

VI. IDE Library

The IDE Library, Japan's largest library specializing in the developing regions, collects basic and academic social science literature on 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 business people interested in the developing world.

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 overseas universities and research institutes, and (4) statistical materials. In particular, through the exchange of IDE publications with those of major overseas research institutes and government agencies, the Library worked diligently to acquire publications that are difficult to obtain through commercial channels. As of the end of FY 2009, the Library had exchanged publications with 1,078 institutions (Table 1).

Table 1. Partner Institutions for International Exchanges

Region	International Institution	Government agencies	Library	Research Institute	University	Bank	Corporation	Academic/General Organization, etc.	Total
Asia	16	218	14	93	148	36	1	54	581
East Asia	0	48	7	26	39	8	0	4	132
Southeast Asia	9	101	4	14	27	12	0	7	174
South Asia	0	59	1	29	14	10	1	1	114
Central Asia	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	10
Japan	7	5	2	24	68	1	0	42	151
Middle East and North Africa	3	37	2	9	15	29	0	5	100
Latin America	7	53	1	14	24	39	0	15	153
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	45
Total	64	391	22	140	233	150	1	77	1,078

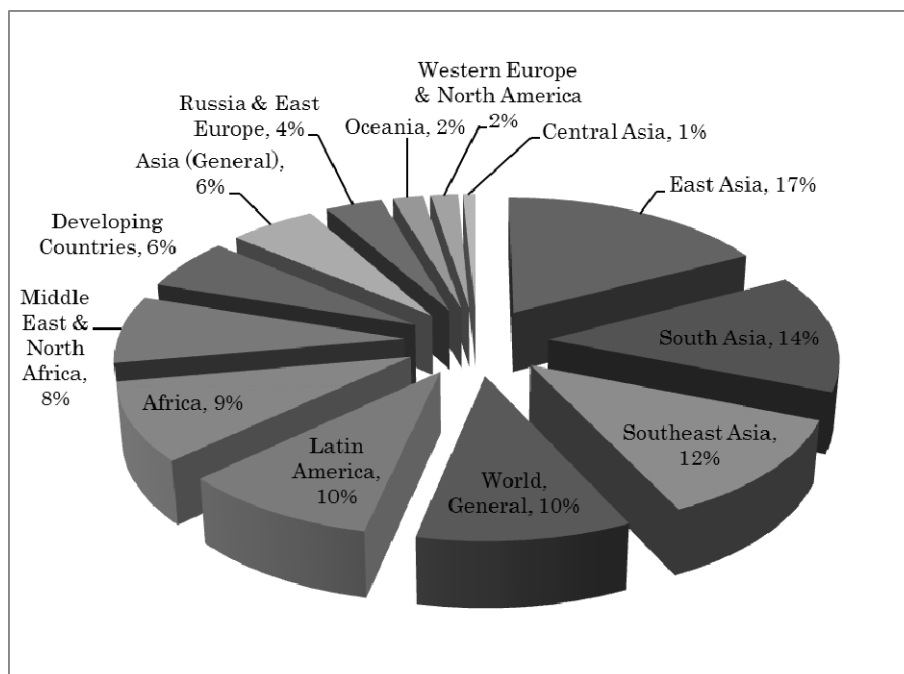
With the cooperation of IDE research fellows sent abroad and overseas researchers, the Library collects local publications and materials that cannot easily be accessed in Japan. In particular, this fiscal year, the Library has collected materials in vernacular languages and statistical materials from 20 countries including Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Chile, etc.

As of March 2010, the total number of volumes in the collection had reached 597,425. 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 FY2009

	New Arrivals in FY 2009	Totals at End of FY 2009
Books:		
Western (Including Asian / African languages)	5,299	262,438
Japanese	1,219	87,644
Chinese	1,445	43,373
Korean	250	21,446
Bound journals	1,911	69,670
Statistical materials	3,498	112,854
Total	13,662	597,425
Newspapers (titles)	0	470
Periodicals (titles)	15	3,567
Maps (sheets)	93	53,958
Microfilms (reels)	98	86,740
Videotapes	3	442
Electronic media	405	4,202

Chart 1. Breakdown of Library Collection by Region



2. Services to Users

In FY 2009, there were 5,243 visitors to the Library. Breaking down the visitors by occupation, as in the past, the majority of users were graduate students and university faculty.

In FY 2009, to improve services for visitors and remote users, continual effort was made in the following areas: (1) the SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information) Service and (2) digital archives on the internet. With regard to (1), there were 1,146 registered users as of the end of March 2010. Regarding (2), we added new content (198 volumes, 1,929 articles), including Spot Surveys and other free IDE publications, to the Archive of IDE Publications (AIDE). We also improved the website of the Academic Research Repository at the Institute of the Developing Economies (ARRIDE), reorganizing PDF data to make them more easily accessible to users.

Exhibits from special collections of the IDE Library were held in the Library, centered around the themes of “Environmental problems of developing countries,” “Overseas Chinese in Southeast Asian countries” and “Asian Biography.”

In addition, we published “Special Issue : Footprint of 50 years’ history and the future of the IDE Library : challenges to improve the collection development and information dissemination,” *IDE World Trend*, No. 174 Mar. 2010.

The Library provided reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials, and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2009, there were 1,029 major inquiries and consultations.

