

V. 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.

As of March 2015, the total number of volumes in the collection reached 683,562. The breakdown of the collection by language and material, as well as by region, is shown in Table 1 and Chart 1.

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 FY2015, the library had exchanged publications with 1,006 institutions (Table 2).

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 FY2015, the library has collected materials in vernacular languages and statistical materials from 19 countries such as China, Indonesia, Cuba, and Chile.

Table 1. New Arrivals and Collection in FY2015

	New Arrivals in FY2015	End of FY2015
Books:		
Western	9,983	307,887
Japanese	2,560	97,752
Chinese	2,318	53,190
Korean	901	25,761
Bound journals	1,673	79,730
Statistical materials	1,836	*119,242
Total	19,271	683,562
Newspapers (titles)	2	480
Periodicals (titles)	0	3,706
Maps (sheets)	0	54,123
Microfilms (reels)	158	87,740
Microfiche	166	48,572
Videotapes	0	446
Electronic media	559	6,791

※838 volumes were bound and reduced from the total number.

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Chart 1. Breakdown of Collection by Region

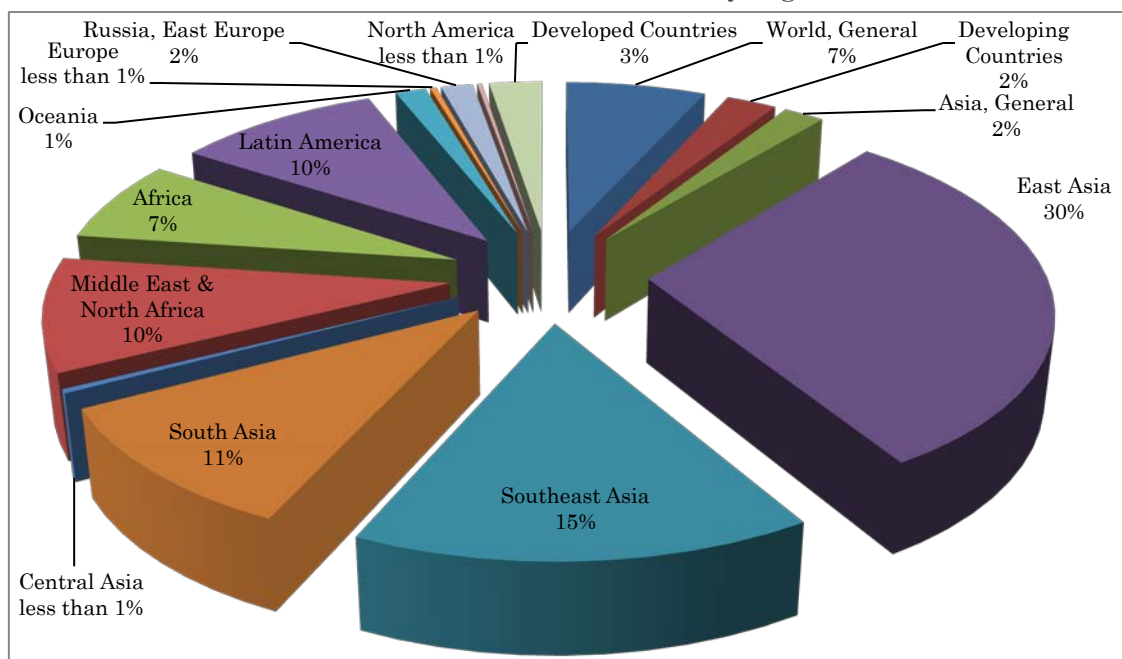


Table 2. Partner Institutions for International Exchanges

Region	International Institution	Government	Library	Research Institute	University	Bank	Corporation	Academic/General Organization, etc.	Total
Asia	16	215	13	82	130	34	1	46	537
East Asia	0	47	6	22	30	6	0	2	113
Southeast Asia	9	101	4	11	26	12	0	7	170
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	60	1	0	36	132
Middle East and North Africa	2	37	2	9	14	29	0	4	97
Latin America	7	53	0	9	25	36	0	15	145
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	207	143	1	67	1,006

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2. Services to Users

In FY2015, there were 5,495 visitors to the library. Looking at the visitors by occupation, they were comprised of graduate students and university faculty members (35.0 percent), personnel of private companies (11.8 percent) and others (53.2 percent), respectively.

In FY2015, 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 1,327 registered users.

Regarding (2), we added 37 new volumes (481 PDF files) to AIDE (Archive of IDE publications), which brought the total number of AIDE materials to 1,240 volumes (12,806 PDF files). 118 articles were deposited in ARRIDE (Academic Research Repository at the IDE), and the total number of materials reached 1,264.

In FY2015, exhibitions of the special collections of the IDE Library were held as follows:

- Seminar on “Book Talk: Modernity in a Cocoa Republic” (at Hitotsubashi University Library, June 26, 2015)
- Seminar on “Book Talk: ASEAN Governance as a Consensus-building Model” (at Tokyo University Library, Nov. 6, 2015)
- Short Seminar on “To Understand India (at Chiba University Library, Oct. 23, 2015)

The library provides reference services to answer inquiries about information, materials and statistical data on developing countries. In FY2015, there were 647 major inquiries and consultations.