

VII. IDE Library

The IDE Library, Japan's largest library specializing in 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 people involved in business who have an interest in developing regions.

1. Library Collection

Since the founding of the institute, the library has placed emphasis on the collection of (1) publications of governments and public organizations in 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 FY2012, the library exchanged publications with 1,025 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 16 countries such as Laos, Turkey and Kenya.

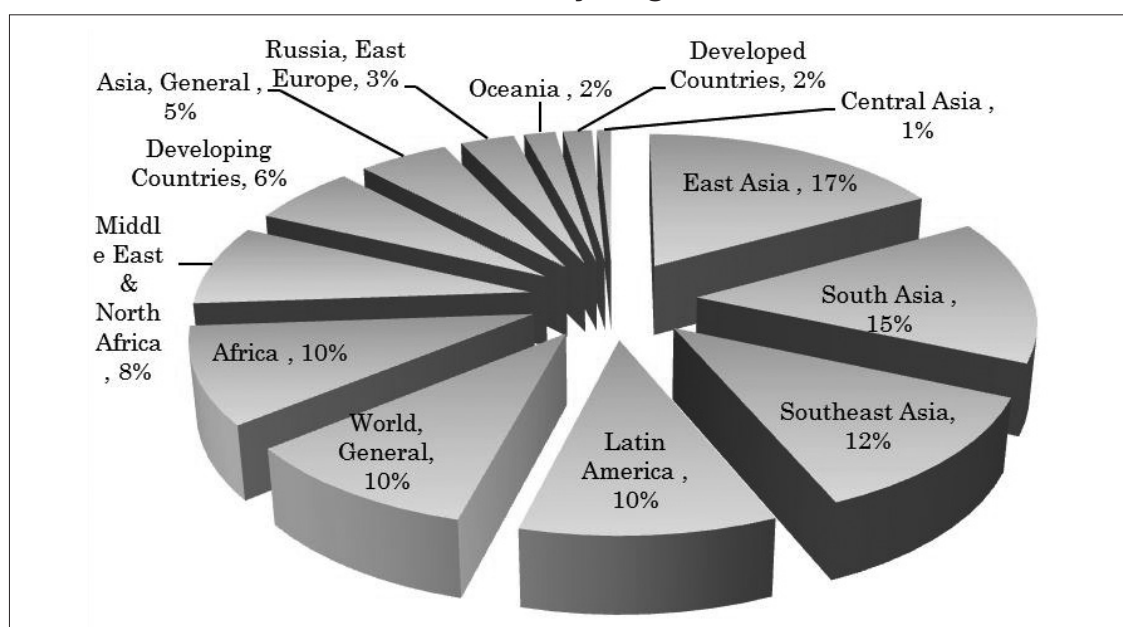
As of March 2013, the total number of volumes in the collection reached 638,110. The breakdown of the collection by languages and materials, as well as by region, is shown in Table 2 and Chart 1.

Table 1. Partner Institutions for International Exchanges

| Region | International Institution | Government | Library | Research Institute | University | Bank | Corporation | Academic/General Organization, etc. | Total |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------------|------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Asia | 16 | 217 | 13 | 82 | 138 | 34 | 1 | 48 | 549 |
| East Asia | 0 | 48 | 6 | 23 | 35 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 121 |
| Southeast Asia | 9 | 101 | 4 | 11 | 26 | 12 | 0 | 7 | 170 |
| South Asia | 0 | 58 | 1 | 26 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 111 |
| Central Asia | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Japan | 7 | 5 | 2 | 22 | 63 | 1 | 0 | 37 | 137 |
| Middle East and North Africa | 2 | 37 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 29 | 0 | 4 | 97 |
| Latin America | 7 | 53 | 1 | 9 | 25 | 37 | 0 | 15 | 147 |
| Africa | 4 | 65 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 39 | 0 | 1 | 117 |
| Oceania | 1 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 24 |
| CIS/Eastern Europe | 0 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| North America | 12 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Western Europe | 21 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| Total | 63 | 389 | 20 | 121 | 218 | 144 | 1 | 69 | 1,025 |

Table 2. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2012

| | New Arrivals in FY2012 | End of FY2012 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Books: | | |
| Western | 9,755 | 286,199 |
| Japanese | 1,894 | 92,340 |
| Chinese | 993 | 47,709 |
| Korean | 493 | 23,810 |
| Bound journals | 1,156 | 75,151 |
| Statistical materials | 3,948 | 112,901 |
| Total | 18,239 | 638,110 |
| Newspapers (titles) | 3 | 475 |
| Periodicals (titles) | 60 | 3,688 |
| Maps (sheets) | 5 | 54,123 |
| Microfilms (reels) | 266 | 87,264 |
| Microfiche | 0 | 48,406 |
| Videotapes | 1 | 446 |
| Electronic media | 443 | 5,489 |

Chart 1. Breakdown of Collection by Region

2. Services to Users

In FY2012, there were 5,086 visitors to the library. Looking at the visitors by occupation, they were comprised of graduate students and university faculty members (42.5%), personnel of private companies (14.4%) and others (43.0%), respectively.

In FY2012, to improve services for visitors and remote users, efforts were continuously made in the following

areas: (1) Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) Service and (2) digital archives on the Internet. With regard to (1), as of the end of March 2013, there are 1,282 registered users. Regarding (2), we added 26 new books (273 PDF files) to AIDE (Archive of IDE publications), which brought the total number of AIDE materials to 1,064 volumes (11,024 PDF files). Seventy-eight articles were deposited in ARRIDE, and the total number of materials reached 953. In addition, visitors to our digital archives viewed a total of 2,475,011 pages and downloaded 1,743,144 files.

In FY2012, exhibitions of the special collections of the IDE Library were held as follows:

- Emerging Asian countries – insights from IDE studies (at Chiyoda Library, July-Aug. 2012)
- Book Exhibition on Africa – toward Tokyo International Conference on African Development V (TICAD V) (at Komaba Library, University of Tokyo, Nov. 2012-Jan. 2013)

The library provides reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2012 there were 1,066 major inquiries and consultations.

