

## 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, particularly to researchers, students, and people involved in business who have an interest in developing regions.

### 1. The Library's Collection

As of March 2017, the total number of volumes in the collection has reached 722,010. 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 FY2017, the library has exchanged publications with 987 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 FY2017, the library collected materials in vernacular languages and statistical materials from four countries: Turkey, Thailand, Morocco, and Sri Lanka.

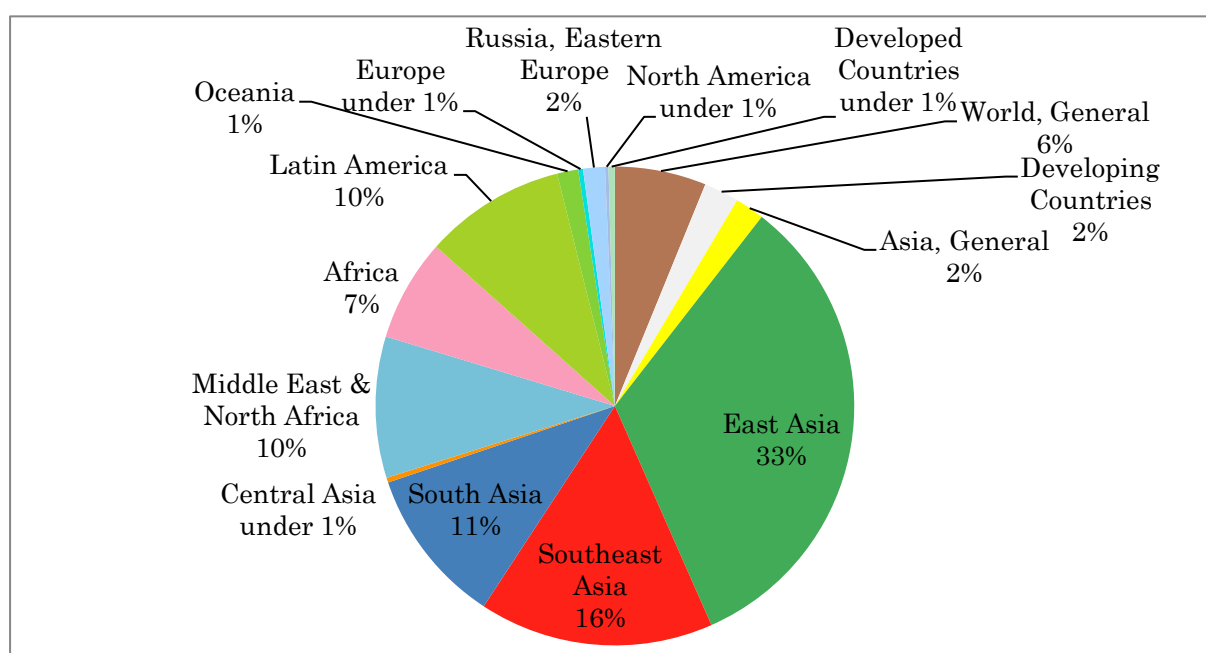
**Table 1. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2017**

	New Arrivals in FY2017	End of FY2017
Books:		
Western	10,889	330,689
Japanese	2,792	102,950
Chinese	1,870	57,208
Korean	512	27,092
Bound journals	184	81,715
Statistical materials	1,513	*122,356
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,760</b>	<b>722,010</b>
Newspapers (titles)	2	489
Periodicals (titles)	0	3,727
Maps (sheets)	7	54,130
Microfilms (reels)	38	88,208
Microfiche	6	48,602
Videotapes	0	446
Electronic media	270	7,379

※76 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	213	13	80	126	34	1	45	528
East Asia	0	46	6	22	30	6	0	2	112
Southeast Asia	9	100	4	11	23	12	0	7	166
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	20	59	1	0	35	128
Middle East and North Africa	2	37	2	9	14	29	0	4	97
Latin America	7	52	0	8	24	35	0	15	141
Africa	4	64	0	3	4	39	0	1	115
Oceania	0	10	1	1	8	2	0	1	23
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	20	0	1	9	6	1	0	0	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>987</b>

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### 2. User Services

In FY2017, there were 5,000 visitors to the library. Categorized by occupation, the visitors consisted of graduate students and university faculty members (34.6 percent), personnel of private companies (10.5 percent), and others (54.9 percent). Efforts to improve services for visitors and remote users were continuously made in the following areas: (1) Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) services and (2) digital archives on the internet. Regarding (2), the Archive of IDE Publications (AIDE) and the Academic Research Repository at the Institute of Developing Economies (ARRIDE) have been integrated with the Asia Database, and a new ARRIDE database was released in May 2017.

In FY2017, the following exhibitions and seminars on special collections at the IDE Library were held:

- “Book Talk on the Modern History of Turkey” seminar (at Hitotsubashi University Library, July 3, 2017)
- “Understanding the Transnational Movement of People: The IDE Library’s Collection” book exhibition and seminar (at IDE Library, July 3–October 30, 2017)
- “Book talk: Reality and Fiction in Modern Chinese and Indian Literature” seminar (at Tokyo University, November 1, 2017)
- “Travel to Southeast Asia with a Book in Your Hand: The IDE Library’s Collection” book exhibition and seminar (at Chiba University Library, November 25–December 24, 2017)

The library provides reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials, and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2017, there were 574 major inquiries and consultations.