

V. IDE LIBRARY

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

1. The Library's Collection

As of March 2016, the total number of volumes in the collection has reached 704,326. The breakdown of the collection by language and material, as well as by region, is shown in Table 1 and Chart 1.

In particular, through the exchange of the 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 FY2016, the library has exchanged publications with 1,002 institutions (Table 2).

With the cooperation of the IDE's overseas research fellows, the library also collects local publications and materials that cannot be easily found in Japan. In FY2016, the library has collected materials in vernacular languages and statistical materials from 11 countries such as Singapore, Thailand, Iran, Mongolia, and Colombia.

Table 1. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2016

	New Arrivals in FY2016	End of FY2016
Books:		
Western	11,913	319,800
Japanese	2,406	100,158
Chinese	2,148	55,338
Korean	819	26,580
Bound journals	1,801	81,531
Statistical materials	1,677	*120,919
Total	20,764	704,326
Newspapers (titles)	7	487
Periodicals (titles)	21	3,727
Maps (sheets)	0	54,123
Microfilms (reels)	430	88,170
Microfiche	24	48,596
Videotapes	0	446
Electronic media	318	71,09

※343 volumes were bound and reduced from the total number.

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Chart 1. Breakdown of Collection by Region

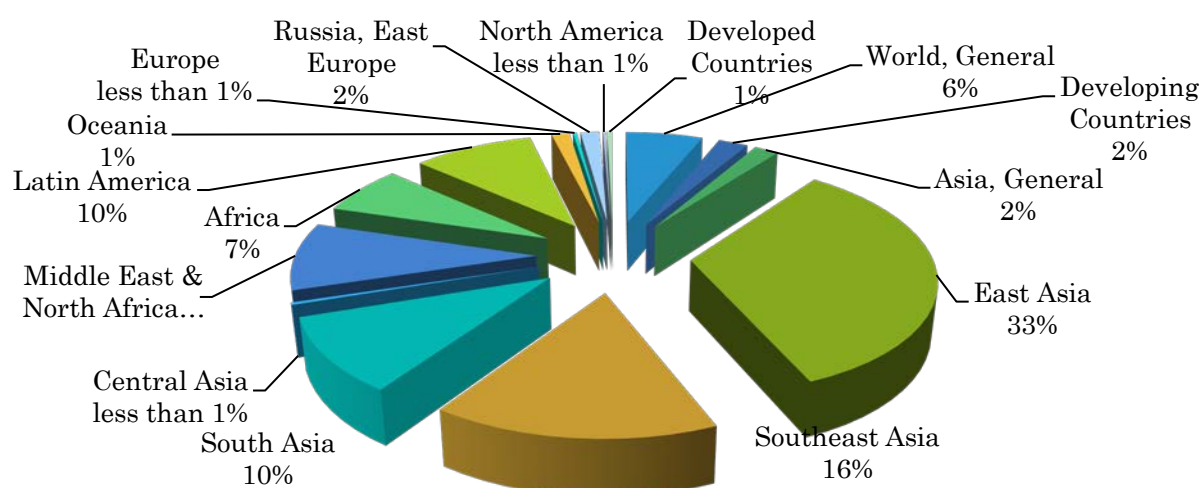


Table 2. Partner Institutions for International Exchanges

Region	International Institution	Government	Library	Research Institute	University	Bank	Corporation	Academic/General Organization, etc.	Total
Asia	16	215	13	81	127	34	1	46	533
East Asia	0	47	6	22	30	6	0	2	113
Southeast Asia	9	101	4	11	26	12	0	7	170
South Asia	0	58	1	27	14	10	1	1	112
Central Asia	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	10
Japan	7	4	2	22	60	1	0	36	132
Middle East and North Africa	2	37	2	9	14	29	0	4	97
Latin America	7	53	0	9	25	36	0	15	145
Africa	4	64	0	4	4	39	0	1	116
Oceania	1	10	1	1	8	2	0	1	24
CIS/Eastern Europe	0	5	1	5	2	1	0	0	14
North America	11	2	1	0	17	1	0	0	32
Western Europe	21	0	1	11	7	1	0	0	41
Total	62	386	19	120	204	143	1	67	1,002

2. User Services

In FY2016, there were 5,068 visitors to the library. Comparing the visitors by occupation, they were comprised of graduate students and university faculty members (36.6 percent), personnel of private companies (8.8 percent), and other areas (54.6 percent).

In FY2016, efforts were continuously made in the following areas to improve services for visitors and remote users: (1) Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) services and (2) digital archives on the Internet. With regard to (1), as of the end of March 2016, there are 1,327 registered users.

Regarding (2), we added 36 new volumes (448 PDF files) to AIDE, which brought the total number of AIDE materials to 1,276 volumes (13,254 PDF files). Furthermore, the new ARRIDE is going to be released in May 2017 as a repository system integrating all research output of the institution, which makes it possible for users to search and download the full texts of 17,987 articles at one site.

In FY2016, the following exhibitions and seminars on special collections at the IDE Library were held:

- “Book Talk on an Interdisciplinary Analysis of ‘Human Trafficking’” seminar (at Sophia University Library, May 26, 2016)
- “Journey around Asian Culture” book exhibition and seminar (at Chiba Keizai University Library, June 15 - Aug. 31, 2016)
- “Book Talk on the Supply Chain of the Mexican Automobile Industry – A Two-Year Quest for Mexican Firms” seminar (at Hitotsubashi University Library, Oct. 18, 2016)
- “Understanding the Transnational Movement: The IDE Library Collection” book exhibition and seminar (at Sophia University Library, Nov. 14 - Dec. 16, 2016)

The library provides reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials, and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2016, there were 632 major inquiries and consultations.