

VI. 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 FY2011, the Library exchanged publications with 1,076 institutions (Table 1).

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 11 countries such as Vietnam, Turkey, Kenya and others.

As of March 2012, the total number of volumes in the collection reached 625,360. The breakdown of the collection by languages and materials, as well as by region, is shown in Table 2 and Chart 1.

Table 1. Partner Institutions for International Exchanges

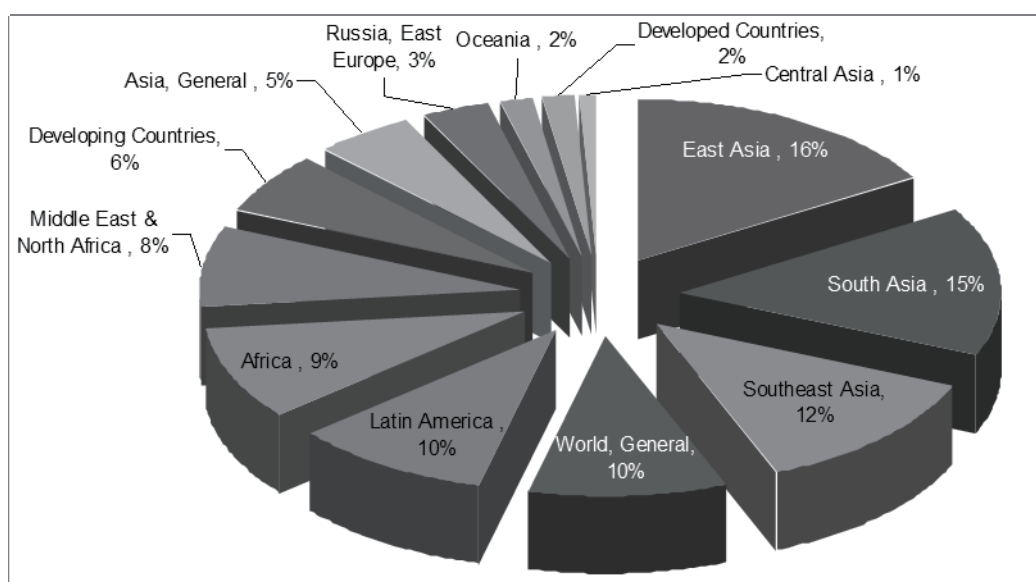
Region	International Institution	Government	Library	Research Institute	University	Bank	Corporation	Academic/General Organization, etc.	Total
Asia	16	218	13	93	147	36	1	54	578
East Asia	0	48	6	26	39	8	0	4	131
Southeast Asia	9	101	4	14	27	12	0	7	174
South Asia	0	59	1	29	14	10	1	1	115
Central Asia	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	10
Japan	7	5	2	24	67	1	0	42	148
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	10	2	0	1	26
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
Total	64	391	21	140	232	150	1	77	1076

Table 2. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2011

	New Arrivals in FY2011	End of FY2011
Books:		
Western	7,116	276,444
Japanese	1,662	90,446
Chinese	1,469	46,716
Korean	680	23,317
Bound journals	2,108	73,995
Statistical materials	3,364	114,442
Total	16,399	625,360
Newspapers (titles)	(New titles) 2	472
Periodicals (titles)	(New titles) 36	3,628
Maps (sheets)	7	54,118
Microfilms (reels)	160	86,998
Videotapes	0	445
Electronic media	439	5046

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2. Services to Users

In FY2011, there were 5,360 visitors to the Library. Looking at the visitors by occupation, they were comprised of graduate students and university faculty (46.5%), personnel of private companies (10.4%) and others (43.1%), respectively.

In FY2011, to improve services for visitors and remote users, efforts were continuously made in the following areas: (1) SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information) Service and (2) digital archives on the Internet. With regard

to (1), as of the end of March 2012, there are 1,251 registered users. Regarding (2), we added 30 new books (365 PDF files) to AIDE (Archive of IDE publications), which brought the total number of AIDE materials to 808 volumes (7,630 PDF files). Seventy-nine articles were deposited in ARRIDE, and the total number of materials reached 875. In addition, visitors to our digital archives viewed a total of 2,320,310 pages and downloaded 876,166 files, each of which represents an increase of 2.6 times and 6.4 times, respectively, compared to the FY2010.

Exhibitions of the special collections of the IDE Library were held in the Library, focusing on the following themes.

- ‘Japanese Children Left Behind in China at the End of World War II and Repatriated Japanese after World War II’ (at the IDE Library, Aug. 2011)
- ‘Energy Problems in Developing Countries’ (at the IDE Library, Sep. 2011)
- ‘The Manchurian Incident and the Collection of Documents on the South Manchurian Railway Company from Motoki Yamazaki -- In celebration of the publication “Historical records : The South Manchurian Railway Company and the Manchurian Incident – The Motoki Yamazaki Collection”’ (at the IDE Library, Feb. and Mar. 2012)

In addition, in FY2011, the following titles were published.

- ‘Tracing Indonesia's Transformation (2006-2010) : A list of annotated periodical articles in Indonesian on politics, economy and society’
- ‘An Annotated Bibliography on the Women in the Arab East : Female labor in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon’
- ‘Historical Records : The South Manchurian Railway Company and the Manchurian Incident – “The Motoki Yamazaki Collection”’

The Library provides reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2011 there were 943 major inquiries and consultations.

