

The IDE Library, Japan's largest library specializing in the developing regions, collects basic and academic social science literature on developing countries, as well as the latest related information and statistical materials. The Library makes these materials widely available to the general public, and in particular to researchers, students, and people involved in business who have an interest in the developing regions.

1. Library Collection

Since the founding of the Institute, the Library has placed emphases on the collection of (1) publications of governments and public organizations in the developing countries, (2) journals and newspapers, (3) research reports from universities and research institutes overseas, and (4) statistical materials. In particular, through the exchange of IDE's publications with those of major overseas research institutes and government agencies, the Library has made efforts to acquire publications that are difficult to obtain through commercial channels. As of the end of FY2006, the Library exchanged publications with 1,079 foreign institutions (Table 1).

Table 1. Partner Institutions for International Exchanges

Region	International Institution	Government	Library	Research Institute	University	Bank	Corporation	Academic/General Organization, etc.	Total
Asia	15	217	14	90	150	37	1	56	580
East Asia	0	48	7	25	39	9	0	4	130
Southeast Asia	9	100	4	13	27	12	0	8	171
South Asia	0	59	1	28	14	10	1	1	114
Central Asia	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	10
Japan	8	5	2	24	70	1	0	45	153
Middle East and North Africa	3	36	2	9	15	31	0	5	101
Latin America	7	51	1	14	24	41	0	15	153
Africa	3	68	0	4	4	39	0	1	117
Oceania	1	9	1	1	11	3	0	1	27
CIS/Eastern Europe	0	9	2	7	2	1	0	0	17
North America	12	2	1	0	20	1	0	0	36
Western Europe	20	0	1	13	10	2	0	2	48
Total	61	386	22	138	236	155	1	80	1,079

Starting in FY2003, the Library began to actively acquire electronic journals and online databases, which have become widespread in recent years, and for which there is great demand among users. Especially, the Library is also making efforts to acquire back issues of journals that are not available in our collection.

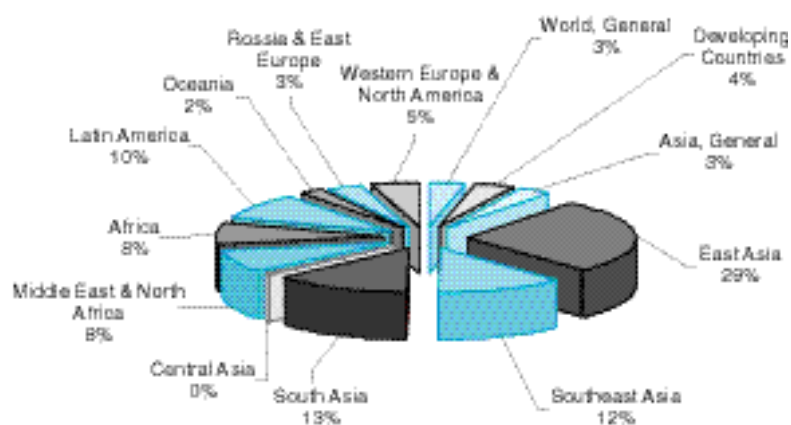
With the cooperation of IDE research fellows sent abroad and local researchers overseas, the Library collects local publications and materials that cannot be easily found in Japan. In particular, this fiscal year, the Library has collected materials in vernacular languages and statistical materials from Egypt, Uganda, Kenya, Argentina, Turkey and other countries.

As of April 2007, the total number of volumes in the collection has reached 560,087. The breakdown of the collection by languages and materials, as well as by region, is shown in Table 2 and Figure 1.

Table 2. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2006

	New Arrivals in FY2006	End of FY2006
Books:		
Western	7,075	245,676
Japanese	1,926	73,139
Chinese	1,643	39,725
Korean	711	20,185
Bound journals	2,001	65,424
Statistical materials	3,550	115,938
Total	16,906	560,087
Newspapers (titles)	0	298
Periodicals (titles)	22	3,614
Maps (sheets)	161	53,779
Microfilms (reels)	1,591	85,777
Videotapes	1	421
Electronic media	601	1,966

Chart 1. Breakdown of Collection by Region



2. Services to Users

In FY2006, there were 5,437 visitors to the Library. Looking at the visitors by occupation, as in the past, the majority is graduate students and university faculty.

In FY2006, to improve services to visitors and remote users, efforts were made in the following areas: (1) increasing users of the SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information) Service, (2) releasing the institutional repository and the digital archives on the internet, and (3) retrospectively entering data into OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) on multilanguage materials that had not yet been entered. With regard to (1), as of the end of March 2007, there are 1,014 registered users. Regarding (2) Academic Research Repository at the Institute of the Developing Economies (ARRIDE) and three kinds of the digital archives entitled “Kishi Koichi Collection”, “Japan in Modern Asia” and “Passing the Japanese Experience – Technology Transfer, Transformation and Development” are released one after another. And as for (3), the task was completed by the end of FY2006.

At the IDE Library Satellite Office in Tokyo (JETRO head office), the exhibitions for the special collections of the IDE Library were held in this fiscal year.

In addition, during this fiscal year, “Tracing Indonesia’s Transformation (2001-2005): a List of Annotated Periodical Articles in Indonesian on Politics, Economy and Society” was published and forum for “Understanding Developing Countries” were organized by the Library.

The Library provided reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials, and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2006, there were 1,178 major inquiries and consultations.

