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Library Receives Two Book Donations!

Collection of Titles from the *Distinguished Chinese Visiting Scholars Scheme*

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Scheme, scholars who participated have donated more than 150 of their publications to the Library. The titles cover a wide spectrum of academic disciplines and will foster intellectual exchange on the campus.



Over 130 publications received from the Higher Education Press



The Library was the recipient of a generous donation from the Higher Education Press, Ministry of Education, PRC. The donation comprises over 130 books and multimedia materials

covering subjects in arts, technology, computer science, life sciences and modern sciences. This generous gift will enrich the Library collection and provide an opportunity for PolyU staff and students to enjoy these publications.

Language Learning Resources Expanded

Over 120 audio packages on language learning and 50 audiobooks were added to the Library collection in recent months. To support self-learning, all language learning audio CDs and audio tapes are available for borrowing for use outside the Library.

The loan period is 7 days and the loan quota is 2 items. All loans can be renewed once provided the item is not required by another person.

For enquiries, please contact the Media Services Section at the Counter (3/F) or call 2766-6871.

Selected titles include:

日語基礎講座
日語一日一題
實用韓語會話
法語入門
德語入門
意大利語入門
西班牙語入門

Linguaphone PDQ quick language courses
The adventures of Sherlock Holmes (audiobook)
King Lear (audiobook)
Classic American short stories (audiobook)
A Christmas carol (audiobook)
The Pickwick papers (audiobook)
Treasure Island (audiobook)



Tips on searching the Library Catalogue:

- * To look for audiobooks, search by Subject and type in "audiobooks".
- * To find audio CDs on learning Japanese language, search by Keyword and enter "s:(Japanese language)" and select "Audio CD" from the Material Type column.



Financial and Marketing Research Information

Do you have problem finding what you want?



Datastream

Provides current and historical coverage on over 140,000 securities and instruments from markets worldwide. Comes with extensive details on fundamental indicators, such as earnings, yields, balance sheets, and ratios. Useful for evaluating investment opportunities and corporate performance, and comparing international markets.

Factiva.com

A major business news provider and successor to Dow Jones Interactive and Reuters Business Briefing. This database provides access to the most current collection of global news and business information; including 93 same-day newswires and thousands of sources in 22 languages from 118 countries.

Bankscope

A financial database on 11,000 World Banks.

ISI Emerging Market Service

Provides access to company news, industry information, financial data, legal and current affairs as well as macroeconomic analysis from 35 emerging markets in Asia, Latin America and Europe.

Perfect Analysis

Formerly known as Hydra, this database provides information on over 14,000 public companies, 34,000 securities, 2,400 stock indices and exchange rates of more than 160 currencies around the world. Includes balance sheet information of up to 5 years; and stock/index/currency exchange data up to 10 years. Daily updated.

Global Market Information Database

Gives detailed information on market size, country marketing parameters, marketing forecast data, consumer lifestyles, business sources as well as marketing profiles and analysis.

In this issue, we have just cited a few examples of databases commonly used for getting financial and marketing research information. There are many more databases, websites, company reports, and research publications that you may find useful in your research. Please feel free to contact our friendly librarian at the Information Desk or call 2766-6863 for assistance.

Tips on Getting Ready for Exams :

A Step-by-step guide



Start a few weeks before your examinations and make the best use of library resources.

Key revision strategies:

Course overview: use [PolyU Course Scheme Database](#) (via the Library Homepage) for checking what is expected from the student, and

- List all topics on your course;
- Find out your best and worst topics and come up with a study sequence.

Check for previous exam questions: use [PolyU Examination Paper Database](#) (via the Library Homepage). Test yourself under timed conditions when going through the past exam papers. Features of the PolyU Examination Paper Database are shown in the following [section](#).



PolyU Course Scheme Database
香港理工大學課程綱要資料庫

Draw up a revision timetable

- Decide how much time to spend on each topic. Determine date, time and place to do your revision.

Find a place which helps you focus your mind on revision. Library opening hours during the examination period (06 Dec 2003 to 28 Dec 2003):

Mon – Fri 8:30 am - 11:00 pm

Sat – Sun 8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Christmas Day 25 Dec 2003 Closed

24-hour Study Room available on the Ground Floor, Library



These will help you in your revision:

- **Your course notes, handouts and recommended readings** searching for recommended readings in the **Library Catalogue**:

a **book**: type in the **book title** for a title search,

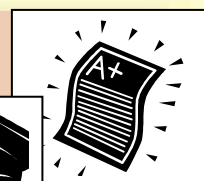
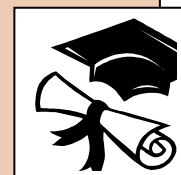
a **journal article**: type in the **journal title** for a title search, e.g. *Journal of Financial Economics*

- **Use handy online reference tools:** for example [Oxford Reference Online](#), [XreferPlus](#) (via the Library Homepage) containing dictionaries and encyclopaedias on various subjects to assist you. Such as to clarify meaning of words and concepts.



Library resources on study guides or test-taking skills might help. Check out books on the following topics using Subject Search in the Library Catalogue :

- Examinations study guides
- Study skills
- Test-taking skills
- Independent study



The PolyU Examination Paper Database

1. Search Window



- Newly updated for 2002/03
- Semester One, Semester Two and Summer Term included
- Access via the Library Homepage → Electronic Resources → Featured PolyU Databases
- Coverage : 1995/1996 +
- Hard copies for pre-1995 examination papers available at 4/F Special Collections Counter

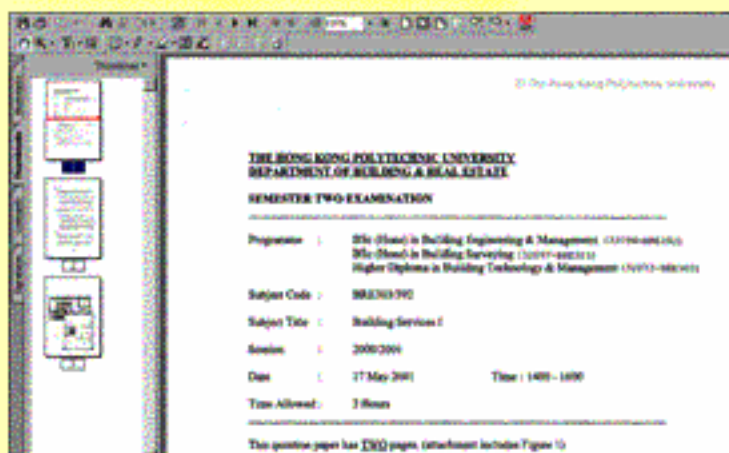
2. Index List



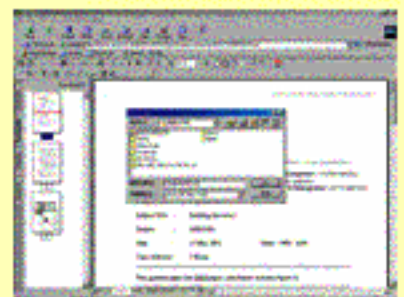
3. Hit List



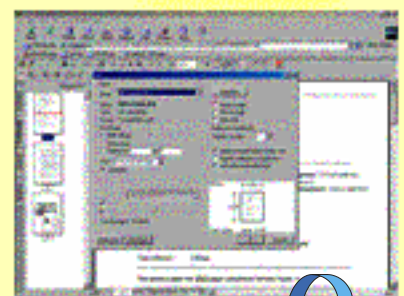
4. Image Display



Download



Print



Farewell Bindery

In view of the fact that the Library has been steadily switching its serial subscriptions from print version to electronic form, a major decision has been made to close the Bindery responsible for the binding of print serials and the strengthening of paperback volumes.

The Bindery area will be converted for public use to make space for compact shelving of bound serials. As a result of the relocation, 70 more seats will be added to the Library.

Online AV Recommendation Form

Users can now submit their purchase recommendations for audiovisual materials to the Library using the [Online AV Recommendation Form](#). It is available in the Library Homepage under "Collections & Services > Electronic Forms". To facilitate sourcing, users are reminded to provide sufficient information, including required AV format, publisher information, relevant web sites and source of reference, to the Library in their recommendations. For enquiries, please contact the Media Services Librarian at 2766-6869.

Upcoming Library Seminars

Please register via the [Library Homepage](#)

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Citation Databases and Journal Citation Reports	2 Dec 03
Accessing E-journal Collections of the PolyU Library	4 Dec 03
Current Awareness	10 Dec 03
Surfing the Internet for Useful Information	11 Dec 03
Accessing E-book Collections of the PolyU Library	12 Dec 03

February 2004

Accessing E-journal Collections of the PolyU Library	9 Feb 04 <i>(tentative)</i>
Citation Databases and Journal Citation Reports	10 Feb 04 <i>(tentative)</i>
Key Library Resources for Health-Care Research	11 Feb 04 <i>(tentative)</i>
Searching Specialized Financial Databases:	
Datastream & Perfect Analysis	12 Feb 04 <i>(tentative)</i>
Learn How to Search the Library Catalogue Effectively:	
Some Advanced Techniques and Features	13 Feb 04 <i>(tentative)</i>
Accessing E-book Collections of the PolyU Library	16 Feb 04 <i>(tentative)</i>
Searching Chinese Databases and E-journals	18 Feb 04 <i>(tentative)</i>
Mastering Techniques in Searching Specialized	
Databases in Business and Management	19 Feb 04 <i>(tentative)</i>