

Guide to Recent English-Language Reference Materials on Asia Available in the Asia Reading Room, Kroch Library

A's General works, Encyclopedias, Almanacs; Indexes

Directory of Associations of Asia AS408 .D57 (1998, in dictionary stand by desk)

World Almanac and Book of Facts AY67N5 .W92 (2003, in dictionary stand by desk, also at Olin, ILR...)

B's Philosophy, Mythology, Religions

Encyclopedia of Asian Philosophy B121 .E53 2001+ (also in Olin Ref)

This encyclopedia has A-Z entry listings, cross-references, further readings, a name index and one for concepts (subjects). Does not include diacritics.

Encyclopedia of Chinese Philosophy B126 .E496 2003+

187 entries with many contributors, covers many periods of Chinese history, major thinkers, and concepts, uses Pinyin (with Wade Giles as alternative spellings), each concept includes a bibliography, also has a glossary and index.

Routledge Curzon Encyclopedia of Confucianism BL1840 .R68x 2003

Includes Chinese characters, A-Z entry listings, long bibliography, and name, subject, and title indexes

Encyclopedia of Eastern Philosophy and Religion: Buddhism, Taoism, Zen, Hinduism

BL1005 .L67 1994

Basic terminology of four main Eastern teachings: Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, and Zen, using concepts expressed in at least 5 Asian languages (Sanskrit, Pali, Tibetan, Chinese, Japanese), A-Z entry listings, bibliography

Historical Dictionary of Buddhism BQ130 .P74x 1993

One volume useful for Asia as a whole, part of series: Historical Dictionaries of Religions, Philosophies, and Movements. Several hundred entries on significant persons, places, events, texts, doctrines, practices, institutions, and movements, chronology of Buddhist history, A-Z entry listings, long bibliography at end

C's Chronology, Comparative Calendars; Genealogy & Names; Biography

Indian Names: From Classical to Contemporary (For People, Places, & Products) CS2375 .I4 K36

2002. Over 30,000 Sanskrit-based names, A-Z listing, includes Sanskrit and meanings

International Who's Who CT120 .I61 2003+

Also a networked resource, includes email and web addresses

D's - DS General History and Politics, Asia

The Far East and Australasia (2004) DS4 .F21 + (in dictionary stand by Asia desk)

Facts on history, government, constitutions (summaries), gov't organization, ministries; stats, info on political parties, media, etc. (also at Hotel, ILR, Management, Mann, and Olin)

Encyclopedia of Modern Asia +DS4 .L48x 2002+ 6 vols

A-Z entry listings, over 2,600 entries, covers economics, religion, technology, politics, education, the family, arts, environment, international relations, has 90 maps, index

Note: includes Central Asia and Islam and considers modern Asia to be 20th century, vol. 6 has comprehensive index

Encyclopedia of Ancient Asian Civilizations DS12 .H5 2004+

A Facts on File Library of World History book, 1 vol. has maps, illustrations, A-Z entry listings, bibliography and index

Encyclopedia of Asian History DS31 .E56 1988 4 vols. (also in Uris)

Includes Central Asia, A-Z entry listings, maps, index

Columbia Chronologies of Asian History and Culture +DS33 .C63 2000+

Covers political history, arranged by country in four parts - Part 1: East Asia Part 2: South Asia Part 3: SE Asia Part 4: Central Asia

DS Individual Countries of Asia Works covering History, Chronologies, Politics, Culture, Ethnic Groups, Biographical Sources, Travel.

- In each country section there is a white “*Country Study*” book (Area Handbook series) with background information on many topics and extensive bibliographies for each chapter. (Ex., *Mongolia: a Country Study*)
- The Historical Dictionaries series (Scarecrow Press) has books for most Asian countries. (Ex. *Historical Dictionary of Malaysia*). Located in the country sections.
- The *World Bibliographical Series* books on each country and on some cities of Asia are located in the dictionary stand by the Asia Desk. These books cover extensive topics for each country; each chapter lists sources with annotations.
- South Asia and Southeast Asia sections have a large number of travel guides, which are often very useful for finding quick info about history of places, maps of cities, and cultural information. (Ex.: Moon Travel Handbook on Bali, *Bali Handbook*, has good intro. to specific Balinese dance forms and performing arts, arts and crafts and music).

China Facts and Figures Annual (2003) DS779.15

Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan +DS805 .K86 9 vols (not recent but still an essential reference, now available online through Japanese database – Japan Knowledge (no English interface)

Korea Annual (2003) DS901 .K775

Comprehensive handbook; special appendix covers N. Korea (Latest issue in reference)

E's Asia-America, Asian Americans

Asian American Information Directory + E184 .06 A86 General A-A and specific ethnic groups; state-by-state listing of agencies, organizations, fed. programs, research centers and lib. colls., publications & publishers, media and more. (at dictionary stand by desk).

Everything You Need to Know About Asian-American History E184 .06 C36 1996 (Olin has 2004 copy!) Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Southeast Asians, Koreans, Asian Indians, Pacific Islanders; quirky and interesting information in question-and-answer format

G Folklore

South Asian Folklore: An Encyclopedia Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
+GR302 .S68 2003

H 's Statistics, Economics, Business, Social Issues

Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific + HA1664 .S79 2002 United Nations compilation of demographic, economic, finance and social stats for Asian countries. (in dictionary stand by desk) (Also at ILR, Management, and Mann)

China Statistical Yearbook HA4631 .C55 2003 (also on CD-ROM, ask at desk)(in Chinese and English)

“Economic History” - large section with extensive sources on Asia-Pacific and individual countries; covers also NGO's and doing business in other countries, some directories of commerce and business. Similar types of economic and business information however are spread over HC-HF areas

Asian Development Outlook 2003 + HC411 .A83623 (latest vol. in ref)

Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2003 HC411 .U45 (latest vol. in ref)

People's Republic of China HC427.95 .P46x 2002 (covers topics that drive most of the research on modern China across disciplines. Vol. 1 = essays on current social issues— pollution, population control, marriage, rural-urban, education & health care; Vol. 2 = essays on market and political/legal reform, consumerism. Has index)
(Note: current provincial information for some provinces on CD-ROM)

Regional Outlook Southeast Asia 2004-2005 + HC441 .R35 (latest vol. in ref, also a networked resource!) Covers the ASEAN-10 – Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, with economic trends and a political update.

Brunei Yearbook: Key Information on Brunei 2003 +HC445.85 .A1 B91 Overview of country & commerce/finance/industry. Handy and brief with contact information, overseas missions, history, geography, economy, and human resources.

N *The Anime Encyclopedia: A Guide to Japanese Animation Since 1917* NC1766.J3 C53x 2001
Very handy guide, A-Z entry listings, lets you know if an anime is available in English, and includes advisories (language, nudity, violence), does not have Japanese characters, has bibliography, names and studios index, anime titles index.

P's Language, Linguistics, Literature (includes communication & media)

Handbook of the Media in Asia P92.A7 .H36x 2000

Arranged by region and country (South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia only); guide to development and issues in press, broadcasting, TV, Internet etc. country profiles draw attention to trends in media, subject index.

The Major Languages of East and South-East Asia PL493 .M23 (1987) arranged by language group; essays of linguistics & development. (at dictionary stand by desk)

Far Eastern Literatures in the 20th Century PL491 .F21 1988 brief overview of “modern” East and Southeast Asian literature, arranged by country. (at dictionary stand by desk)

Southeast Asia Languages and Literatures: a Select Guide PL3501 .S72 (1989) arranged by country, includes information on history of language, scripts, development of printing, and types of literature. (at dictionary stand by desk)

Encyclopedia of Chinese Film +PN1993.5 .C4 Z53x 1998 divided into chapters covering history, special topics (awards, propaganda, etc), genres, themes, people, film synopses. Has bibliography, glossary, index of titles, index of names

Press and Advertisers Year Book PN4709 .I11 2002/03 correspondents, foreign news agencies, who’s who in Indian press, circulation and literacy statistics, list of newspapers, and magazines (by type).

Asian American Literature: reviews and criticism of works by American writers of Asian descent + PS153.A84 A82x 1999 brief intro to authors and reviews/criticism of authors’ works. Includes such popular writers as Maxine Hong Kingston and Bharati Mukherjee. A-Z by authors and has title index

Asian American playwrights: a bio-bibliographical critical sourcebook PS338.A74 A9 2002 Selected bibliography and index.

Q-V Science, Medicine, Agriculture, Technology, Military Science, Naval Science

[Reference books are in Asia Reading Room but circulating books with these call number are located on 8th floor storage)

Handbook of Ayurvedic Medicinal Plants + RS180.I3 K365x 2001 plants listed alphabetically with description of parts and their chemical analysis, medicinal properties, uses and doses.

The Asian Grocery Store Demystified: a food lover’s guide to all the best ingredients TX349 .B53x 1999 arranged by topic (rice, noodles, oils, condiments, vegetables, dried goods & spices, teas, and more) with descriptions and illustrations of ingredients.

A Historical Dictionary of Indian Food TX724.5.I4 A26 1998 A-Z entry listings, traces historical origins of foods and beverages in India, with language and literary references and religious/cultural importance or usage, with author index. (also at Hotel)

Z *Indian Books in Print 2003* Oversize Z3201 .S55+ Vol. 1 Author Index, Vol. 2 Title Index, Vol. 3 Subject Guide

Bibliography of Southeast Asia: a Decade of Selected Social Science Publications in the English Language Z3221 .C467x 2003

The Indian Newspaper Society Press Handbook Z6958.I4 I386 (2003, latest vol in Ref)

