These changes formally took effect on 1 July 1995.

CEAL Bulletin/Journal of East Asian Libraries

Three issues of the committee journal were published, two as the Committee on East Asian Libraries Bulletin (nos. 105 and 106) and one as the Journal of East Asian Libraries (no. 107). The Council is fortunate in continuing to have had the services of Edward Martinique (North Carolina) as Journal Editor and Doris Seely (Minnesota), the Council Secretary, who have worked well together to publish these issues. Area Editors Ju-yen Teng (China), Kristina Kade Troost (Japan), and Soonyoung Chang (Korea) provide necessary support as well. As of February 1996, the number of current paid subscribers is 261 personal (@$20) and 123 institutional (@$35) subscribers. A copy of each issue is being sent for Association for Asian Studies, Inc. (AAS) files.

CEAL Annual Meeting

The CEAL Annual Meeting for 1995 was held in Washington, D.C., 5-9 April in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the AAS.

CEAL's Plenary Session (5 April, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon) featured three guest speakers. Catherine Y. Lee, Asian Pacific Studies Bibliographer at UCLA, spoke on the topic, "Western Studies on East Asia," Mya Thanda (Helen) Poe, Chief of Library of Congress' Asian Division, talked about the organization of her division, and Marly Rudeen, Bibliographer at the Center for Research Libraries, talked about her center's services.

Elections were held for membership on the Executive Committee, with results as follows:

Min-chih Chou (Washington) 1995-1997
Cathy Chiu (UC Santa Barbara) 1995-1996

Meetings were held for each of the six CEAL (sub)committees:

The Committee on Technical Processing held its annual meeting on Wednesday, 5 April 1995 at 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Hemisphere Room. The main theme of the 1995 Committee meeting was the future trend of cataloging in the 21st century and the digital library. The program was as follows:

Beacher Wiggins (Library of Congress): Some Future Directions in Cataloging at the LC Library

Barbara Tillett (Library of Congress): Major Cataloging Policy Changes of the Past Year, and Future Cataloging Prospects

Karen Smith-Yoshimura (RLG): RLG, New Developments

Søren Edgren (RLG Chinese Rare Books Project): Report on the Current Progress of the Chinese Rare-Book Cataloging Project

Beatrice Ohta and James Lin (Library of Congress): Cataloging Questions and Answers

The Committee on Japanese Materials met on Thursday, 6 April at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Military Room. The program was as follows:

Toshiro Kono (Waseda University): The Connection Between Writers and Publishing Companies: Soseki, Ogai, Akiko, Kafu, Hakushu

Ichiko Morita (LC Japan Documentation Center): JDC/LC and Its Activities Over the Internet

Masato Matsui (Hawaii): Unforgettable Distinguished Librarians I Have Ever Met

Koshiro Moroya (KTT/Kanagawa): Plans Toward International Library Cooperation: a Message From the Secretary General of JAPULS

Reports of the other four committees (Library Technology, Public Services, Chinese Materials, and Korean Materials) were published in the CEAL Bulletin, no. 106 (June 1995), pp. 49-54.

CEAL WWW Site

The Committee on Library Technology continued to maintain a World-Wide Web (WWW) site on CEAL’s behalf at one of the nodes at the University of Oregon, the uniform resource locator (URL) of which remained: http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~felsing/ceal/welcome.html. A Committee member has been constantly updating WWW pages made accessible at this site both in format and content, with incorporation of results of his own findings as well as some reports from other members regarding East Asian studies-related information technology and sources.

While detailed statistical reports are currently unavailable due to move of the host site machine, the CEAL WWW site administrator reports a rather constant number of visitors to each associated page. The following numbers of consultation of the major WWW pages are estimated for the current reporting period, from April 1995 to January 1996, based on some sample statistics:

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Through the mail feature embedded in each of the associated pages, an average of three to four reference questions, queries, and suggestions were received each day at this CEAL WWW site. Approximately a half of such messages originated from outside the United States, mostly from Europe.

**Monitoring/Research/SDI**

The Committee on Library Technology continued to keep up with developments in electronic information handling and library automation and to do some research for dissemination of findings to CEAL members and other interested individuals on such matters.

Some members kept track of the Horizon system developments, especially its adoption of Unicode for CJK data handling. Diacritic problems with that system were reported to Ameritech for their rectification.

Members also participated in beta-testing of the RLIN Windows-2 programme, which is now in a production mode for displaying and limited manipulation of CJK vernacular values. This production version software is now used at many Committee member institutions. Feedback data related specifically to CJK operations are now being collected for submission to RLG.

Suggestions were made to OCLC for their OCLC CJK Prism software enhancement; and such developments, including the upcoming release of the CJK card format display, were closely monitored.

Establishment of the Japanese-language-capable environment on regular IBM-compatible PCs has been much more troublesome than that for Chinese and Korean languages. A Committee member continued to be engaged in rigorous experiments with setups for Japanese electronic information products. Viable solutions for using, on regular IBM-compatible PCs, NACSIS-IR, and Daiichi hki CD-ROM were found. Such setup information has widely been disseminated to interested CEAL members.

The East Asian Academic Librarians of California (EAALC) established in 1994 the Task Force on CJK Computer Databases. The Committee on Library Technology members from California continued to take part in this Task Force that commissioned compilation of East Asian imprint electronic information resources for acquisitions and, under the auspices of the University of California at San Diego, Multilingual Digital Libraries, An International Seminar. A Committee member prepared a list for submission to EAALC entitled “Highly-Selected Electronic Information Resources for Japanese Studies of Potential Utility to Library Patrons at the University of California” (18 October 1995). An introductory preseminar workshop session on World-Wide Web was also offered.

When queries related to library automation and electronic information sources were received, members responded to those questions. Those included queries on access to the NCL databases in Taipei and TRC sales catalog consultation.

In conjunction with replacement of paper copies of Zasshi kiji sakuin with electronic formats, developments on this issue were monitored and specifications of magnetic distribution tapes were secured from the Japan National Diet Library.

The Committee continued to monitor general advancements, not specifically limited to East Asian studies library operations, in information technology. In concert with the rapid bourgeoning of WWW services, Web browsers received constant improvements. Members kept abreast of these new features released especially with Netscape upgrade, including the Hot Java applet functional-
ity. Members examined electronic LCC schedules produced by LC and Gale Research. Information regarding electronic AACR2R to be published in summer 1996 was also collected. A member attended the 1995 International Symposium on Digital Libraries to see many prototype examples of CJK vernacular projects.

Interlibrary Loans of East Asian Materials

The Committee on Public Services continued to work on the issue of interlibrary loan of East Asian materials, on both the national and international levels. Tim Connor has been working on the idea of preparing a directory to ILL policies of East Asian libraries, and he is about to show it to Robert Felsing to get some advice where would be a suitable place to put the information on-line.

Zasshi kiji sakuin

The Committee on Public Services has urged the National Diet Library in Japan to work out some plan with the National Center for Science Information Systems (NACSIS) to make the Zasshi kiji sakuin (periodical index of scholarly journals) available to North American East Asian collections after its print version is discontinued. We received a very encouraging letter and words both from the National Diet Library's Cooperation Division and NACSIS. The chair had summarized the comments and requests of the East Asian librarians in North America and sent them to the National Diet Library.

Chinese Subject Headings Publication

The Committee on Technical Processing prepared for the future publication of “Library of Congress Subject Headings for Chinese Studies.” The project members include:

Elaine Bao, Chinese cataloger, University of Chicago
Yu-Lan Chou, Chinese cataloger, Ohio State University
Wen-ling Liu, Chinese cataloger, Indiana University
Mengfen Su, Chinese cataloger, Harvard University
Abraham Yu, Head, East Asian Cataloging, University of California at Irvine

Visit to Japan

Some members of the Committee on Japanese Materials visited Japan last November to discuss JAPULS Japanese Book Donation / Distribution Project and selected 1,500 volumes/titles for our each individual libraries under this project as a trial. At this time there is only funding at Japan Association of Private University Libraries/JAPULS for shipping from Japan which can be expensive.

Korean Collections Consortium of North America

The University of Chicago was added as a new member of the Korean Collections Consortium of North America, bringing the total membership to seven libraries (the others being Columbia, Harvard, Hawaii, Southern California, UC Berkeley, and Washington. The Korea Foundation provided the second-year grant of $20,000 to all seven members. The resources available to the research community in Korean studies are being steadily enriched as a direct result of this project.
Committee on Chinese Materials:
  Yeen-mei Wu (Washington)—Chair
  Teresa Wang Chang (NCL, Taiwan)
  Jean Han (UC Berkeley)
  Thomas Hahn (Heidelberg, Germany)
  Ai-hwa Wu (Arizona State)
  Yuan Zhou (Minnesota)

Committee on Japanese Materials:
  Sachie Noguchi (Pittsburgh)—Chair
  Robert R. Britt (Washington Law)
  Izumi Koide (International House of Japan Library)
  Lynne Kutsukake (Toronto)
  Hideyuki Morimoto (UC Berkeley)

Committee on Korean Materials:
  Kyungmi Chun (Hawaii)—Chair
  Hyonggun Choi (Chicago)
  Joy Kim (USC)
  Choong Nam Yoon (Harvard)

Committee on Library Technology:
  Robert Felsing (Oregon)—Chair
  Jeong-gwan Han (UC San Diego)
  Scott Harrison (Washington)
  Martin J. Heijdra (Princeton)
  Guo-Qing Li (Ohio State)
  Hisami Springer (Hawaii)

Committee on Public Services:
  Tim Connor (Harvard-Yenching)—Chair
  Cathy Chiu (UC Santa Barbara)
  Mihoko Miki (UCLA)
  Kristina Troost (Duke)
  Chungsoo Kim (NY Public)
  Agnes Wen (Pittsburgh)
  Charles d’Orban (Cornell)

Committee on Technical Processing:
  Philip T. Melzer (Library of Congress)—Chair
  Heh Young Baek (USC)
  Tomoko Hermsemeier (British Columbia)
  James Lin (Library of Congress)
  Wen-ling Diana Liu (Indiana)
  Seunghi Paek (Harvard)
  Amy Tsiang (UCLA)
  Reiko Yoshimura (Freer Gallery)
  Abraham Yu (UC at Irvine)

Advisors: Beatrice Ohta (LC) and Charles Wu (Columbia)
II. Executive Committee

Minutes of the meetings of the Council on East Asian (CEAL) Libraries Executive Committee, held 8:00-11:00 p.m. on Tuesday 9 April and 7:00-8:30 a.m. on Saturday 12 April 1996 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu.

Present at the Tuesday meeting: Cathy Chiu (UC Santa Barbara), Kyungmi Chun (Hawaii) for Yoon-hwan Choe (Washington), Ken Klein (USC) [President], Tai-loi Ma (Chicago), Bill McCloy (Washington), Yasuko Makino (Columbia), Ed Martinique (North Carolina), Hideyuki Morimoto (UC Berkeley), Ichiko Morita (JDC, Library of Congress), Sachie Noguchi (Pittsburgh) [Treasurer], Eizaburo Okuzumi (Chicago), Doris Seely (Minnesota) [Secretary], Anna U (Toronto), Charles Wu (Columbia). Present at the Saturday meeting: Timothy Connor (Harvard), Linda Joe (British Columbia), Ken Klein, Tai-loi Ma [President Elect], Ed Martinique, Ichiko Morita, Sachie Noguchi, Doris Seely, Karen Wei (Illinois), Yeen-mei Wu (Washington).

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS ON ASIA (DDOA) AND THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ASIAN STUDIES (BAS)

A decision on whether to continue publication of DDOA was to be made by the Association for Asian Studies, Inc. (AAS) Publication Committee on Wednesday morning. The Committee agreed on Tuesday that Klein should once again, as he did last year, write a letter to the AAS Publications Committee on behalf of CEAL, endorsing the continued publication of DDOA in the strongest terms possible. It was agreed that it should preferably be continued in digital form, perhaps somehow folded in with BAS. On Saturday Klein reported that the decision had indeed been made to continue DDOA in digital form. AAS asked that CEAL appoint several representatives to help decide what exact form the digital version should take.

Klein reported on Tuesday that the task force formed earlier to review BAS, which includes Kris Troost, Martin Heijdra, and Richard Wang as CEAL representatives, has been working on the review in very general terms, but has not been able to get down to specifics yet. The hope is that if it can be made leaner and put into CD-ROM form, it may be possible to bring it to a point where there is only a two-year time lag, rather than a lag of seven years as is the case now. On Saturday Klein reported there had been no further progress on deciding the future of BAS.

CONCERNS ABOUT THE ASIAN DIVISION OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

In recent months many rumors have circulated about problems at the Asian Division of the Library of Congress related to the many changes happening there. With the move of the Asian Collection to the Jefferson Building, there have been fears that the staff will be separated from the collection, that the materials will be integrated into the general collections, and that some materials will be discarded because there is no room for them in the new location. Many members have asked if there is some action CEAL should take to try to address these issues. On Tuesday the Committee decided to wait to hear Helen Poe's remarks at the Plenary Session on Wednesday before discussing the matter further.

At the Plenary Session Caroline T. Brown, Acting Director of Area Studies of the Library of Congress, spoke in place of Helen Poe with Poe also commenting from the floor. We were told that while it is true that there will not be room for the entire Asian Collection at the new location, and some materials will have to be stored elsewhere, every effort is being made to prioritize the materials carefully so that the most often used items will still be kept together. Rare book are the very
first priority for remaining with the body of the collection. No materials will be thrown away. Af-
ter hearing these reassurances, the Committee concluded on Saturday that, although the Asian Di-
vision has problems, they seem to be not substantially different from the problems that most other
libraries are having and it was agreed that CEAL need take no action at the moment.

VOLUNTEERS BEING RECRUITED FOR BI CLEARINGHOUSE

Cathy Chiu has set up an on-line BI clearinghouse as part of her work on the CEAL Public Serv-
ices Committee (PSC), but finds that maintaining it properly is more work than one person can
handle. She asked on Tuesday that several more BI-oriented members be recruited for the PSC for
the purpose of forming a task force or subcommittee within the PSC to maintain the BI clearing-
house. The Committee agreed to this request and on Saturday Klein asked Timothy Connor, the
incoming Chairperson of the PSC, to recruit several volunteers for this work.

GAIL KING TO EDIT THE JOURNAL OF EAST ASIAN LIBRARIES

Ed Martinique, who has served as editor of the CEAL Bulletin, now renamed the Journal of East
Asian Libraries, for many years, has been compiling an index to issues 1-106 of the Bulletin and
would like to finish before he retires. Stopping three times a year to put out a new issue of JEAL
would make that impossible, so he has asked to be relieved of his editorial duties. Gail King re-
plied to the call for a new editor and her appointment was unanimously approved by the Com-
mittee. She will take over with the October 1996 issue.

NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR CEAL STATISTICS TASK FORCE

Klein reported that all three members of the CEAL Statistics Task Force have come to the end of
their three-year terms and must be replaced. The outgoing members have suggested that the num-
ber of members be increased and their charge be enlarged to include not just the compilation of the
result of the CEAL annual survey, but also the review and rationalization of the compilation of
CEAL statistics and an attempt to bring our methods more in line with those of the Association of
Research Libraries.

NEW TASK FORCE FOR COORDINATING CEAL COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS

Klein brought up the need for a new task force to coordinate CEAL’s various communications
channels. Bob Felsing has done excellent work in setting up the CEAL home page, but now needs
help in maintaining and promoting it. We need people to determine what kinds of information
should go on the home page, what we should publish in JEAL, and what is best handled on the
listserver, EASTLIB.

Many reference questions have been coming to Felsing on the Web Page. He can field questions
of a technical nature, but to answer all the East Asia-related questions that come in at the same time
is too much. We need a way to sort this out, so that the East Asia-related reference questions go to
the people best equipped to handle them. Probably they are best routed to the listserver rather than
the Web Page.

EASTLIB OVERSIGHT

Hideyuki Morimoto discussed the need for better EASTLIB oversight, particularly for the purpose
of preventing the posting of commercials and scams. This issue has since been addressed, with
Hsi-chu Bolick taking over the ownership of EASTLIB and turning it into a monitored list.
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS CONFERENCE PAPERS

Klein reported that ten CEAL authors had already submitted paper proposals for the special conference "The Evolving Research Library and East Asian Studies" to be held on 28 August 1996 in conjunction with the IFLA Conference in Beijing. Papers on the history of East Asian collecting and Korean collecting were still needed.

ELECTION RESULTS

The ballots for the election of CEAL officers were opened and the votes tabulated on Tuesday night. Those elected were:

Tai-loi Ma, President-Elect (to serve as CEAL President, 1997-2000)
Robert H. Felsing, Chairperson, Committee on Library Technology (1996-1999)
Timothy Connor, Chairperson, Committee on Public Services, (1996-1999)
Philip Melzer, Chairperson, Committee on Technical Processing (1996-1999)
Linda Joe and Karen Wei, Executive Committee Members (1996-1999)
Yeen-mei Wu, Chairperson, Committee on Chinese Materials (1996-1999)
Sachie Noguchi, Chairperson, Committee on Japanese Materials (1996-1999)
Kyungmi Chun, Chairperson, Committee on Korean Materials (1996-1999)

Klein will try to find an interim Treasurer to take over the last year of Sachie Noguchi's term, so that she can devote her attention to her new duties as Chairperson of the Committee on Japanese Materials. Seely will take over as editor of the new CEAL Directory to relieve her of that task.

SCHEDULE FOR THE 1997 CEAL MEETINGS IN CHICAGO

Since CEAL added a sixth Committee last year and is competing with a growing number of other meetings held in conjunction with AAS, the Committee agreed to hold CEAL meetings on Wednesday again next year in Chicago. Tentatively the schedule would be:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Executive Committee I
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Plenary Session
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Chinese Materials
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Public Services

Thursday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Library Technology
10:00 a.m.-12 noon Technical Processing
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Korean Materials
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Japanese Materials

Saturday 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Executive Committee II
TRANSLATION/INTERPRETATION FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee chairpersons are once again urged to make some form of English translation or interpretation available when speeches are given entirely in one of the East Asian languages.

Submitted by Doris Seely

III. Committee on Library Technology

The 1996 Committee on Library Technology annual meeting took place on 10 April from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. This year we had three presentations and two Committee member reports.

Professor Ching-chun Hsieh from the Document Processing Laboratory in Academia Sinica’s Institute of Information Science made a presentation and demonstration of his hypertext prototype for handling various versions of ancient texts written in Chinese and other languages. His prototype development was based on his innovative idea that: (1) the knowledge structure should be considered a document type definition (DTD); and (2) the text linkage should be handled in such a way that every node is to be treated as a chunk. Within this system, the documents were linked to the knowledge structure and the knowledge structure was linked to the documents. Document markup was performed on the basis of content analyses and necessary changes could be made to existing markup of the fly through a graphic user interface (GUI)-applied highlight-and-register technique. In order to provide scholars with a truly useful information retrieval mechanism, many versions of marked-up texts should be made available, for which rigorous and concerted efforts in completing linguistic analyses with every node needed to be made. In Professor Hsieh’s system relations among various versions of texts were emphasized; however, to properly mark up more texts into the system not only skills in linguistic analyses but also background knowledge of each text was crucial. Professor Hsieh’s prototype demonstration was with some versions of a Buddhist canon, Hsin ching (Tripitaka. Sutrapitaka. Prajnaparamita.. Hrdaya), linked to the relevant knowledge structure outline.

The second speaker was Professor X. Jie Yang of the University of Calgary. The topic of his presentation was access to Japan through the Web. He pointed out some of the peculiarities of Japanese World-Wide Web (WWW) sites as well as some representative and informative resources. A notable characteristic within Japan was that there existed many fund-related sites. Use of the Internet as a means to make profit seemed a common practice, probably related to the fact that transfer of information as information from Japan as opposed to that from outside the nation was discussed on WWW pages, emphasis tended to be placed on structural problems associated with information dissemination inside Japan. The way in which most companies dealt with information was also noteworthy. Newspaper companies released only selected articles through WWW and retained their back issues only for two days to a week. The WWW page presentation designs were similar among various newspaper companies. Excerpts from weekly and monthly magazines were also placed in WWW. Some Japanese library catalogs, such as those from the Universities of Chiba and Kyoto and Nichibunken, were already made available through WWW; and there was a sign that there would be much more in the near future. Fee-based data file provision was also made by NACSIS and other institutions. Nichibunken was collecting data by themselves to bypass copyright complexities. Title translation of Japanese-language pages in the context of WWW was deemed meaningful; however, the status quo of machine translation was far from being practical due to too many mistakes. Meanwhile, information on Japan in the English language was also placed in WWW, useful to those who could not read Japanese but who wished to know about Japan.
Mr. Jeong-gwan Han from the University of California at San Diego made a presentation dealing with the Korean Internet. His discussion was on necessary software program options to make terminals properly configured and some relevant sources available on the Internet for Korean studies. For use of the Internet with Korean-language scripts, software for terminal emulation, telnet, WWW, electronic mail, and UNIX software programs were needed. Then for each platform various setup possibilities existed. There were some informative Korean-specific WWW sites or WWW subpages as well as electronic mailing lists. Some Korean database services were also made accessible via the Internet for a fee. Korean WWW site searching could be performed with some search engines tailored to Korean studies needs. Experimental Hangul FTP files were to be added to the University of California at San Diego's International Research and Pacific Studies Chinese-Japanese-Korean Archives.

Two committee member reports followed these presentations. Mr. Rob Britt explained his successful setup for use of the Horitsu Hanrei Bunken Joho CD-ROM. This CD-ROM consisted of an article file and a case file covering information from 1982 to 1992. Although this product was designed primarily for Japanese-Windows, Mr. Britt could use it on a 486/66 terminal configured with WinV and ATOK8 although disk format had to be made before the installation file could be properly read. While somewhat slow, a dot-matrix printer was used for citation printing. The CD-ROM was rather heavily used at Mr. Britt’s Law School Library at the University of Washington.

Ms. Wen-ling Liu made a report on Ameritech Horizon and WinPac and their CJK capability. Horizon development was a joint project of Indiana University, the University of Chicago, and Ameritech. The Dynix system was to be used as a basis with the compatibility with Z39.50 and Z39.68 standards built in. At the initial implementation of Horizon, CJK support was not available; however, it would materialize through future enhancement. CJK support would be possible through application of UNICODE, when CJK characters might be used with all functions. Sorting of vernacular CJK characters was an issue still to be solved. WinPac, on the other hand, was a search tool coming to the East Asian Character Code. This software could be installed on machines with 486 or higher processors, with 8 or more MB of RAM, at least 10 MB of available memory, Windows 3.0 or later, and TCP/IP Winsock 1.0.

(Hideyuki Morimoto)

IV. Committee on Public Services

The 1996 CEAL annual meeting of the Committee on Public Services was held on 10 April from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the South Pacific Room 1 and 2 of the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Yasuko Makino, the chair, opened the meeting introducing the guest speaker, Mr. Noritada Otaki, the Director of the Kansai-kan Project Office and the Deputy Director of the Administrative Department of the National Diet Library of Japan (NDL). Mr. Otaki reported on the future of Zasshi kiji sakunin, the Japanese periodical index, the future of which affects all East Asian libraries in the United States. He described in detail the plans for future issues of Zasshi kiji sakunin. It will be available only in electronic format, both in CD-ROM and on-line through NACSIS-IR. The benefits of going to electronic formats are: the shortening of the time lag from the current four to six months to four to six weeks, increased access points, and reduced production costs. The money saved will be used to increase the number of journal titles indexed from the current 3,000 to 5,500; the number of entries will double from 110,000 to 230,000. Currently, Zasshi kiji sakunin is available to domestic users through NACSIS-IR and CD-ROM. Data is provided to NACSIS from the NDL on magnetic tape for a fee. NDL and NACSIS will make a final decision on how to provide the data to overseas users by the time paper copy publication ceases in May 1996. Because of the time difference between Japan and the United States, NACSIS is considering twenty-four hour service after 1997. For on-line use, NDL is also considering wider distribution of the magnetic
tape to commercial distributors. In regards to the CD-ROM FORMAT, Mr. Otaki reported that although currently a large portion of the production cost is paid by federal funding, it is necessary for users to share the cost. An academic library in the United States volunteered to experiment with using the CD-ROM version with hardware widely used in the United States and Kinokuniya, the distributor of the CD-ROM, will provide it free to that institution. Mr. Otaki also reported on Kansai-kan, projected to open its doors in the year 2002. This library will focus on document delivery and will supply information on Japan and Asia all over the world.

Reports and presentations by the committee members followed Mr. Otaki’s talk. Tim Connor (Harvard-Yenching) reported on the progress of making interlibrary loan information available online. A sample of the format devised by Bob Felsing (Oregon) was circulated to the audience. Bob volunteered to input information, reported Tim. Tim also reported on the survey of how international interlibrary loan (ILL) on books and journals from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong is done among ten of the twelve major Chinese collections in the United States. There is a fairly active ILL activity on journal articles. He reported that all such activities are done entirely on the basis of personal contacts and that there is no official means developed yet, although everyone surveyed agreed that some form of cooperation needs to be developed.

Chungsoo Kim (New York Public Library) surveyed the Korean library community, mainly on the East Coast with a few others in other areas, and reported that ILL is mostly of materials in western languages and in the areas of business, science, and industry.

Mihoko Miki (UCLA) gave a talk entitled “Accessing Japanese Information and Materials for Japanese Studies.” Databases used for the humanities and social sciences at Japanese academic libraries are: NACSIS, data produced by the National Diet Library, Classical Japanese Literature, WINET, Detabesu Rekihaku, Nikkei News Telecom, G-search, Kokuritsu Minzoku Hakubutsukan Detabesu, etc. She reported the NACSIS’s Union Catalog of Japanese Books and Union Catalog of Serials in Japanese Language would be available through the Internet from August this year. She also reported that databases created by the National Institute of Japanese Literature will be searchable through both Columbia and UCLA. These two libraries are text sites, and people are encouraged to send search requests to either one of the test site libraries. As to interlibrary loan from Japan, she indicated the following two points: (1) in order to reduce the ILL costs, libraries should set aside money for ILL purposes and deposit it with Japan Publications Trading Company which will make payment in Japanese currency on the overseas library’s behalf. In this way libraries in the United States can avoid paying for International Postal Money Orders and the banker’s transfer fees. Libraries in the United States are now able to access and search many Japanese libraries’ holdings through the Internet. Therefore Ms. Miki recommended that ILL requests be sent directly to a holding university library, leaving the National Diet Library as a last resort.

Kristina Troost’s (Duke) talk was entitled “Using the Web for Public Service: Comparing Different Search Engines” and she discussed her experiences using different searching tools on the World-Wide Web to demonstrate sample searches.

Cathy Chiu (UC Santa Barbara) talked about using the WWW for bibliographic instruction at her institution, using an overhead projector to show sample Web pages, etc. She also reported on the progress of her BI Clearinghouse and asked for CEAL members’ involvement in the project. (See page 1 to 20 above.)

Several questions from the floor were answered by the presenters. The chair thanked the CEAL members for their support of this young committee during its first two years and asked for continuing support for its growth. The meeting was then adjourned.

(Yasuko Makino)