



East Asian Studies Collections Development Plan

Background:

The purpose of the East Asian Studies Collections is to support research and teaching locally across the University departments and nationally in the UK, and also to support researchers in other countries, as the collections are unique and not widely available outside of East Asian Countries.

The collections include materials in East Asian languages as well as in English, and the geography covers mainly China, Japan, and Korea (South), as well as minor coverage of Taiwan, Hong Kong, and North Korea.

1. What does it contain:

- Electronic items (ebooks) where the Library has:
 - Made the content available via request only
 - Bought a perpetual licence, if available
 - Current CJK electronic items (ebooks) /platforms:
 - KinoDen by Kinokuniya: available via StarPlus
 - Kyobo ebook by Kong & Park: available from their platform
 - BookRail by Bookrail: available via StarPlus
- Print items:
 - Print items in Chinese, Japanese and Korean languages
 - Print items in Western languages on China, Japan and Korea
 - Reading list items
 - Requested items
 - Window on Korea Collection: 5,000 items in total over 5 years from 2023 until 2028
 - Donations by exchange partners: ongoing exchange programs from national libraries and universities in China, Japan and Korea, and below are the main exchange program partners:
 - The National Library of China / 中国国家图书馆
 - The National Diet Library, Japan / 国立国会図書館
 - The National Library of Korea / 국립중앙도서관
 - Seoul National University / 서울대학교

- National Institute of Korean History / 국사편찬위원회
 - Literature Translation Institute of Korea / 한국문학번역원
- Print items - featured collections:
 - Chinese Cultural Revolution Pamphlet Collection
 - Japanese newspapers Collection: 1940s and 1950s
 - North Korean newspapers: 1970s and 1980s
 - Materials held in the Special Collections Archives
- Databases:
 - Mainly managed centrally via requests for teaching and research
 - The main Chinese database is China Academic Journals (CNKI), which is partially subsidised by UCCL (Universities' China Committee in London)
 - The main Korean databases are subsidised by the Korea Foundation up to \$5,000 (50/50 matched funding) per year
- Database - special agreement to access digital collections:
 - In 2018, MOU agreement with National Assembly Library of Korea to access their digital library collections
 - National Library of Korea to access their digital library collections

2. Location:

- Physical items are located in Western Bank Library (WBL) Level 4
- CJK newspapers and rare collection are located in WBL on compact shelving
- CJK special collections are located in the Special Collections storage in WBL

3. Metadata & Discovery

- Items will be discoverable on StarPlus
- Romanizations (Chinese, Japanese and Korean)
 - Chinese - use 汉字 (hanzi), or Hanyu Pinyin romanisation, with separated syllables except for proper names.
 - Japanese - use 漢字, ひらがな and カタカナ, or Hepburn Romanisation.
 - Korean - use 한글 and 漢文, or use McCun-Reischauer Romanisation.
- Kyobo ebook (Korean ebook) is available from their platform: find more information about this resource on our [Kyobo Ebook Landing Page](#)
- The East Asian rare books collection is available on StarPlus Collections under Special Collections: [search the East Asian rare books collection](#)
- Print books will be DDC classified in accordance with sector standards
- Print journals will be shelved in alphabetical order via romanisation
- East Asian Studies Collections will be located separately in Chinese, Japanese and Korean Collections
- Physical items will be shelved in the sequences divided into:

- Chinese Collection
- Japanese Collection
- Korean Collection

4. Selection of new items:

- New items are added via the Library Resource Recommendation Form
- New subscriptions will be managed centrally
- Chinese, Japanese, and Korean subscriptions funded externally will be managed by the Liaison librarian for East Asian Studies.
- Donations

5. Relegation/Withdrawal

- Reviewing and withdrawal of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean journals where openly available on a regular basis by CJK team

6. Review of Criteria

- The criteria for purchasing and withdrawing stock will be reviewed annually by the Library Collections Advisory Group and changes communicated to Faculty L&T Committees and via the Departmental Library Coordinators