

Report on the Meeting of the MVS Committee
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The MVS Committee met to determine grants for 2006-07 in light of the following new guidelines:

- 1) Second-hand titles may be proposed for MVS funding, providing that at the time of application in January the vendor promises to hold those titles pending the MVS grant decision, made by March 1st each year. Further the vendor must provide assurances that the condition of the proposed volumes is at a level that will permit the materials to circulate through ILL. A copy of the vendor's written assurance to the above two conditions must accompany all MVS applications for second-hand titles.
- 2) The charging of regular ILL fees is now permitted for MVS titles however institutions must continue to freely circulate (via ILL) all the volumes supported by MVS.

For the 2006-07 MVS competition 19 titles were proposed for funding by 9 institutions. Five of the requested titles were for second-hand sets, demonstrating the popularity of that new provision for MVS. 11 titles were funded with grants going to 7 institutions for a 2006-07 MVS funding total of ¥9,976,328.

The following institutions received the following grants:

University of Chicago received two grants both at the 75% funding level for Igakushi kenkyū 医学史研究 (¥130,500) and Mitsui Bussan Shitenchō Kaigi gijiroku 三井物産支店長会議議事録 (¥300,000)

Columbia University received a 75% grant for Shinpen Nihon zenkoku kajin sōsho (¥95,850) 新編日本全国歌人叢書

University of Hawaii received a 50% grant for Fujin gahō 婦人画報 (¥840,000)

University of Illinois received grants for three titles at the 75% level to further build their performing arts collection, receiving funding for Nō kyōgen bunken shiryō shūsei. Densho no bu. 能狂言文献資料集成。伝書の部 (¥198,450); Nō kyōgen bunken shiryō shūsei. kyōgen no bu 能狂言文献資料集成。狂言の部 (¥283,500); Nō kyōgen bunken shiryō shūsei. Shiryō no bu. 能狂言文献資料集成。史料の部 (¥85,050)

Ohio State University received a 75% grant for Meijiki kankōbutsu shūsei (JMSTC) Dai 1-ki. Bungaku gengo hen 明治期刊行物集成。第1期。文学言語編 (¥2,693,228)

Princeton University was funded at the 75% level for Shimazu-ke monjo 島津家文書 (¥3,846,750)

UCLA received a 75% grant for Zenkoku hōgen shūran 全国方言集覧 (¥304,500) and a 50% grant for Ōsaka nippō / Ōsaka Mainichi shinbun, 1876-1912, 大阪日報 / 大阪毎日新聞 (¥1,198,500)

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The 2006-07 MVS Committee was comprised of Susan Matisoff, Professor Emerita of Japanese, University of California, Berkeley and Naomi Kotake, Japanese Bibliographer, Stanford University as co-chairs. The members attending the meeting were Philip Brown, Professor of Japanese History, Ohio State University; Eiichi Ito, Japanese Reference Specialist, Library of Congress; Kuniko Yamada McVey, Librarian of the Japanese Collection, Harvard-Yenching Library; and Victoria Bestor, NCC Executive Director (ex-officio).