

International exchange activities at Keio University Media Center

(慶應義塾大学メディアセンターにおける国際交流活動)

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Outline of my presentation

- Introduction of Keio University
- Internationalisation at Media Center
- International staff exchange activities



Introduction of Keio University

- Established in 1858 (First private university)
- 6 campuses (10 faculties, 13 graduate schools and a hospital)
- Students: Undergraduate 30,000/Graduate 5,000
- Alumni: 300,000
- Founded by Fukuzawa Yukichi

Internationalisation at the Media Center

- Global standard in catalogue and system
 - MARC21 format (1998-)
 - Ex Libris's Aleph & Primo (2010-)
- Participation in activities
 - OCLC Research Library Partnership (2002-)
 - Google Books Library Project (2007-)
 - HathiTrust (2014-)
 - Incorporated 90,000 books, including 26,000 Chinese books published in Japan
 - Books published before 1876 are in full view worldwide

International staff exchange

- International staff exchange scheme is to provide opportunities for the members of staff visiting libraries outside Japan for a certain period to develop their global view.
- To dispatch its library staff, Keio needs to:
 - find partner libraries which can accept them for a certain period
 - select a member of staff to be dispatched
 - secure the fund to cover (a part of) travel expense

International staff exchange: History

- First dispatch: University of Hawai'i in 1965
- Constant dispatch since 1985

Libraries	Year	Number of dispatches
U. of Chicago	1985-1987	3
UC Berkeley	1988, 1994-1995	3
UC Los Angeles	1988-1990	3
UC San Diego	1992, 1999-2001	6
U. of Toronto	2002-2012, 2015-	8
Sainsbury Institute	2013-	4
U. of Washington	2016-	1



International staff exchange: Ongoing relationships

- University of Toronto Libraries: 2002-
 - Exchange agreement
- Lisa Sainsbury Library, Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures: 2012-
 - Programme in the UK, based at Sainsbury Institute
- University of Washington East Asia Library: 2016-

International staff exchange: Expectation toward library staff

- Improving themselves through their experiences at libraries in foreign countries
- Contributing to the partner libraries
- Sharing their experiences with the colleagues after returning to Keio



Okano Junko



- 2013.9 – 2014.1 (4 months)
- Where to visit:
 - Sainsbury Institute
 - University of Cambridge
 - University of Oxford
 - SOAS
 - BLDSC
 - University of Sheffield
 - Maison de la culture du Japon à Paris
 - Collège de France, Institut des hautes études japonaises
 - Bibliothèque nationale de France

Okano Junko (Sainsbury Institute)



- What she learned
 - The situation of library systems in other countries (Aleph, Alma, Millennium, ...)
 - The roles of Japanese studies libraries, especially in cataloguing, in the UK and France
 - The importance of cooperation with Japanese studies libraries and researchers overseas
- What she contributed
 - Supporting library operation (cataloguing, stack management and repairing Japanese binding books)
 - Providing and exchanging information about Aleph system, especially related to customization in Japanese at Keio

Kuramochi Takashi



- 2015.9 - 2015.12 (3 months)
- Where to visit:
 - Sainsbury Institute
 - University of Oxford
 - University of Cambridge
 - SOAS
 - British Library
 - Chester Beatty Library (Dublin, Ireland)
 - EAJRS conference (Leiden)

Kuramochi Takashi (Sainsbury)



- What he learned
 - The situation of Japanese materials, especially antiquarian materials, at libraries in foreign countries
 - The know-hows to manage special collections
 - How the libraries community in Japan is seen from Japanese studies researchers and librarians overseas
- What he contributed
 - Supporting development of Japanese antiquarian materials catalogue at each library
 - Holding a workshop on Japanese antiquarian materials for the UK librarians, and a lecture on “kuzushi-ji” for faculty members and students at SOAS

Suzuki Yuki



- 2015.10–2016.2 (5 months)
- Where to visit:
 - University of Toronto
 - McMaster University
 - Japan Foundation Library in Toronto
 - Legislative Assembly of Ontario
 - Harvard-Yenching Library
 - ALA midwinter meeting (Boston)
 - Ontario Library Association Super Conference (Toronto)

Suzuki Yuki (Toronto)



- What she learned
 - Library operations in Robarts Library through joining the team and experiencing “shadowing”, mainly on the collection development, circulation and ILL
 - Changes in user services and selection workflow in the context of increasing e-resources
 - How the libraries community in Canada cooperate to cope with growing cost for e-journals
- What she contributed
 - Correcting incomplete descriptions and character sets in Japanese catalogue records
 - Reviewing music score standing orders to find “not yet arrived” items

Benefits from international staff exchange

- Internationalisation in services and operations
- Taking advantage of knowledge, ideas and hints, which can be directly applied to their current work
- Human network with librarians in other countries

Closing remarks



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