

PRDLA 2014

Survey on Opening up Hidden Special Collections in PRDLA Libraries

Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand



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- Singapore Management University
- University of Auckland
- University of Otago
- University of Melbourne

Current and Past Digitisation and/or Publishing projects...

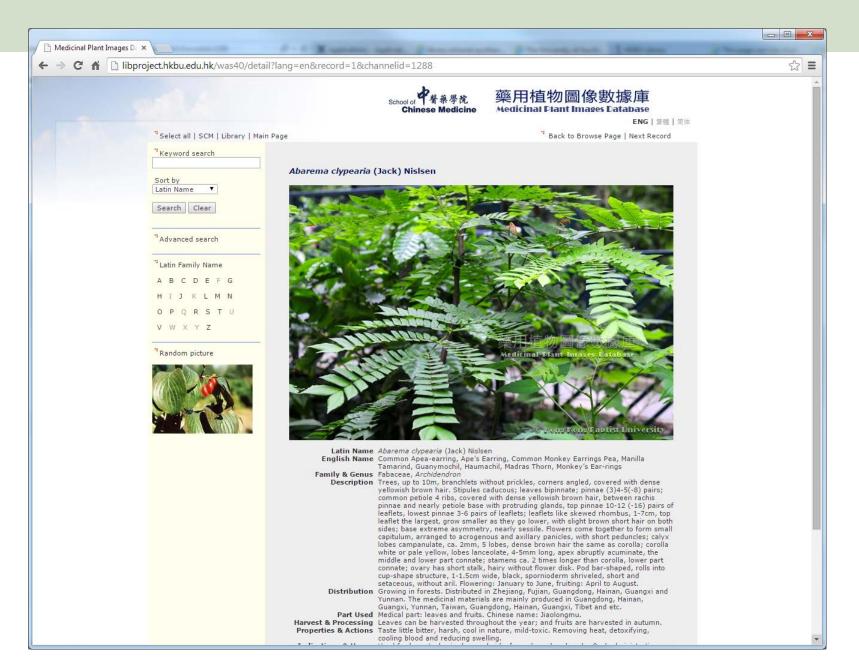
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Including 32 from the University of Hong Kong

 $1,500,000_{+}$

digital objects

Medicinal Plant Images Database



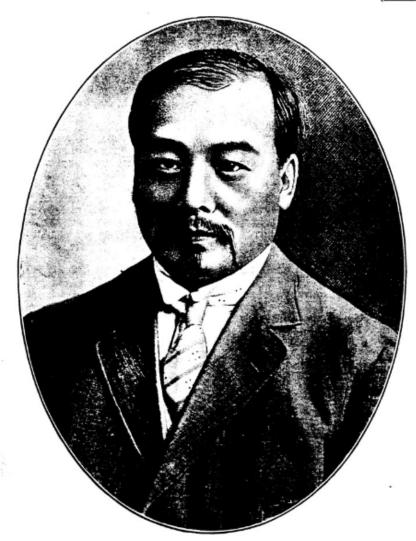
Renaissance buildings in Melbourne



Oral History Collection



Manuscript Collection - Liang Yen-sun



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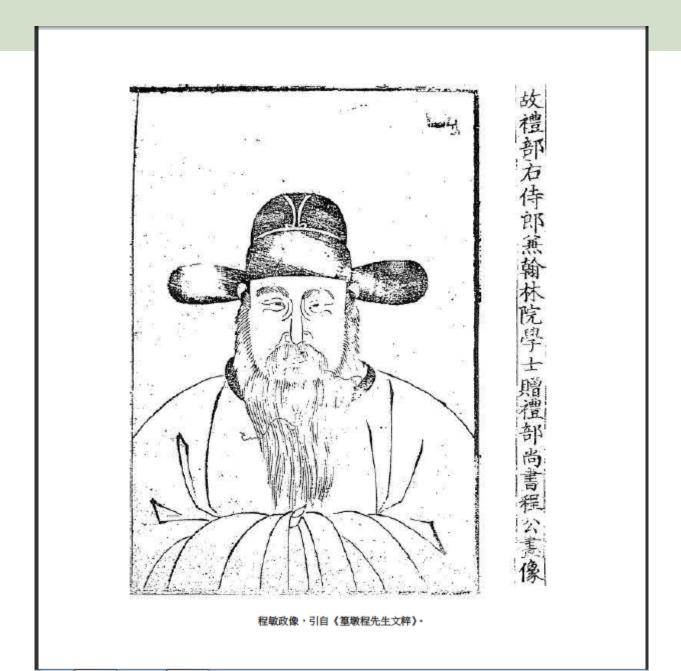
Anthropology Photographic Collection



Digital Special Collections – posters & leaflets



Institutional Repository - PhD Thesis



Hong Kong Memory



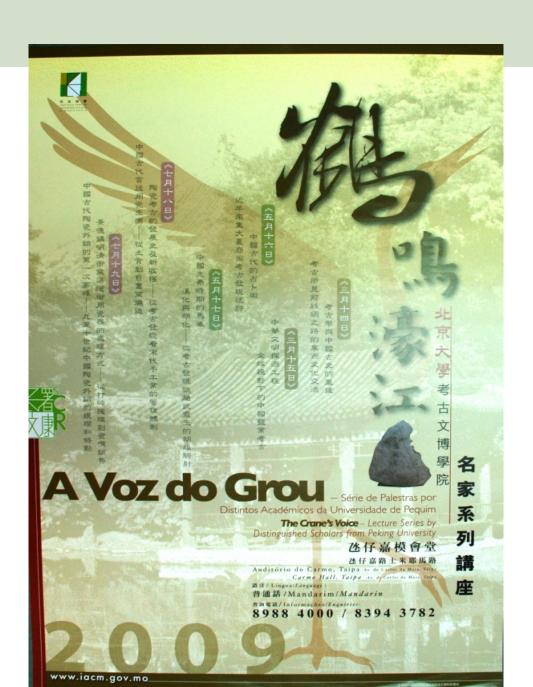
Marsden Online Archive

to inform you there is a legacy of 181:19. 8 One to my Booker wife from the late Mr. Thus Quickfall House Sheward to the Right. ho: ford yarborough the legateer has ree. There where about 6 Weeks back the Money is in the hands of M. Frith Whome Mason Great yours by Joh! advise you to send my Brother word afrom as possible I who have wrote to him myself but I thought you we have at better opportunity of

Historical Documents of the Chinese People of South East Asia



Posters Collection



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Impact on Scholarship and general benefits

- Support the teaching, learning, research and knowledge exchange missions of the University.
- Enable access to library collections any time and from anywhere to enhance opportunities for increasing usage. In support of open access.
- Preserve fragile and rare collections.
- Promote the diversity and uniqueness of library collections, especially unique or rare materials, to our user community and encourage collaborative projects with partners on campus and beyond.
- Attract philanthropic support for library programmes.

The project not only achieved the primary aims of preservation and sharing of this special collection with international scholars, which resulted in numerous academic publications and research outputs, but also, provided the essential resources which facilitated faculty members to integrate them into student works as well as public institutions to research, develop and curate several exhibition projects



New Digitisation projects

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Within the next five years

Hong Kong Baptists University Library

Chinese Medicinal Formulae Database

Estimated cost will be HK\$500,000 to develop both Chinese and English versions.



Chinese University of Hong Kong Library

Electronic Theses & Dissertations Collection

the full-text of research degree's theses and doctoral dissertations submitted by postgraduate students since 1967. More than **9,000 volumes** in both English and Chinese.



City University of Hong Kong Library

Digitization of old Chinese Land Deeds.

received about 610 old Chinese land deeds in recent years. Very unique primary research materials, providing important data on the economic and legal activities of China, particularly in Guangdong and Hong Kong.

• Digital Special Collections project with China Academic Digital Associative Library (CADAL),

collaborating partners include CADAL (Zhejiang University Library) and member libraries of the CADAL HK Cooperation Centre during the $1^{\rm st}$ phase of digitization.

 Library Accessibility Support for Special Needs Students with Visual Impairments

This project is under review and strictly restricted use for students with special needs (SEN SVI). CityU Library welcomes potential partners with quality digitized collections to contribute to this project.



Hong Kong Polytechnic University Library

China Academic Digital Associative Library (CADAL)

digitising the PolyU publications located in our University Collection. It will highly enhance accessibility for research purpose.

CADAL was co-constructed by Chinese and American institutes and researchers in 2002, and has about 2.7 million digital volumes



The University of Hong Kong Library

Hong Kong Images

An extension of the collection "Hong Kong Places". Digitization of 500+ photographs, slides and prints with subject not limit to places, but also people and events.

Inaugural/last issues of Hong Kong newspapers

Digitization of 500+ newspaper inaugural/last issues from physical copies and microfilm.

Chinese rare books

Digitization of 72 titles and 560+ volumes of Chinese rare books



The University of Macau Library

iMacau

systematic collecting the online material (.doc, .xsl, .ppt and .pdf) on the websites in/about Macau. Creating an historical record of the rapidly changing Internet of the Macau local community.

The national rare books publishing project of the Macau region

led by National Library of China Publishing House, which targets to publish the famous and valuable rare books of the libraries in Macau



The University of Otago Library

Digitisation to mark World War 100 anniversaries

Including sheet music and recordings.

Extending the Marsden Online Archive.

 $2/3^{rd}$ s of the unique material still to do.

Research Archive on the Dunedin Sound

the famous Dunedin music scene in the 1980s – 90s.

- Herries Beattie Collection
- includes recollections of, and correspondence with, early settlers, interviews with Maori, papers regarding South Island history, including Maori place names, legends and folklore. To be done with Ngāi Tahu (tribe) collaboration.



The University of Auckland Library

The Chapman Archive

New Zealand's largest and most comprehensive collection of broadcast news and current affairs – 70,000 radio & 80,000 TV programmes – dating back to the 1960s

- The Archive of Maori & Pacific Music the major ethnographic sound collection relating to the Pacific.
- Chinese Old and Rare Books at the University of Auckland

from a recently completed catalogue of 191 old and rare Chinese books held at the Asian Languages Collection



National University of Singapore

 Providing content to Singapore Memory Project by National Library Board, Singapore (NLB).

73 titles have been provided thus far, including:

- i. Meteorological observations made at the Honorable East-India Company's magnetical observatory at Singapore in the years 1841-1845. Madras: Printed by P. R. Hunt, 1850.
- ii. The Journal of the Straits Medical Association, 1890-1894.
- ii. How to avoid malaria: a few hints on anti-malarial work and personal protection / by N. J. Dugdale. Singapore: Kelly & Walsh, 1900.



Opening up hidden collections among PRDLA libraries is...

- Important 25
- Very Important 20

PRDLA libraries should work together to create a shared infrastructure in the form of...

- Repository at home institution with information made available to PRDLA member libraries 34
- A union catalog. 26
- Existing infrastructure (e.g., HathiTrust or Google Books).
- A central repository. 21
- (Other)PRDLA establish a central registry for digitisation projects 3

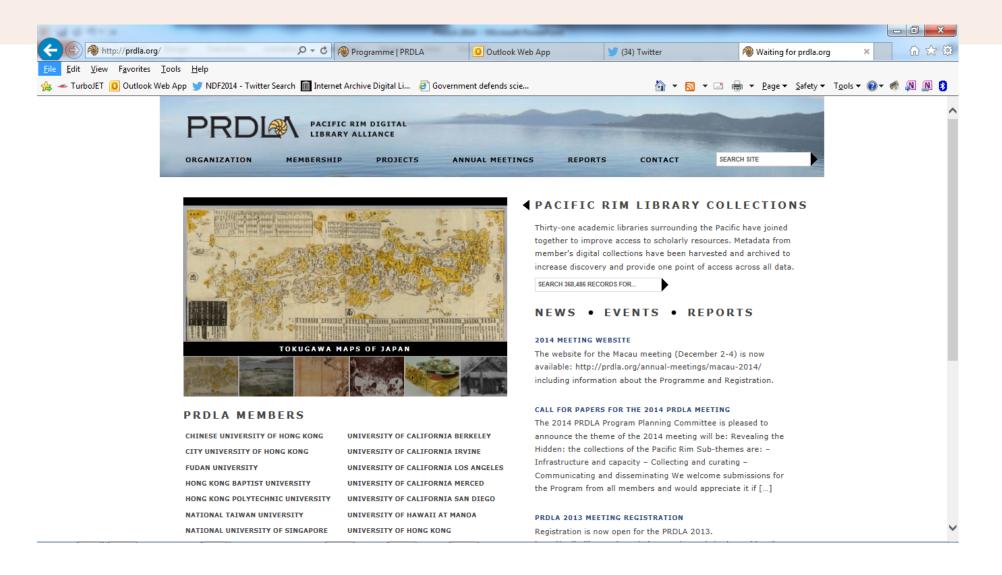
Which of these is PRL?

PRDLA libraries should coordinate efforts to open up hidden collections by ...

- Working individually, but keeping each other informed.
- Jointly seeking funding such as government grants and foundation support.
- Forming an oversight committee for coordination and communication. 17
- Continuing the discussion at future PRDLA meetings.
- Working within member libraries' geographic regions (e.g., country).

Major barriers to opening up hidden special collections...

- Lack of staffing. 29
- Lack of funding. 27
- Lack of viable infrastructure for digitization, delivery, and preservation.
- Lack of expertise. 18
- Lack of interest. 12



"there is currently no real ownership of the service"

"the total number of records has reduced by 20%."

"What is the collection development policy for PRL? Should it focus on special collections and cultural heritage?"

"members should consider alternative hosting and software options"

"What is the value of PRL to members?

It was conceived as a vehicle to unite

PRDLA membership and act as a showcase
for member collections. Is this still true?"



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