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Preliminary Chinese and Japanese title catalogue

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This preliminary catalogue lists the material written in the Chinese and Japanese languages which can be found in 23 Scandinavian libraries. It has been photographed directly from catalogue cards provided to the compiler by the various libraries; printed in the lower left-hand corner of each card, is a code for the library holding the particular title.

The catalogue contains approximately 40,000 titles of periodicals and monographs listed in alphabetical order and covers about 90% of the Chinese and Japanese titles available in Scandinavian libraries. It lists only material which is written entirely in Chinese or Japanese or contains significant material in these languages.

Since the project for the compilation of a Union Catalogue of East Asian Materials in Scandinavian libraries was begun in 1976 and is not yet complete, we refer to the present edition as preliminary. It is expected that a complete catalogue will be published within ten years. This will include an even broader coverage of the Scandinavian libraries; it will have author catalogues to supplement the title catalogues, and will also cover Korean material.

Apart from being a library tool which makes it easy to locate a large number of Asian titles in 23 Scandinavian libraries, it is also a valuable bibliographical instrument as the Scandinavian collections in several fields and subjects rank among the richest gold mines of Asian literature. To mention a few examples of the most important collections:

1. Chinese and Japanese art and archaeology.

The collection housed in the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities in Stockholm has always been considered one of the best in Europe, perhaps excelled only by the very large libraries in England and France. In 1974 the collection was further enhanced by a gift from the late King Gustav Adolf of his own fine library. While the strong point of the Museum's collection is its coverage of the full range of older material, this is well supplemented by the modern acquisitions found in the collections of the Museum of Decorative Art and the East Asian Institute in Copenhagen.

2. East Asian religion

There is a remarkable amount of material on this subject scattered throughout the various collections. The Royal Library in Copenhagen has most

of the source material relevant to the study of Chinese Taoism, as well as a fine collection on Korean folk religion. Modern Japanese Buddhism is well-covered by a collection of several thousand volumes which was divided up into sections and presented to the largest libraries in Scandinavia by the Sôtô Zen sect in 1967. The Göteborg University Library holds a large bequest of Chinese Buddhist material.

3. The Ainu of Japan

The East Asian Institute in Arhus houses the most complete collection on Ainu language and culture outside Japan. It was collected in the late 1960's by Kirsten Yumiko Taguchi under a grant from the Carlsberg Foundation.

4. Chinese collectanea

The collections of the Royal Library in Stockholm and the Göteborg University Library together contain about 200 older collectanea, covering the greater part of the material needed for studies in ancient Chinese history, philology, and literature.

These collections are supplemented by additional material in the Royal Library in Copenhagen and in other libraries.

5. East Asian linguistics

East Asian studies in Scandinavia have, from the 1930's until recently, been dominated by the towering figure of Bernhard Karlgren, whose primary interests were in linguistics and philology. Consequently the libraries, taken in toto, include virtually everything, both ancient and modern, relevant to Chinese linguistics and a good deal on Japanese and Korean linguistics as well.

6. Chinese local gazetteers

SIAS itself has a collection of about 1500 local gazetteers and there are several hundred additional titles scattered in the other Scandinavian libraries. Particularly large collections are in the Royal Library in Copenhagen and the Helsinki University Library.

7. Twentieth-century China

SIAS and the Royal Library in Copenhagen have cooperated in the acquisition of primary and secondary material in this area, and together hold an impressive collection. The coverage of the Communist areas in West China during the 1920's and 1930's is particularly strong, thanks to the efforts of Trygve Lötveit, formerly at SIAS, now at Oslo University. In addition, the Royal University Library in Oslo which holds most of the important early twentieth-century Chinese periodicals, active-

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ly pursues a policy of acquiring as many twentieth-century Chinese literary works as possible.

8. China today

The intense Scandinavian interest in present-day Chinese politics is well-known. Almost everything of relevance to Chinese politics published since 1949 is available in one Scandinavian library or another. A certain amount of internal party material, of restricted distribution, is available at the Royal Library in Stockholm.

9. Modern Chinese science and technology

The Chalmers Institute of Technology in Göteborg holds a large collection of technical journals in both Chinese and Japanese, starting from the 1950's. The Research Policy Institute at the University of Lund has been systematically acquiring Chinese scientific and technical books since the early 1970's.

Scope

Alphabetical Union Catalogue of about 40,000 cards listing Japanese and Chinese titles in 23 Scandinavian libraries.

Microformat

Positive microfiche, 105 x 148 mm, silver halide 24 x reduction.

Internal finding-aids

Eye-legible titles on the microfiche, giving the first and the last name to appear on the microfiche.

External finding-aid

Seven-page printed introduction and list of participating libraries.

Storage

Plastic ringbinder, which includes the printed introduction.

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