

**Japan Art Catalog (JAC) Western Art Project
at Columbia University
Report to the NCC Board, August 2007**

I. Project Summary: Columbia University receives exhibition catalogs on Western art, which are cataloged in the Starr East Asian Library Technical Services Division for housing in the Avery Architecture and Fine Arts Library.

II. Materials: On April 5, Columbia received the JAC Project donation of the Heisei 18 fiscal year, a total of 514 titles (in 18 boxes). This is the first shipment from NACT (New Art Center Tokyo) which is in charge of the JAC Project.

NACT informed Columbia that the latest shipment of 514 titles may have included a number of duplicates, because NACT accumulated a surplus of exhibition catalogs from various donors in preparation for its new library.

In March, Columbia was informed that about the same amount of materials were ready to be sent off some time in April-May as the Heisei 19 fiscal year donation. However, this shipment has not yet been received.

III. Cataloging : The C. V. Starr East Asian Library Technical Service Division has decided to catalog 200 titles per year considering the available manpower. The first 200 titles were cataloged in the 06/07 fiscal year.

Hideyuki Morimoto, Japanese Cataloger, started cataloging another 200 titles for this fiscal year in late July and will be finished shortly.

IV. Others: C. V. Starr Library Director, Amy Heinrich talked with Dr. Richard Wood, Director of the Japan Society in New York and secured "Awakenings: Zen Figure painting in Medieval Japan" and future exhibition catalogs published by the Society to be donated to the NACT. Columbia will mail them to NACT.

Ms. Mariko Shiratori, who is Research Associate, NACT Art Library and in charge of the JAC Project visited Columbia on June 12th during her vacation in New York. A. Heinrich hosted welcome lunch for her which was joined by Gerald Beasley (Director) and Paula Garber (Senior Bibliographer/Indexer) of the Avery Architectural and Fine Art Library, and S. Noguchi. Paula and Sachie gave her a tour of the Avery and Starr libraries. It was a good opportunity to express Columbia's appreciation for the JAC Western Project and her devotion to the Project.

(Submitted by Sachie Noguchi, JAC-W coordinator at Columbia)