

Who will benefit from this project?

Students, faculty, and researchers in the fields of: East Asian Studies, Immigrant History, Multicultural History, Sociology, Anthropology, Geography, Political Science, Women's Studies, Genealogy, Diaspora and Transnational Studies, etc.

as well as the general public.

Current status

The KCHA project was initially planned in 2009. Grant support was recently secured from the Korea Foundation and Sharon's Credit Union, and several stages are already running to meet the project schedule. So far, about 500 entries have been collected and input into the database template. Donation packages and consent forms are being prepared for potential donors of Korean-Canadian historical and cultural materials.

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A Screenshot of the KCHA Input Template

Next steps

Through a number of active promotion campaigns in the press in each province, the profile of the KCHA project will be heightened in the Korean-Canadian community to encourage more participation nation-wide, and to collect more materials. Collecting and cataloguing of the resources will continue throughout the entire project, with proper physical preservation in the library and/or digitization for metadata creation. Oral history records will also be obtained from Korean-Canadian seniors who have resided in Canada. An online database system will be constructed to allow public access and browsing of the Korean-Canadian database via the internet. More funding opportunities will be sought to better facilitate these future plans in the KCHA project.

Once a firm foundation for this project has been established, it is expected to be ongoing indefinitely into the future as more materials are generated by the Korean-Canadian community.



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What is the Korean-Canadian Heritage Archives (KCHA) Project?

The KCHA project is a collaborative project of the University of Toronto Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library and the University of British Columbia Asian Library that aims to create a nation-wide online database system for Korean-Canadian cultural and historical resources.

Who are “Korean-Canadians”?

“Korean-Canadians” in this project refers to an ethnic population comprised of the residents of Canada with Korean cultural background. For academic purposes, the term “Korean-Canadians” includes not only Canadian citizens and permanent residents from South Korea, but also includes North Koreans and people of Korean descent from other countries residing in Canada. This neutral position towards the definition of “Korean-Canadians” is encouraged in the KCHA project to effectively collect and catalogue the extensive amount of resources about “Korean-Canadians” without overlooking any historically valuable materials.

“There is no database about Korean-Canadian Heritage!”:

- Increasing the representation of Korean-Canadians in Canada's archival heritage

Korean-Canadian history is relatively short in Canada. Since the late 1940s, when the first Korean-Canadians arrived in Canada, there has been no database archive for Korean-Canadian heritage.

Currently, historically significant manuscripts and/or experience of Korean-Canadians are at risk of permanent loss.

“KCHA is a timely project that cannot be deferred any longer.”

What are we collecting?

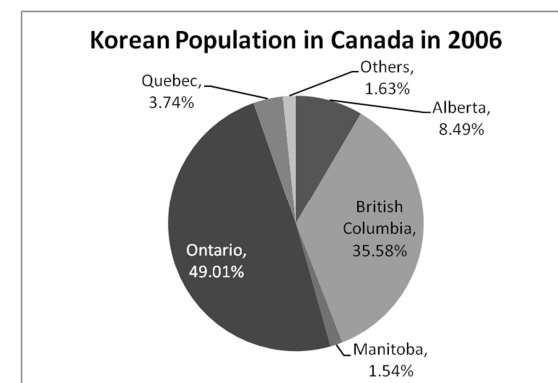
Regardless of genre or format, any materials related to or created by the Korean-Canadian community are significant to the KCHA project. We accumulate previously undocumented primary sources (such as historically significant manuscripts) relating to Korean-Canadians.



How are we collecting?

In order to collect resources nation-wide, the provinces and territories of Canada have been divided into two groups according to geographical region, and the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia take responsibility for their allotted groups:

U of T	UBC
Eastern Canada	Western Canada
Ontario	British Columbia
Quebec	Alberta
New Brunswick	Manitoba
Newfoundland and Labrador	Northwest Territories
Nova Scotia	Nunavut
Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan
	Yukon Territory
53.85% (76,400)	46.16% (65,490)



Source: Statistics Canada. Cumulative Profile, 2006 - Provinces and Territories in Canada (table), 2006 Census of Population (Provinces, Census Divisions, Municipalities)
http://estat.statcan.gc.ca/cgi-win/cnsmcgi.exe?Lang=E&EST-Fi=EStat\English\SC_RR-eng.htm
(accessed: May 23, 2012)

- Actions taken to collect Korean-Canadian resources

- Advertisements and coverage in local media are made to attract donations from the regional Korean-Canadian population.
- Donation packages are distributed through all regions in Canada by mail and on individual visits.

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