

Dissemination Activities and International Scholarly Exchange

The Toyo Bunko as a centre providing comprehensive information on all aspects of Asian studies is dedicated to promoting scholarly exchange both within Japan and internationally. In order to accomplish this task, we provide research facilities for visiting scholars from home and abroad, sponsor lectures and research conferences, and exchange information and research results with concerned institutes and scholars throughout Japan and the world. In addition, our Internet website enables cyber-visitors to search the Library catalogue and use a wide range of reference materials.

Oriental Studies Lecture Series

Two series of public lectures are held in the spring and autumn of each year for scholars, students and members of the general public devoted to Asian studies. As of May 2007, a total of 500 lectures have been given.

Special Lectures

Renowned scholars from abroad visiting Japan are invited to present lectures on their fields of specialization and the present state of Asian studies abroad. Held 7 or 8 times each year.

Study Groups

Study group meetings dealing with specific research topics regarding Asian studies are held at The Toyo Bunko as part of its research and information exchange activities under the directorship of its Research Departments.

Exhibits

Rare books and other materials of interest selected from the holdings of The Toyo Bunko are exhibited under specific themes almost every year.

Exchange of Scholars

The Toyo Bunko makes every effort to cooperate in international projects. We also host both long and short term stays and endeavour to make our facilities available whenever possible to scholars from home and abroad.

Information Services

Various data bases are now in the process of being compiled and provided over the Internet. There is a computerized version of the Library's catalogue, and an online search engine has been added to our website, which also provides constantly updated information about The Toyo Bunko activities.

URL: <http://www.toyo-bunko.or.jp/>

Scientific Exchange Agreement

The Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO) has set up its Tokyo center inside The Toyo Bunko managed by research fellows dispatched from France. **Agreements have been concluded with EFEO (1999) and Academia Sinica (2007) officially establishing a system of exchanging information on source materials, publications and research involving the two institutions.**



Summer Evening Activities at the Shijo Riverside (Kyoto), Tokugawa Period