

VI. 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

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 FY2013, the library exchanged publications with 1,010 institutions

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.

(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 nine countries such as China, the Philippines and Indonesia.

As of March 2014, the total number of volumes in the collection reached 651,645. The breakdown of the collection by language and material, as well as by region, is shown in Table 2 and Chart 1.

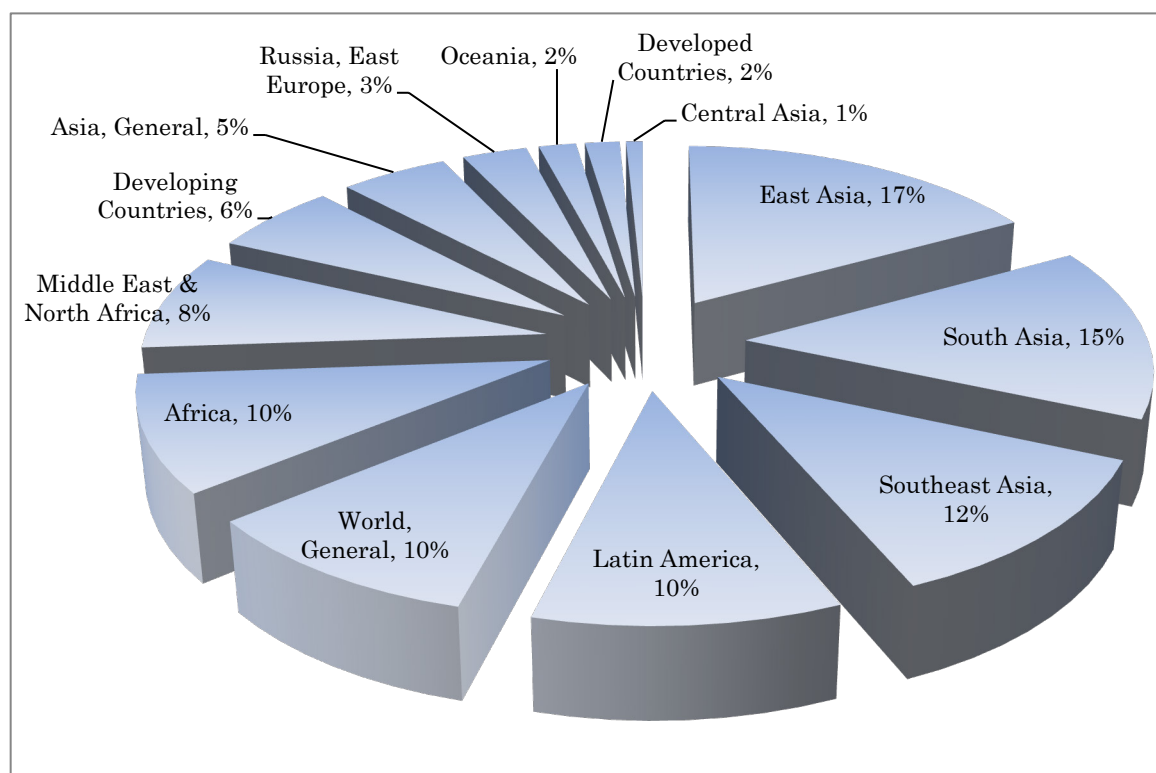
Table 1. Partner Institutions for International Exchanges

Region	International Institution	Government	Library	Research Institute	University	Bank	Corporation	Academic/General Organization, etc.	Total
Asia	16	215	13	81	132	34	1	46	538
East Asia	0	47	6	23	30	6	0	2	114
Southeast Asia	9	101	4	10	26	12	0	7	169
South Asia	0	58	1	26	14	10	1	1	111
Central Asia	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	10
Japan	7	4	2	22	62	1	0	36	134
Middle East and North Africa	2	37	2	9	14	29	0	4	97
Latin America	7	53	0	9	25	37	0	15	146
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	19	1	0	0	34
Western Europe	21	0	1	11	7	1	0	0	41
Total	62	386	19	120	211	144	1	67	1,010

Table 2. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2013

	New Arrivals in FY2013	End of FY2013
Books:		
Western	5,613	291,812
Japanese	1,481	93,821
Chinese	1,529	49,238
Korean	493	24,303
Bound journals	1,513	76,664
Statistical materials	2,906	115,807
Total	13,535	651,645
Newspapers (titles)	1	476
Periodicals (titles)	18	3,706
Maps (sheets)	0	54,123
Microfilms (reels)	165	87,429
Microfiche	0	48,406
Videotapes	0	446
Electronic media	422	5,911

Chart 1. Breakdown of Collection by Region



2. Services to Users

In FY2013, there were 5,159 visitors to the library. Looking at the visitors by occupation, they were comprised of graduate students and university faculty members (42.4%), personnel of private companies (12.6%) and others (45.0%), respectively.

In FY2013, 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 2014, there are 1,310 registered users.

Regarding (2), we added 14 new books (155 PDF files) to AIDE (Archive of IDE publications), which brought the total number of AIDE materials to 1,163 volumes (11,801 PDF files). Seventy-six articles were deposited in ARRIDE (Academic Research Repository at the IDE), and the total number of materials reached 1,029. In addition, visitors to our digital archives

viewed a total of 3,248,124 pages and downloaded 2,395,481 files.

In FY2013, exhibitions of the special collections of the IDE Library were held as follows:

- Book Exhibition and Seminar on Africa - toward the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) (at Yokohama City Library, Apr.-May 2013)
- Book Exhibition on Africa (at Urayasu Public Library, June 2013)
- Book Exhibition on “Women in the Islamic World” (at Ochanomizu University Library, Nov.-Dec. 2013, and at IDE Library, Jan.-Mar. 2014)

The library provides reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2013, there were 910 major inquiries and consultations.