

## VIII. IDE Library

The IDE Library, Japan's largest library specializing in the developing regions, collects basic and academic social science literature on the 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 FY2008, the Library exchanged publications with 1,078 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	16	218	14	92	148	36	1	56	581
East Asia	0	48	7	26	39	8	0	4	132
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	7	5	2	24	68	1	0	44	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	66	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	12	9	2	0	1	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1,078</b>

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. In particular, the Library is making efforts to subscribe statistical databases such as FAOSTAT.

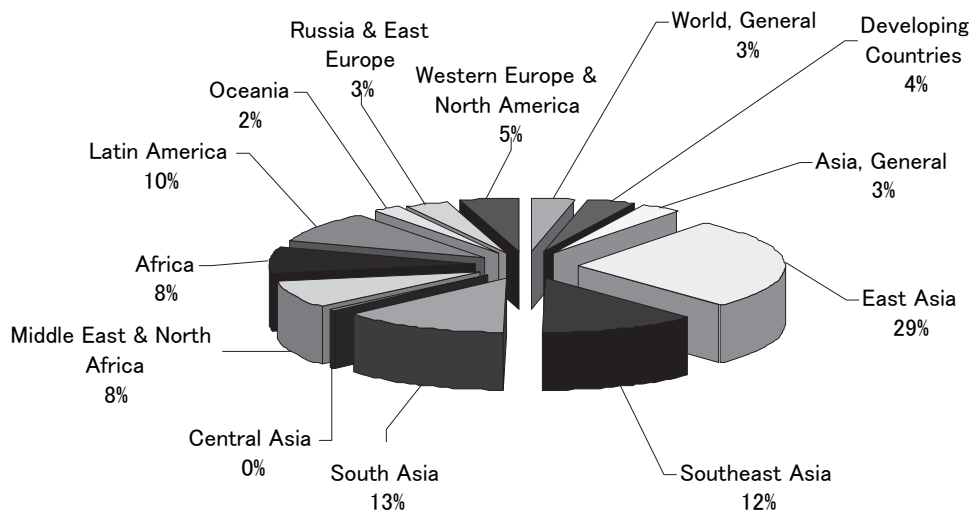
With the cooperation of IDE research fellows sent abroad and local researchers overseas, the Library collects local publications and materials that cannot be easily found in Japan. In particular, this fiscal year, the Library has collected materials in vernacular languages and statistical materials from 20 countries such as Indonesia, Mexico, Ethiopia, and others.

As of March 2009, the total number of volumes in the collection has reached 587,775. A breakdown of the collection by languages and materials, as well as by region, is shown in Table 2 and Chart 1.

**Table 2. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2008**

	New Arrivals in FY2008	End of FY2008
<b>Books:</b>		
Western	6,277	257,139
Japanese	1,841	86,425
Chinese	1,333	41,928
Korean	491	21,196
Bound journals	1,334	67,759
Statistical materials	3,325	113,328
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,935</b>	<b>587,775</b>
Newspapers (titles)	1	470
Periodicals (titles)	18	3,552
Maps (sheets)	0	53,865
Microfilms (reels)	0	86,642
Videotapes	16	439
Electronic media	318	3,797

**Chart 1. Breakdown of Collection by Region**



## 2. Services to Users

In FY2008, there were 5,843 visitors to the Library. Looking at the visitors by occupation, as in the past, the majority were graduate students and university faculty.

In FY2008, to improve services for visitors and remote users, efforts were continuously made in the following areas: (1) to increase users of the Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) Service, (2) the digital archives on the Internet. With regard to (1), as of the end of March 2009, there were 1,184 registered users. Regarding (2), we started a new program, Archive of IDE Publications (AIDE). We also improved the website of Academic Research Repository at the Institute of the Developing Economies (ARRIDE), and added some new contents on the Photo archives.

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 South Manchuria Railways Company and other subjects.

The Library provided reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials, and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2008, there were 1,257 major inquiries and consultations for the whole IDE, 545 of which were for the Library.



### 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/>

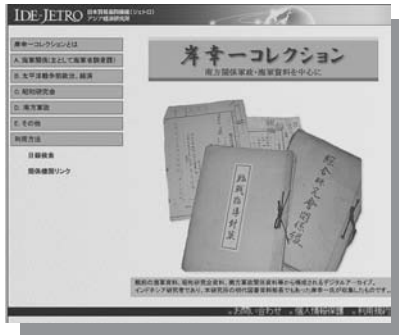
(1) AIDE – Archive of IDE Publications ( incl. publications in English)



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



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



(4) Japan in Modern Asia (Japanese)



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



(6) Asian Affairs Databas (Japanese)

