

## Collection Information

### Monash University Library

The major Asian collections at Monash focus on China and Taiwan, Indonesia, Japan and Korea. Smaller collections are available for the study of Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Burma, Vietnam, Cambodia and East Timor. A range of major daily newspapers and many journals are located in the Asian Studies Research Collection reading area. The Asian and colonial language collections are supplemented by extensive English language resources relating to Asia, including materials for the study of South Asia.

**Chinese collection:** the emphasis is on modern Chinese history, contemporary literature, language, economics and politics. A strong collection of newspapers, statistics, yearbooks and reference texts is available.

**Japanese collection:** the main focus is on the history of modern Japan, contemporary Japanese society, economics, literature, Japanese language teaching, language and linguistics, and women's studies. Special collections include the Japanese music archives and the Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education collection.

**Korean collection:** this is the largest academic Korean collection in Australia. The focus is on social sciences, especially economics and politics, and on the history, language, architecture and music of Korea. Current newspapers, a good reference collection and major collections of microfilmed research material are available.

**Indonesian collection:** this is the largest Indonesian language collection in Victoria. It contains over 1500 journal and newspaper titles and a major collection of research material on microform, as well as rare and archival material from the Dutch East Indies period and a valuable pamphlet collection.

Further information can be found on the Asian Collections Web site:  
[Asian Collections, Monash University.](#)

### The University of Melbourne Library

The majority of Chinese and Japanese language materials at Melbourne are housed in the East Asian Collection, third floor, Baillieu Library.

**Chinese collection:** this is the best Chinese collection in Australia outside Canberra. The main areas of strength are language, history of China (from Ming Dynasty onwards), Buddhism and Taoism, Chinese literature, local gazetteers, customs and culture, Chinese medicine, reference and bibliographies. Of particular interest to researchers is the strong collection of Chinese microforms and Chinese electronic databases.

**Japanese collection:** the strengths of this collection are applied and sociolinguistics, language teaching and learning, social problems and popular culture, modern Japanese history, art and architectural history. The CD-ROM and microform collection includes many newspaper sources from the 1880s to the present, and there is an ever-growing collection of audio-visual material.

**Other Asian languages:** Arabic and Indonesian language materials are inter-shelved with the western language materials in the Baillieu Library and the research collection in the ERC Library.

**Arabic collection:** the main focus is on Arabic language and literature. The collection includes a substantial microform collection of Middle Eastern manuscripts.

**Indonesian collection:** the collection focus is on politics, history, society, Islamic studies, human rights, Chinese and other minority groups, and modern literature.

Further information can be found on the East Asian Collection Web site:

[East Asian Collection, The University of Melbourne](#)

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