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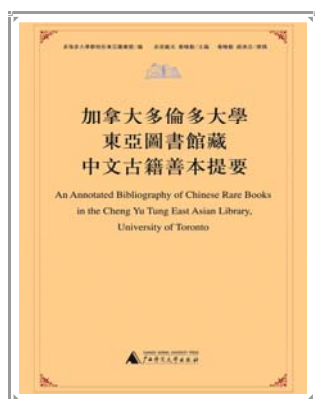
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Season's Greetings & Happy Holidays!

From the Staff of the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library

East Asian Library Publishes Chinese Rare Book Catalog



The East Asian Library has just published "An Annotated Bibliography of Chinese Rare Books in the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library, University of Toronto" (*Jianada Duolun-duo da xue Dong Ya tu shu guan cang Zhong wen gu ji shan ben ti yao*, 加拿大多倫多大學東亞圖書館藏中文古籍善本提要), which is a comprehensive descriptive catalog of the entire rare book collection at the East Asian library and the first of its kind to cover major Chinese rare book collections in Canada.

The new book contains detailed descriptive catalog records of more than 600 rare book titles published before 1795 as well as some valuable manuscripts going back to eras prior to the early 20th century. The book comes with an English preface and indexes and will greatly benefit scholarly research all over the world.

Most of the Chinese rare books in the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library belong to the Mu Collection, a private library of scholarly books collected by Mr. Mu Xuexun (慕學勛, 1880-1929) who spent over 25 years building up his personal book collection of over 40,000 volumes. The collection contains some rare editions and materials, including one title from the Song dynasty (960 - 1279), three titles from the Yuan dynasty (1271 - 1368), 210 titles and 3,413 volumes from the Ming dynasty (1368 - 1644) and 380 titles from the Qing Dynasty up to Qianlong's reign (乾隆, 1644-1795). In addition, there are 31 manuscripts from the Ming and Qing periods.

The book is the result of the collaborative efforts of the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library staff. The general editors are Anna U and Stephen Qiao and the authors are Stephen Qiao and George Zhao. Some other EAL staff and work-study students in the EAL also made various contributions to the project. This book was published by Guangxi Normal University Press (广西师范大学出版社) in China in July, 2009.

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INTRODUCING DIGITIZATION PROJECTS OF TAIWAN

By Stephen Qiao, China Studies Librarian

For well-known historical reasons, many academic institutions in Taiwan are now custodians of valuable primary sources for China Studies. The examples listed below provide a glimpse of the “treasures” scholars can find in Taiwan:

- part of the imperial archival records and the imperial rare book collection which originally belonged to the Forbidden City;
- archival materials of the central government and Kuomintang during the Republic era (1911-1949); and,
- archival fieldwork records related to Taiwan’s archaeological, ethnological, linguistic and geographical researches, accumulated by Academia Sinica and others with the earliest of them dating back to the early 20th century.

Many of these sources had been locked away and were not accessible to scholars and the public until the early 1990s, when a number of digitization projects were launched in Taiwan to bring those historical records back to light.

Recently, Stephen Qiao, China Studies Librarian of the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library, visited Taiwan to attend a workshop on the Sinological resources available there. Below is his brief introduction and observation on some major digitization projects taking place on the island.



Scripta Sinica [漢籍電子文獻資料庫]

[<http://hanchi.ihp.sinica.edu.tw>]

The Institute of History & Philology, Academia Sinica (中研院史語所), started digitizing its special Chinese resources from the mid-1980s. The project later led to the birth of Scripta Sinica (漢籍電子文獻資料庫), a

full-text database of 460 Chinese titles encompassing all important classical texts as well as sources of history and geography, master pieces of philosophy and anthologies of literary works. Contents of the database are mostly free for browsing and searching.

Taiwan e-Learning and Digitization Archives Program

[數位典藏與數位學習國家型科技計劃]

[<http://npmhost.npm.gov.tw/tts/nppmeta/GC/indexcg.html>]

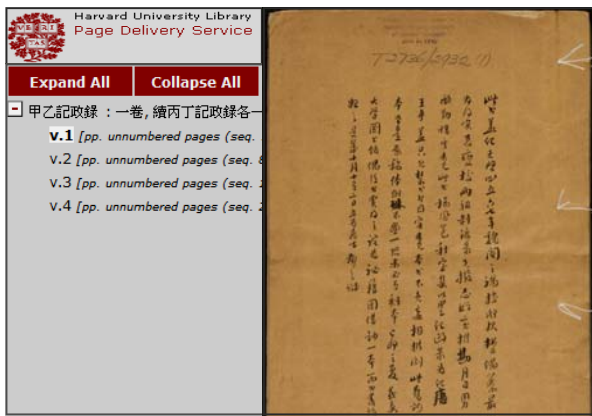
In 2001, the government of Taiwan allocated a special fund to kick start the National Digital Archives Program (數位典藏國家型科技計劃) to digitize important archival resources scattered throughout various institutions.

The initiative has since evolved into the Taiwan e-Learning and Digitization Archives Program (數位典藏與數位學習國家型科技計劃) that aims to promote the use of digital resources from kindergartens to universities.

A significant outcome of the program is the formation of a large-scale international coalition to digitize Chinese rare books which includes the Fu Ssu-Nien Library of Academia Sinica (Taiwan), Yenching Library of Harvard, the East Asian Library of Princeton and the Library of Congress of the United States.

Rare books digitized by the collaborative project can be accessed and viewed online through a digital depository developed from the rare book management system of the Fu Ssu-Nien Library.

To retrieve the digitized rare book list and the full-text links, please visit the digital library of Princeton East Asian Library Digitized Medical Texts (<http://eastasianlib.princeton.edu/diglib.php>) or search in Harvard Libraries catalog (<http://discovery.lib.harvard.edu/>) for “Fu Ssu nien Library Harvard Yenching Library Chinese rare book digitization project”.



The Fu Ssu-Nien Library of Academia Sinica also has an archival system (<http://lib.ihp.sinica.edu.tw/pages/03-rare/system/03-1.htm>) to manage its own digitized Chinese rare books. While the metadata of scanned books are available to all through its catalog, full-text viewing of the rare books is open to Taiwan users only.

Qing Palace and Grand Council Archives database

[清代宮中檔奏摺及軍機處檔摺件全文影像資料庫]

[<http://npmhost.npm.gov.tw/tts/npmmeta/GC/indexcg.html>]

Part of the imperial archives of the Qing Dynasty, including the Palace records and Grand Council papers, was transferred from mainland China to Taiwan in 1949, and has since been a shining jewel among the island's archival collections.



The National Palace Museum (Taiwan) started to digitize the imperial collection in 1996, and it led to the creation of *Qing Palace and Grand Council Archives database* (清代宮中檔奏摺及軍機處檔摺件全文影像資料庫), a most valuable source for primary research information about the Qing Dynasty. Index search of

the imperial archives is available to all through the online catalog, but access to the full-text database is based on subscription.

In addition to the *Qing Palace and Grand Council Archives* database, the National Palace Museum Library has also created several other databases such as a catalog database for the Qing Archives, a genealogy database, a database dedicated to Taiwan history, and a database with archival historical images and photos about Taiwan. To access these resources, please visit NPM's archival portal at <http://www.npm.gov.tw/zh-tw/learning/library/archives.htm>.

Digital Archives of Archaeological Data [考古資料數位典藏資料庫]

[http://archeodata.sinica.edu.tw/h3/Artifact/db_intro.htm]



Developed by the Institute of History & Philology, Academia Sinica, the "goal of this project is to collect the Institute's myriad archaeological research into a digital library, including samples, field records, a wide variety of pictures, images and descriptions, and starting a standard digitizing method for samples".

The database provides the public with archaeological fieldwork data ranging from historical excavation data from the Shang (商) civilization site in Anyang (安陽) to more recent fieldwork data of archaeological site surveys and excavations in Taiwan.



For more information about the Taiwan digitization projects introduced above, please contact Stephen Qiao, China Studies Librarian, by phone (416-978-6716; 416-946-7522) or by email (stephen.qiao@utoronto.ca).

*** *Notable Acquisitions* ***

CHINESE TITLES:

Zhongguo jin xian dai nu xing qi kan hui bian

中國近現代女性期刊彙編



The East Asian Library has recently acquired a major part of the series of

"Zhongguo Jin Xian Dai Nu Xing Qi Kan Hui Bian" (中國近

現代女性期刊彙編), a collection of Chinese women's periodicals published in the early 20th century.

The series includes reprints of women's periodicals originally published in the Republican era from the 1900s to the 1940s, when feminist ideas were first introduced into China and the country was undergoing significant social changes. These women's periodicals played a crucial role in inspiring Chinese women. They are invaluable resources for scholars studying Chinese women and society in general.

The library is in the process of acquiring major women's periodicals in this series. Right now, three periodicals are already available in the East Asian Library:

- 女子月刊 (*Nu zi yue kan*)
Call number: HQ1104 .N828 v.1(1933)– v. 5(1937)
- 女子世界 (*Nu zi shi jie*)
Call number: HQ1104 .N826 v. 1 no. 1-12(1904), v. 2 no. 1-6(1905)
- 婦女時報 (*Fu nu shi bao*)
Call number: HQ1104 .F825 no. 1(1911)-21(1917)

KOREAN TITLES:

6.25 chǒnjaeng kigan 4-tae sinmun

6·25 전쟁 기간 4대 신문

Call number: DS918 .A1 A23 2009 v.1-12

The Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library is delighted to inform you of a recent donation received from the LG Sangnam Press Foundation.



In October 2009, the Foundation kindly presented the library with their recent publication, "6.25 chǒnjaeng kigan 4-tae sinmun" (Reprint Edition of the 4 Major Newspapers during the Korean War) which reprints in a 12-volume set all of the issues of the 4 major daily newspapers (*Chosŭn ilbo*, *Tonga ilbo*, *Sŏul sinmun*, and *Kyŏnghyang sinmun*) in Korea during the period of the Korean War (1950-1953).

This valuable resource will be of use to Korean Studies scholars and students at the University of Toronto and throughout North America. This latest donation will also complement beautifully the Foundation's earlier generous donation of their publication, "Haebang konggan 4-tae sinmun" (Reprint Edition of the 4 Major newspapers during post-WWII) which reprinted the major Korean newspapers for the period of 1945-50.

ENGLISH E-RESOURCES

Adam Matthew: Archives Direct Project

The University of Toronto Library has also purchased a suite of collections sourced from the National Archives in Kew, the UK government's official archives. The suite, made available through the **Archives Direct** portal, includes several self-contained titles: [Confidential Print: North America, 1824-1961](#), [Foreign Office Files for China, 1949-1976](#), [The Nixon Years, 1969-1974](#), [Macmillan Cabinet Papers, 1957-1963](#) and [Women in the National Archives](#). The Foreign Office Files for China (1949-1976) and the Nixon Years (1969-1974) will be of particular interest to East Asian Studies scholars.

1. Foreign Office Files for China (1949-1976)

[http://main.library.utoronto.ca/eir/EIRdetail.cfm?Resources_ID=870886]



Foreign Office Files for China (1949-1976) is a primary source database that makes available the complete British Foreign Office Files dealing with

China, Hong Kong and Taiwan between 1949 and 1976.

The time coverage (1949-1976) is an immensely critical period in modern Chinese history: 1949 marked the founding of the People's Republic of China, and 1976 was the year Mao Zedong passed away. During this period, Britain was one of the few countries that recognized the People's Republic of China, and the British Foreign Office Files provide scholars with rare glimpses of domestic development in China when the country was closed to the outside world. They also reveal the American, Soviet, European, British and the Commonwealth countries' relations with China, Hong Kong and

Taiwan since 1949. Interesting contents of the collection include:

- eye-witness accounts and detailed reports on life in China, 1949-1976;
- in-depth analysis of the Communist Revolution and all the major figures;
- economic situation in China and its fanatic drive for industrialization and modernization;
- British and American policies towards China;
- analysis of Communist China's threat to Hong Kong;
- U.S. military and financial aids to Taiwan; and,
- information about the Korean War, the Cold War and the Chinese Cultural Revolution.

The database currently makes available files in *Section I (1949-1956)*. *Section II (1957-1966)* and *Section III (1967-1976)* will be released in 2010 and 2011.

2. The Nixon Years (1969-1974)

[http://main.library.utoronto.ca/eir/EIRdetail.cfm?Resources_ID=736487&T=T&FID=]

The Nixon Years (1969-1974) is a digital archive of top level Anglo-American discussion papers and briefing papers,



sourced from the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office files in the National Archives, Kew.

The collection covers Nixon's entire presidential term and allows scholars the opportunity to assess, from a British, European and Commonwealth perspective, Nixon's handling of numerous Cold War crises, his administration's achievements, as well as his contro-

versial activities and unorthodox use of executive powers that culminated in Watergate and his impeachment.

Focusing on foreign policy issues, the Nixon Years files contain information about:

- the Vietnam War and Paris Peace Talks;
- Nixon's 1972 visit to the People's Republic of China, which ended 25 years of isolation between the US and China and resulted in the establishment of diplomatic relations between

the two countries in 1979; and

- the return of Okinawa to Japanese sovereignty.

There is also significant coverage of Nixon's domestic policy initiatives such as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the war on cancer, and the extension of the Voting Rights Act.



If you have any questions about the e-resources, Please contact Lucy Gan, Information Services Librarian, by phone (416-978-1025) or by email (lucy.gan@utoronto.ca).



Directory of Open Access Repositories

[<http://opendoar.org/>]

The Directory of Open Access Repositories, or OpenDOAR, is "an authoritative directory of academic open access repositories".

An institutional digital repository helps to capture, manage, preserve and disseminate the intellectual output created by community members of the host institution. The T-Space (<http://tspace.library.utoronto.ca>), for example, is the multidisciplinary repository of the University of Toronto. As digital repositories are evolving to become new models of scholarly communication, there are hundreds of academic repositories sprouting up on the Internet.

OpenDOARS makes it easy to identify institutional repositories, either by "Search(ing) for Repositories" or browsing the "repository list". But more than that, the portal makes it possible to "Search Repository Contents", by which users can conduct federated keyword searches at the document level across repositories.

Elder John Lai's Archives (賴永祥長老史料庫)

[<http://www.laijohn.com/Index.htm>]

Elder John Lai's Archives are dedicated to the study of the history of Christianity in Taiwan with special emphasis attached to the Presbyterian Church. This resource is of significant research value for the study of early history of Christianity in Taiwan. Currently, the Archives contain three parts:

1. the full text of Prof. John Lai's "Kau-hoe-su-oe" 《教會史話》, a collection of articles on the history of Christianity in Taiwan;
2. scrapbook files compiled by Prof. Lai, which are valuable primary sources used for his writings; and
3. Prof. Lai's personal bio and family history.

To search the website contents, a search engine is available at <http://www.laijohn.com/contents.htm>.



Library & Staff Activities

KOFIC's Support Program for Hub-Library for Korean Film Studies



Great news for Korean film lovers! The Korean Film Council (KOFIC) has selected the University of Toronto Libraries as one of the 2009 participants in its program "Support Program for Hub-Library for Korean Film Studies." This program provides published material related to Korean films as well as Korean film DVDs to major libraries outside Korea in order to support Korean film studies scholars and students.

The donation materials will be delivered to the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library later this year. Once the donation materials arrive, they will greatly enhance UofT scholars' and students' ability to learn more about Korean cinema. For more information and questions about this program, please contact Hana Kim, Korea Studies Librarian, at hn.kim@utoronto.ca.

Upcoming NCC [Japanese] Image Use Protocol Workshop

The East Asian Library is scheduled to host a workshop to introduce the North American Coordinating Council (NCC) on Japanese Library Resources' Image Use Protocol (IUP) initiative, which provides basic guidelines for requesting permission for the use of Japanese images in scholarly publications.



Time: 2:00pm — 4:00pm, January 25, 2010 (Monday)

Place: Current Periodical Area (by the Tibetan Room),
Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library, 8th fl., Robarts Library

Presenters from the University of Toronto Libraries, the Royal Ontario Museum, and the University of Toronto Press will introduce the NCC and the IUP initiative, the use of images in Canadian scholarly publications, and basic procedures and guidelines on how to request right-holders' permission for the use of Japanese images.

Please refer to the EAL Blog post at <http://ealuoft.blogspot.com/2009/12/upcoming-ncc-japanese-image-use.html> for more information. This workshop is free and open to anyone interested in the use of Japanese images (mainly for academic purposes). Please RSVP by January 15, 2010 (Friday) to Fabiano Rocha, Japan Studies Librarian, at fabiano.rocha@utoronto.ca.



Port Dover High School Students Visited EAL

A team of high school students from Port Dover, Ontario, visited EAL on December 3, 2009. Most of the visitors had been attending the Chinese language program of Port Dover Composite School for a couple of years and were interested in going to UofT, especially the East Asian Studies programs, upon graduation to continue their Chinese learning. The teenagers were deeply impressed by the Chinese collections of EAL. For many of them, it was the first time that they had ever seen "so many Chinese books" in one place.

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