Subject Level Collection Statement: Japanese

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1. **Purpose of the Statement**

The purpose of this statement is to provide a framework to guide the collection development and management activities for the Japanese Programme. The statement supports the teaching, learning and research activities in Japanese in the School of Languages and Cultures within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

This statement is developed in accordance with the principles outlined in the Collection Development and Management Policy (CDMP).

2. **Description of the Academic Subject**

The Japanese programme offers courses in Japanese language, culture and literature. For a complete list of courses, see the Japanese programme pages.

The Japanese language programme at Victoria was introduced in 1989, following Massey University (1965), Auckland University (1968), Waikato University (1970) and Canterbury University (1971). Bachelor of Arts Honours in Japanese was introduced in 1995.

There are currently three academic staff members teaching in the Japanese programme, with a further position pending. In addition, each year the Japanese programme hosts a teaching assistant from a university in Japan and there are one-year student exchange programmes between Victoria University and several Japanese universities.

The Japanese programme forms part of the School of Languages and Cultures. The Japanese programme offers instruction at all levels, from 100 level to PhD.

3. **Focus of the Subject**

The main focus for undergraduate teaching is in the Japanese language, as well as contemporary culture and literature.
Staff research profiles:

Edwina Palmer
Emerald King
Kaya Oriyama

Postgraduate research topics are varied. Current thesis topics include:
- authenticity in Japanese as a second language texts
- model discourses in Japanese as a second language textbooks
- Japanese myths

4. Overview of the Current Collection

Journals

There are eight print journals currently subscribed to for the Japanese programme.

AV Material

There is a small amount of AV material collected, mainly in the form of movies. As most movies are foreign language titles or non-NZ commercial release titles, rating costs are an important consideration.

Books

There are approximately 3,000 titles in the Japanese language in the library. In both Japanese and English, there are approximately 1,700 titles in the DS802-DS897 (Japanese history) callmark range, and approximately 3,000 titles in the PL501-PL699 (Japanese language and literature) callmark range. These are the two most significant collections for the Japanese programme in the library.

The library also provides access to approximately 900 e-books on Japan-related topics.

While the focus of research is, in the main, on modern Japanese language and society, it is necessary to collect broadly to maintain a well-rounded and useful collection.

5. Collection Development Guidelines

Section 4.3 and 4.5.2 in the CDMP.

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5.1 Languages Collected
Material is collected in both English and Japanese.

5.2 Geographical Areas Collected
The broad geographical area of interest is Japan. New Zealand material where it relates to Japan is also of interest.

5.3 Chronological Periods Collected
The focus of the School is on modern Japan (20th and 21st century).

5.4 Format Guidelines
Section 4.1(e) and 4.3.2 in the CDMP.

Electronic journals are preferred, with print journals only required if electronic access is unavailable. The purchase of e-books will be negotiated with academics on a case-by-case basis.

6. Life-Cycle Management Guidelines
Section 4.4.1 in the CDMP.

Wherever possible, the potential life-cycle of new materials will be considered at the point of acquisition and accessible notes made as to any continuing historical or research value.

6.1 Relegation Statement
Section 4.1(b) in the CDMP

Books: Items which have not been issued within the last 10 years will be relegated to offsite storage, after consultation with academic staff.

Journals: For currently subscribed print journals, pre-1970 issues will be relegated to offsite storage.

6.2 Deselection Statement
Section 4.4.3 in the CDMP.

Books: Superseded editions and duplicate titles will be considered for deselection. Deselection will take place in close consultation with Japanese Programme staff.

Journals: Any print issues of journals for which we have perpetual e-access will be deselected.
Links to other relevant Subject Level Collection Statements

- Linguistics and Applied Language Studies