

VI. 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 the related field. The library makes these materials widely available to the general public, 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 FY2014, the library had exchanged publications with 1,009 institutions (Table 1).

With the cooperation of IDE's overseas research fellows, the library also collects local publications and materials that cannot be easily found in Japan. In FY2014, the library has collected materials in vernacular languages and statistical materials from 13 countries such as Iran, Turkey and Brazil.

As of March 2015, the total number of volumes in the collection reached 665,129. The breakdown of the collection by language and material, as well as by region, is shown in Table 2 and Chart 1.

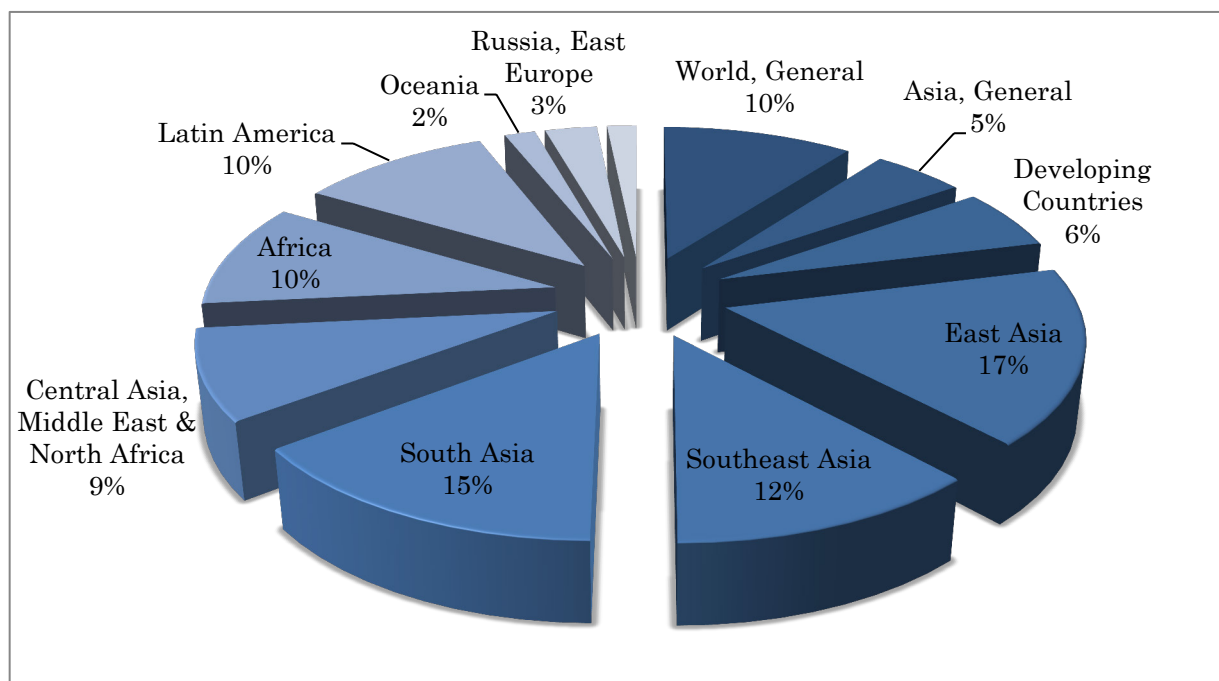
Table 1. Partner Institutions for International Exchanges

Region	International Institution	Government	Library	Research Institute	University	Bank	Corporation	Academic/General Organization, etc.	Total
Asia	16	215	13	82	132	34	1	46	539
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	27	14	10	1	1	112
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	17	1	0	0	32
Western Europe	21	0	1	11	7	1	0	0	41
Total	62	386	19	121	209	144	1	67	1,009

Table 2. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2014

	New Arrivals in FY2014	End of FY2014
Books:		
Western	6,092	297,904
Japanese	1,371	95,192
Chinese	1,634	50,872
Korean	557	24,860
Bound journals	1,393	78,057
Statistical materials	2,437	118,244
Total	13,484	665,129
Newspapers (titles)	2	478
Periodicals (titles)	0	3,706
Maps (sheets)	0	54,123
Microfilms (reels)	153	87,582
Microfiche	0	48,406
Videotapes	0	446
Electronic media	321	6,232

Chart 1. Breakdown of Collection by Region



2. Services to Users

In FY2014, there were 5,500 visitors to the library. Looking at the visitors by occupation, they were comprised of graduate students and university faculty members (41.2%), personnel of private companies (12.2%) and others (46.7%), respectively.

In FY2014, 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 2015, there are 1,319 registered users.

Regarding (2), we added 40 new volumes (524 PDF files) to AIDE (Archive of IDE publications), which brought the total number of AIDE materials to 1,203 volumes (12,325 PDF files). One hundred seventeen articles were deposited in ARRIDE

(Academic Research Repository at the IDE), and the total number of materials reached 1,146.

In FY2014, exhibitions of the special collections of the IDE Library were held as follows:

- Book Exhibition and Seminar on Brazil (at IDE Library, Jun-Jul 2014)
- Book Exhibition on “Insights from Marginalized Lives – ‘Minorities’ in Asian and African Societies” (at IDE Library, Oct-Nov 2014, and at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Library, Nov-Dec 2014)

The library provides reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2014, there were 857 major inquiries and consultations.