Building Collections and Scholarly Resources for East Asian Studies

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Changes shaping the landscape for today’s collection development

- “Information explosion” in the digital era
- Alternative information sources and multiple providers
- Budget constraints/weakening dollar
- Higher expectation from users
Issues and guiding principles still valid for today’s collection development

- Library’s mission
- Collection is the foundation of a research library
- Issues of balance
  - ownership vs. access
  - quantity vs. quality
  - short vs. long-term needs
What constitute a good collection for today’s East Asian library

A collection:

- best serving the campus programs
- with strong core references and rich primary resources
- combines the strengths of print and digital resources
- with distinguished/in depth characteristics
- with easy access bibliographically and physically
Recommendations for today’s collection development

- Maximize the resources and the benefit of selection for a mixed collection
- Commit on continuation and consistency for in-depth collection building
- Develop/enhance collaborations with peers, vendors, and publishers
- Expand knowledge of resources beyond our own collection
Thank you!

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