

# IDE Library

The IDE Library moved to Makuhari, Chiba City from Ichigaya, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo in December 1999. The new IDE Library is a four-storied independent building, with floor space of about 8,000 square meters. The capacity of the Library is approximately one million volumes. The Library provides one hundred seats for readers. Since April 2002, the IDE Library has been open on every first and third Saturday of the month. Library hours and services are the same as on weekdays. Anyone can use the Library irrespective of age because the age limit was abolished in October 2002.

The IDE Library specializes in collecting research materials required for studies related to economic, political, and social problems in developing countries located in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and Eastern Europe.

In the acquisition of these materials, the Library's emphasis is not only on publications by private publishers but also by governmental and public organizations in developing countries. The number of books acquired during FY2002 was 9,727 volumes, including statistical materials numbering 3,243. Consequently, the total number of accumulated books now stands at 529,243 volumes. The breakdown of the collection is as follows:

Western	221,784
Japanese	66,238
Chinese	34,827
Korean	17,393
Bound Journals	56,280
Statistical materials	132,721

The vernacular language collections of the IDE Library are also steadily expanding. They are available to the public, and the number of materials in various languages as of March 2003, was as follows:

Arabic	4,819
Burmese	136

Indonesian	3,680
Malay	495
Persian	419
Thai	2,854
Vietnamese	1,545
Others	1,233

It has been possible to retrieve books and journals through OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) since September 1996, and this service has been available through the Internet (<http://opac.ide.go.jp>) since February 1997. It is now possible to retrieve approximately 220,000 accumulated books and statistical materials and journals including Chinese and Korean materials. Such materials as in Thai or Arabic will also be able to be retrieved in the near future. Another new service through OPAC, SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information) service, is ready to start. It delivers custom-made information to users free of charge.

Although the IDE Library discontinued publishing the "Library Bulletin" in March 1998, an alternative "Library Bulletin" has been available through the Internet since April 1998. Due to the merger with the JETRO Business Library, it has been possible to retrieve the integrated catalog of the IDE Library and JETRO Business Library through the Internet since April 1999.

The IDE Library launched a project of bibliographic unification of statistical materials with books and journals in 1999. Most of the statistical materials can be retrieved just like books and journals now.

The IDE Library also occasionally publishes various catalogs. The materials published in FY2002 were as follows.

- "Catalogue of Books in Korean, Thai, Turkish and Arabic: Accessions to the IDE Library, 2002."
- "Developing Countries in Japanese Writings, 2001: An Annual Bibliography"