

## VII . 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 FY2010, 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	13	93	148	36	1	54	579
East Asia	0	48	6	26	39	8	0	4	131
Southeast Asia	9	101	4	14	27	12	0	7	174
South Asia	0	59	1	29	14	10	1	1	115
Central Asia	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	10
Japan	7	5	2	24	68	1	0	42	149
Middle East and   North Africa	3	37	2	9	15	29	0	5	100
Latin America	7	53	1	14	25	39	0	15	154
Africa	4	66	0	4	4	40	0	1	119
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	21	0	1	12	9	2	0	1	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1078</b>

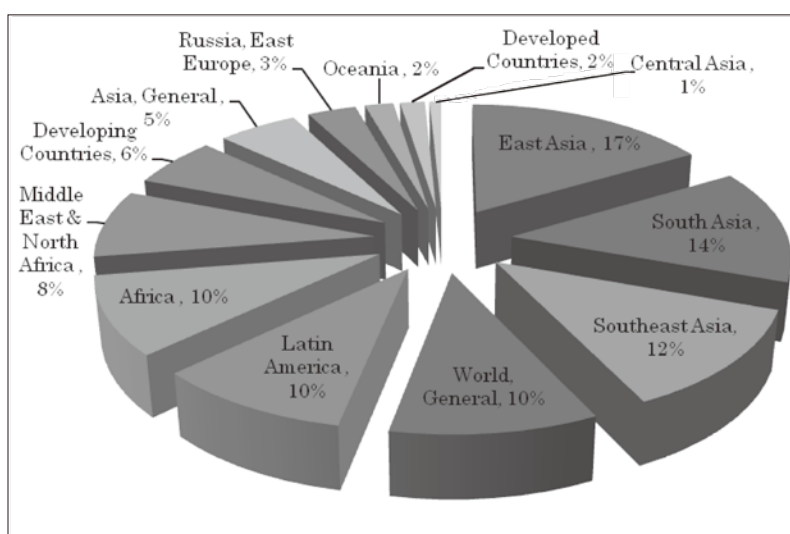
With the cooperation of IDE research fellows sent abroad, the Library collects local publications and materials that cannot be easily found in Japan. In particular, this fiscal year, the Library has collected materials in vernacular languages and statistical materials from 18 countries such as Laos, Venezuela, Iran and others.

As of March 2011, the total number of volumes in the collection has reached 611,721. The 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 FY2010**

	New Arrivals in FY2010	End of FY2010
Books:		
Western	6,890	269,328
Japanese	1,140	88,784
Chinese	1,874	45,247
Korean	1,191	22,637
Bound journals	2,217	71,887
Statistical materials	3,078	113,838
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,390</b>	<b>611,721</b>
Newspapers (titles)	0	3,592
Periodicals (titles)	25	470
Maps (sheets)	153	54,111
Microfilms (reels)	98	86,838
Videotapes	0	48,406
Electronic media	3	445

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



## 2. Services to Users

In FY2010, there were 5,235 visitors to the Library. Looking at the visitors by occupation, graduate students and university faculty (44.6%), the persons concerned private companies (13.3%) and others (42.1%), respectively.

In FY2010, to improve services for visitors and remote users, efforts were continuously made in the following areas: (1) the SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information) Service and (2) the digital archives on the internet. With regard to (1), as of the end of March 2011, there are 1,200 registered users. Regarding (2), in FY2010 the Library provided with the bibliographic records extracted from the digital archive “Japan in Modern Asia” for the Center for Japanese Studies, Korea University, who implements the creation project of the database on Japanese materials published from 1868 to 1945 in the Korean Peninsula and Manchuria.

The exhibitions for the special collections of the IDE Library were held in the Library focusing on the following themes.

- “50 years’ history of the Award for Promotion of Studies on developing countries” (at the IDE Library, July 2010)
- “Thailand : to understand the present situation” (at the IDE Library, Nov. 2010)
- “Asian biography” (at the Chiba City Library, Jan. and Feb. 2011)
- “The rare books collection of the IDE Library” (at the IDE Library, Feb. and Mar. 2011)

In addition, we published “Special Issue : the Middle East, Africa and Latin America collections”, *IDE World Trend*, No. 186 Mar. 2011.

The Library provided reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials, and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2010 there were 1,198 major inquiries and consultations.

## 3. Other activities

Two librarians of the IDE Library, who presented the joint paper titled “Aiming at improving access to research output through the Institutional Repository” at the 2nd International Conference of Asian Special Libraries(at United Nations University, from Feb. 10-12 ) won the award for excellence.

