

VIII. IDE Library

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 are interested in the developing regions.

1. Library Collection

Since the founding of the Institute, the Library has placed emphasis on the collection of (1) publications of governments and public organizations in 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 FY2007, the Library had exchanged publications with 1,082 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	218	14	92	148	37	1	57	582
East Asia	0	48	7	26	39	9	0	4	133
Southeast Asia	9	101	4	14	27	12	0	7	174
South Asia	0	59	1	28	14	10	1	1	114
Central Asia	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	10
Japan	6	5	2	24	68	1	0	45	151
Middle East and North Africa	3	37	2	9	15	29	0	5	100
Latin America	7	53	1	14	24	39	0	15	153
Africa	4	67	0	4	4	40	0	1	120
Oceania	1	10	1	1	11	2	0	1	27
CIS/Eastern Europe	0	5	2	7	2	1	0	0	17
North America	12	2	1	0	20	1	0	0	36
Western Europe	20	0	1	13	9	2	0	2	47
Total	62	392	22	140	233	151	1	81	1,082

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

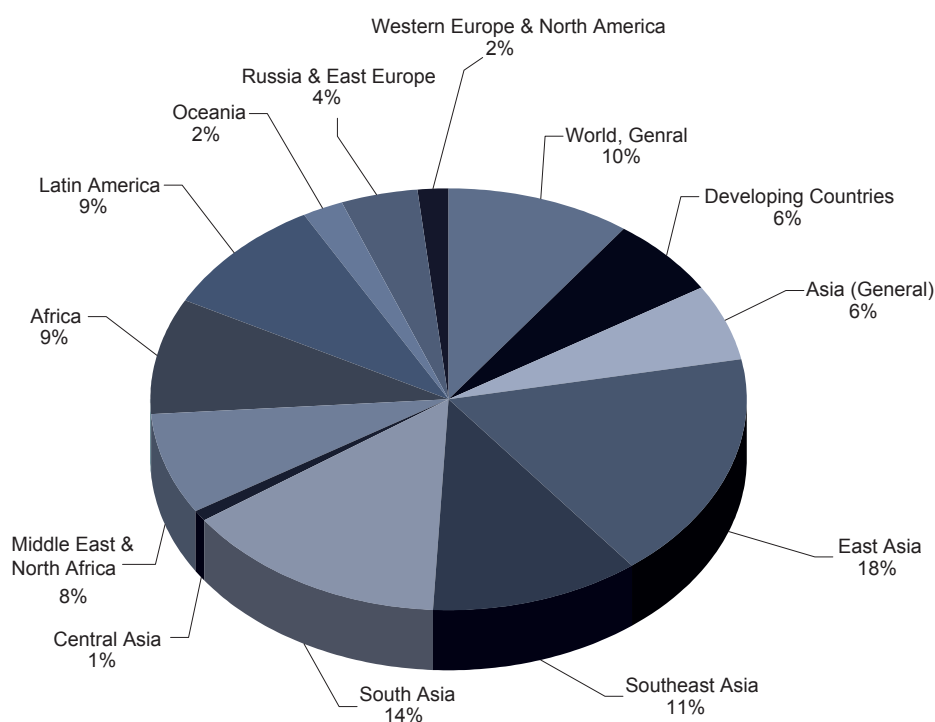
With the cooperation of IDE research fellows sent abroad and local researchers overseas, the Library collects local publications and materials that cannot be easily found in Japan. In particular, this fiscal year, the Library has collected materials in vernacular languages and statistical materials from 14 countries such as China, India, Thailand, Indonesia and others.

As of April 2007, the total number of volumes in the collection has reached 577,292. The breakdown of the collection by language and type of material, as well as by region, is shown in Table 2 and Figure 1.

Table 2. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2007

	New Arrivals in FY2007	End of FY2007
Books:		
Western	5,126	250,802
Japanese	1,227	84,366
Chinese	870	40,595
Korean	520	20,705
Bound journals	1,837	67,261
Statistical materials	3,220	113,563
Total	12,800	577,292
Newspapers (titles)	2	469
Periodicals (titles)	18	3,532
Maps (sheets)	11	53,790
Microfilms (reels)	665	86,642
Videotapes	2	423
Electronic media	298	2,264

Breakdown of Collection by Region



2. Services for Users

In FY2007, there were 5,691 visitors to the IDE library. The majority of visitors were graduate students and university faculty members.

In FY2007, to improve services for visitors and remote users, efforts were made in the following areas: (1) increasing the number of users of the SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information) Service, (2) the digital archives on the Internet. With regard to (1), as of the end of March 2008, there were 1,076 registered users. Regarding (2), we started two new programs, Asian Affairs Database and Photo Archives: Developing Countries in 1960s. We also improved the website of the Academic Research Repository at the Institute of the Developing Economies (ARRIDE), and added new contents on two programs of the digital archives, “Kishi Koichi Collection,” “Japan in Modern Asia.” Archives'menu is listest on the next page

The exhibitions for the special collections of the IDE Library were held in the Library and also at the IDE Library Satellite Office in Tokyo (JETRO head office), focusing on the collections on Taiwan, Afghanistan and the Japanese Military Administration on Southeastern Asia.

In addition, during this fiscal year, “Inter-Korean economic cooperation: a consideration in South Korea” was published.

The Library provided reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials, and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2007, there were 1,411 major inquiries and consultations.



3. Digital Archives

IDE Digital Archives aims to provide access to the full text of IDE. Publications and rare materials from our collections. <http://www.ide.go.jp/English/Library/DI/>

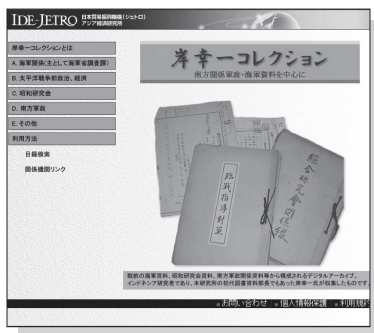
(1) AIDE - Archive of IDE Publications (incl. publications in English)



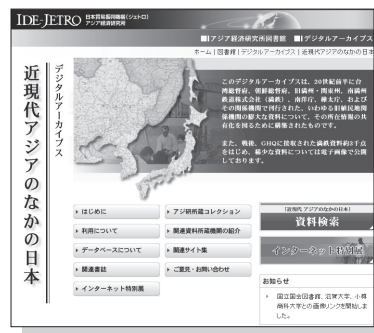
(2) Passing on The Japanese Experience-Technology Transfer, Transformation, and Development (incl. papers in English)



(3) Kishi Koichi Collection Materials of the Japanese Military Administration on Southeastern Asia. (Japanese)



(4) Japan in Modern Asia (Japanese)



(5) Photo Archives: Developing Countries in 1960s (with legends in Japanese)



(6) Asian Affairs Database (Japanese)

