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**PROPOSAL COVER SHEET**

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PROJECT: Asian Studies Partnership: Business and Economic Relationships with Asia Since the Asian Economic Crisis

AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUESTED: \$19,000

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## **Introduction**

With the ever-increasing growth of Asian economies, and the impacts and roles that Asian countries are playing in the global economy, today's college and university students will need knowledge and preparation to relate to the various Asian and Pacific business environments. This Asian Studies Partnership will concentrate on collecting resources that help fill those needs, ranging from works that describe the business and economic landscape of the region since the Asian Economic Crisis, to works that prepare students to communicate effectively, in both linguistic and cultural contexts. The partnership will also incorporate social and political aspects that will undoubtedly shape the economic picture of the region and the world, particularly including the relationships of religions to culture and the possibilities for peace throughout the region.

The collapse of economies throughout Asia during the years of 1997-1999 marked a watershed moment in world history. The impacts of the economic crisis and the fiscal and exchange policies that led to the crisis revealed how interdependent individual economies throughout the world had become with respect to Asian economies. Additionally, while many countries experienced difficult economic conditions, this era also saw the emergence of China as a global economic powerhouse, somewhat bolstered by the transfer of Hong Kong from British rule.

## **Who Will Benefit?**

This partnership will benefit library users throughout the state, particularly students and professors in Asian Studies and International Business programs doing research or planning to study abroad. The resources selected will also benefit community businesses and decision makers who will need to keep up with changing economic landscape. Additionally, through interlibrary loan and existing reciprocal borrowing relationships, public library users will gain access to valuable resources on Asian culture and business practices, resources that the public will need to remain informed and integrated in the global culture.

Each participating institution has experienced an increased emphasis on Asian Studies, including new courses and revamped curricula, international experiences and exchange programs. Thus, this proposal fits well with the theme of "Access and Collections That Keep Pace with Curriculum and Technology. This proposal will enhance curricular goals for Asian Studies by establishing an enhanced statewide collection of current language-learning resources, by answering the questions of how Asian countries have recovered from the economic crisis of the early nineties, and by identifying the cultural and economic impacts that these countries will have and are having on the global economy.

## **Cost and Funding Plan**

Each participating library has provided a narrative that will guide selection and purchase decisions for each institution. Selections will predominantly be books, with some libraries including videos or DVDs, maps, and other resources.

A summary of institutional focus areas and award amounts follows below:

<b>Institution and Bibliographer(s)</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Amount</b>
College of DuPage Dan Blewett	Asian Economic Topics: India, Japan, Pacific Islands	\$2,000
DePaul University Brian DeHart	China: Marketing and Consumer Behavior	\$3,000
Illinois State University Kay Weir	Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand: Economic and Business Culture Topics	\$3,000
McKendree College William Harroff	Japan, China, Korea: International Business Relations within Selected Industries	\$5,000
North Central College Rosemary Henders	China & Japan: Language & Communications	\$3,000
Northern Illinois University Hao Phan & Chalermsee Olson	Southeast Asia: Peace, Politics, and Religious Studies	\$3,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>

Participants will cover the costs of processing, equipment for housing, cataloging, and maintenance of materials purchased with CARLI Award funds.

Participants will encumber or expend at least 33% of received funds by December 31, 2007; 67% by March 31, 2008; and 100% by June 30, 2008.

Participants will include a statement of ongoing support and commitment to continued purchasing in selected subject areas following the completion of this award.

## **Expandability and Adaptability of the Proposal**

This proposal serves as an expansion of the previously funded “Global Business Partnership.” Three of the participating institutions from that group, College of DuPage, North Central College, and Northern Illinois University, are together in this proposal to address an area that has continued to dominate the global economic picture. This proposal, if successfully funded, could be expanded in future years through inclusion of additional participants or by focusing on specific industries. Also, as the topic continues to grow, the web site developed for this project could be expanded to serve as a bibliography of the statewide Asian business collection.

## **Plan of Operation**

Each library will incorporate the use of selection and collection analysis tools whenever possible, such as, but not limited to OCLC’s *WorldCat Collection Analysis*, *Resources for College Libraries*, and Bowker’s *Book Analysis System*.

Each library will share its list of titles with other participants to prevent duplication of selections. These selections will be posted on a web site for the partnership for use by libraries and patrons. Additionally, partners will minimize duplication of library holdings within one-hour’s drive of

another CARLI member library. If a selected resource is regarded as essential by an academic review source, and holdings are limited in the state, duplication between partners would be acceptable.

Each library will fully catalog purchased materials in OCLC *WorldCat* and in local catalogs. Holdings will include a note indicating that the item was purchased for this partnership and should include a link to the group web site for location of partnership purchases at other libraries. All purchased materials will be cataloged and shelf-ready within six (6) months of receipt. All purchased materials will be available for circulation by direct borrowing and interlibrary loan to all CARLI libraries and valid statewide borrowers.

Each library will publicize the receipt of the award and the availability of new materials to their local academic and public communities. Each library should also share the information about selections at partner libraries to emphasize that the collection effort is happening at a state-wide level.

The partnership coordinator will submit an article on the partnership's focus and selections to the *ILA Reporter* and to the regional library systems following the conclusion of purchasing. In addition to promoting the selections made and the enhancement of the state-wide collection, broad promotion will serve to better advertise how Illinois academic libraries serve broader communities and complement other library collections in the state.

North Central College and Northern Illinois University will share last copy responsibilities for the materials purchased with this award, and each will consider handling last copies for materials related to their specified areas. The last copy focus for North Central College will be East Asia, comprising China, Japan and Korea; Northern Illinois University's last copy focus will be Southeast Asia.

## Evaluation and Reporting on Progress

Each participant will submit periodic reports to the project coordinator outlining progress in selection and purchasing. In addition to the encumbrance deadlines specified above, participants will report on challenges and successes on the following time table.

### **Reporting deadlines:**

June 30, 2008	Expenditure of funds; report on status to project coordinator.
July 31, 2008	Report on success of selection, difficulties in subject area, response to initial publicity; due to project coordinator.
Aug. 31, 2008	Project summation report, prepared by project coordinator, due to CARLI.
Dec. 31, 2008	Project participants report on follow-up selections and on-going response to publicity and availability of project resources.
Mar. 31, 2009	Project participants begin compiling final analysis of project successes and difficulties.
May 31, 2009	Participants submit final reports to project coordinator.
June 30, 2009	Project coordinator submits combined final report to CARLI

Participants will measure the effectiveness of selection using circulation statistics, including on-campus circulation, use in local course reserves, and use by interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowers. Effectiveness will also be provided using analyses of collection strengths, measured at the beginning and end of the collection award.

Additionally, participants will share publicity on resources collected and news on the public response to collection efforts. Additional reports and postings on the web site will highlight purchases made in ongoing support of the collection areas. The project coordinator will also report on hits to the partnership web site as a means of acknowledging external recognition of the cooperative effort.

**Institution:** College of DuPage  
**Bibliographer:** Dan Blewett  
**Collection Focus:** Asian Economic Topics: India, Japan, and the Pacific Islands  
**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

The Library requests \$2,000 to purchase books to support the library's collection of materials on economic and business topics related to India, Japan, and the Pacific Islands. This would include, but not be restricted to, the subjects of economic history, political economy, economic geography, foreign aid, consumer electronics, and consumer culture/behavior.

College of DuPage offers two-year Associate of Arts majors in the fields of Economics, Geography, History, and Political Science. In addition, cultural studies courses are offered in association with the foreign language program. It would be appropriate in all of these fields to study some aspect of the economics of the Asian region. The College employs faculty in these academic disciplines who teach and conduct research on issues related to Asia, and they have expressed their desire to have the Library holdings for this region increased. It is important that a variety of quality materials be available for use as a service to the broader public community as well as the College's faculty and students.

The College of DuPage Library (<http://www.cod.edu/library>) contains over 200,000 volumes, offers access to many online databases, and provides unparalleled service to the residents and other libraries located within Community College District 502. As a regional leader, other libraries and government agencies rely on the breadth and depth of College of DuPage Library collections. The College of DuPage Library has reciprocal borrowing agreements with Elmhurst College, Benedictine University, North Central College, and Wheaton College, making it easy for their students and faculty to borrow materials from COD. The Library has also established a separate partnership with the Arlington Heights Public Library, Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin, Skokie Public Library, and the Elgin Community College, whereby a union catalog of holdings of these institutions has been created, providing library users with easy and convenient access to materials from these libraries.

In February 2007, a bibliographic search of the OCLC WorldCat union catalog that combined the Keywords of "economic or economy" and Subject words of "Japan or India or Pacific Islands", with a year restriction of 1996-2006, a language restriction of English-language books only, and which excluded fiction, microform, juvenile books, theses and dissertations, congressional hearings, e-books, eLibrary, eBrary, and netLibrary, resulted in 7,269 citations. Limiting that set to the geographic area colleges and community colleges of Aurora University, Benedictine University, College of DuPage, Elgin Community College, Elmhurst College, Harper Community College, Joliet Junior College, Judson College, Lewis University, Moraine Valley Community College, Morton College, North Central College, Oakton Community College, Waubensee Community College, and Wheaton College returned only 173 citations.

These searches indicate that although there is a variety of other relevant material that may be of interest to researchers, students, faculty and other Illinois residents, only a relatively small fraction are located nearby. Asia has long been a subject for study by students at all levels, and interest in the region has steadily increased as news stories appear (e.g., U.S. jobs being outsourced to India, U.S. trade debt with China, etc.). As the percentage of the population with

an Asian background increases, so will interest in this region. English-language materials will be the language of choice, while Spanish- or Asian-language materials may also be considered where appropriate and available. As there are relatively few foreign-language items available in the area on this topic, the acquisition of such items would be of great benefit to the entire state. Otherwise, the College of DuPage Library will focus on titles not widely held in northern Illinois.

Funds will be used for book purchases only. Funds will not be used for audiovisual materials, subscriptions to periodicals, online databases or for processing fees. All items will be fully cataloged and listed in the Library's catalog and on the OCLC *WorldCat* international union catalog. All items not housed in the reference collection or on course reserve will be available to all state residents through the standard interlibrary loan channels. Those items placed on reference or course reserve can be consulted by COD Library staff upon request by other Illinois librarians or any interested party for information from these resources.

Library patrons or students of the other colleges in the above chart can become College of DuPage Library borrowers if they reside within Community College District 502. Members of the general public who hold College of DuPage library cards will also be able to borrow these materials. The Library will publicize the availability of these materials to the community. Circulation records of these items will be examined for indications of use, which is the best measure available for evaluating the usefulness of the materials.

**Institution:** DePaul University Libraries  
**Bibliographer:** Brian DeHart  
**Collection Focus:** China: Marketing and Consumer Behavior  
**Amount Requested:** \$3,000

China has emerged in recent years as an economic powerhouse where rising standards of living have generated a burgeoning consumer class—an estimated 30 million citizens join the ranks annually. Foreign and domestic business interests compete for the hearts, minds and yuan of these new Chinese consumers and the millions who arrived before them. Marketing efforts are complicated because they must take into account traditional values exemplified by rural life that coexist with Western-influenced social expectations found in the vast urban centers. In relation to marketing, modern China has been likened to the United States of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century when product categories contained dozens of brands all vying for the public’s attention.

Tectonic shifts in the global economy require that curricula adapt in order to address the roles national cultures play on the world stage and, conversely, how globalization affects local economies. To meet the challenge of better understanding China in particular, DePaul University in 2006 began offering an undergraduate Chinese studies major. This interdisciplinary program is modeled after a successful Japanese studies major introduced in 1995 that currently enrolls 300 students; Chinese studies enrollment will most likely surpass this number. Additional interest in China is driven by undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in marketing electives whose projects often focus on the Chinese market.

Unfortunately, materials relevant to marketing in China and Chinese consumer behavior are under-represented in the DePaul Libraries and other CARLI collections. Because marketing borrows heavily from various academic disciplines including business management, communication, psychology and sociology, titles of interest can end up scattered throughout a library collection. Thus, an attempt was made to analyze collection strengths and weaknesses more by the results of subject keyword searching in I-Share rather than using analysis of Library of Congress or Dewey classification ranges. Searches utilized subject keywords (unless otherwise noted), limited to English language material in book or video format and published between 2001 – 2006.

A straightforward measurement of relative collection strength is the number of titles returned after a search for China and marketing as subject keywords. Searching for the occurrence of China and consumer behavior would be a complementary approach. Either way, results are very limited both at DePaul and other CARLI institutions. What is surprising to discover is the sheer number of **potential** acquisitions present in WorldCat, i.e., titles that have not been acquired in the state of Illinois in the recent past:

Search statement: China AND Marketing  
DePaul: 4 items  
*I-Share*: 11 items  
*WorldCat*: 211 items

Search statement: China AND Consumer behavior  
DePaul: 1 item

*I-Share*: 4 items  
*WorldCat*: 60 items

Marketers take their cues from the society around them. Translating societal issues and demographic dynamics into appropriate search terminology produces better proportional results in regards to local vs. global coverage. Nonetheless, there is still room for improved coverage in the following subject areas that affect marketing decisions:

Search: China AND Social conditions

DePaul: 43  
*I-Share*: 222  
*WorldCat*: 997

Search: China AND Social change

DePaul: 3  
*I-Share*: 16  
*WorldCat*: 54

Search: China [*subject keyword*] AND “popular culture” [*keyword anywhere*]

DePaul: 10  
*I-Share*: 23  
*WorldCat*: 63

Lastly, the success of so-called green marketing campaigns hinges on the public’s awareness of environmental issues. China is rife with ecological challenges—dwindling natural resources, pollution and loss of habitats will no doubt impact marketing efforts increasingly in years to come. Interest in environmentally friendly and organic products will only continue to expand. A subject keyword search using just environmental allows for the combined occurrence of the closely related subheadings environmental policy, environmental conditions and environmental aspects. Some materials assigned these headings will allow researchers to make connections and foresee influences on marketing and consumer behavior:

Search: China AND Environmental

DePaul: 8  
*I-Share*: 66  
*WorldCat*: 717

The I-Share catalog contains roughly 16% of the total WorldCat holdings in the combined subject areas mentioned above. The addition of 60 highly selective titles to CARLI holdings would boost coverage closer to 20%; at an average price of \$50 per title, it would cost approximately \$3000 per year to reach and maintain this goal. Books, dissertations and videos purchased through this award would be useful not only to students matriculated in formal Chinese studies degree programs or those taking international marketing courses, but all students who strive to understand China better. Furthermore, DePaul University’s commitment to providing an education that will keep its students competitive in the global arena ensures that its library collections will continue to grow and be maintained as an added benefit to the entire consortium.

**Institution:** Illinois State University  
**Bibliographer:** Kay Weir  
**Collection Focus:** Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand:  
Economic and Business Culture Topics  
**Amount Requested:** \$3,000

The library requests \$3,000 to purchase books to strengthen the collections on economic, trade, and cultural topics concerning Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. Special emphasis will be placed on materials dealing with corporate culture, business communication, and negotiation in these societies. The library already has current materials covering Japan and China, but lacks coverage of these smaller economies.

Illinois State University's College of Business has an enrollment of over 3,200 students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The International Business programs include both a major and a minor. Coursework requirements include:

- Introduction to International Business
- Business in a Multicultural Environment
- International Accounting
- International Business Law
- The International Economy
- International Financial Management
- International Management
- International Marketing
- foreign language study
- two courses in area studies of the region of the language chosen

The College supports a study abroad program in Japan. Additional study abroad programs operate in China, Hong Kong, Korea, and Thailand. In addition, students from over 95 countries attend ISU and international topics are introduced in many disciplines.

In recent years, the collections concerning business in Japan and China have received attention, but the collections contain few current resources for the other nations of Asia. The purpose of this grant proposal is to begin to remedy that situation. The materials in the collection focus on economics and trade issues; especially lacking are books on business communication, corporate culture, and negotiation.

Sample searches in *WorldCat* suggest that there are many good sources which are either lightly held, or unavailable in *I-Share* libraries. Searches in *WorldCat* for books published in English since 2000, using the subject terms NEGOTIATION (or NEGOTIATION IN BUSINESS), BUSINESS COMMUNICATION, or CORPORATE CULTURE concerning the six countries of Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand identified over 450 titles, only 42 of which are in the collections at Illinois State University. Further, searches in the *I-Share* catalog identified few additional titles beyond those owned by Illinois State University. This is in contrast to the combined 376 titles identified in *WorldCat* on these subjects for China and Japan and the 82 in the collections at Illinois State University.

The \$3,000 requested will be spent on books, which will be fully cataloged in OCLC and I-Share, and which will be available to interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing. The library will pay all processing and cataloging costs. The library commits to continued development of this collecting area after the completion of the award.

**Institution:** McKendree College  
**Bibliographer:** Bill Harroff  
**Collection Focus:** Japan, China, Korea: International Business Relations within Selected Industries  
**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Focus Description:**

The \$5,000 requested will go toward the purchase of books, which will be fully cataloged in OCLC and *I-Share*, and which will be available for interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing. The library will cover any processing and cataloging costs. The library commits to continued development and enhancement of this area after the completion of the award.

We are most interested in concentrating on the post Asian Economic Crisis within the areas of international business relations with the United States, finance, economics, trade, business / corporate culture and communications in Japan, China and Korea (in order of importance).

Specifically, we would focus on the following industries:

- defense, aerospace & aviation
- arts & entertainment
- automotive & transportation
- banking
- broadcasting & publication
- technology & telecommunications
- energy, environmental & natural resources
- manufacturing & engineering
- sports
- travel, hospitality & recreation

At a College as small as ours that has historically not supported its Library, it is often significant to quantify the weaknesses within the Holman Library collections. I broadly analyzed collection strengths and weaknesses from the result of subject keyword searching, limited to English language material in book format published between 2002 – 2007. For example, the numbers currently available at Holman Library, the *I-Share* shared catalog and *WorldCat* revealed the following:

**Japan AND Banking**

McKendree: 2 items  
*I-Share*: 43 items  
*WorldCat*: 158 items

### **Japan AND Manufacturing**

McKendree: 1 item  
*I-Share*: 25 items  
*WorldCat*: 77 items

### **Japan AND Technology**

McKendree: 1 item  
*I-Share*: 154 items  
*WorldCat*: 759 items

### **Japan AND Sports**

McKendree: 0 items  
*I-Share*: 24 items  
*WorldCat*: 167 items

#### **Rationale:**

This is the 15th anniversary of McKendree College's relationship with the Tanaka Ikueikai Educational Trust as part of the Technos College "International Week" program. Each year, McKendree College sends, along with about a dozen other colleges and universities from around the world, a faculty member and student representatives to Japan for two weeks. (I was selected as the 2006 faculty representative.) The industries listed above roughly approximate the curriculum at Technos College.

We received a 2006 CARLI grant for Japanese popular culture and cultural materials. We see this grant as a natural addition to this growing area of concentration within our collections and curriculum.

**Institution:** North Central College  
**Selector:** Rosemary Henders  
**Collection Focus:** Language and Communications in China and Japan  
**Amount Requested:** \$3,000

**Focus Description:**

North Central College will collect resources that support language instruction for Chinese and Japanese, as well as resources that describe or analyze different communication contexts in China and Japan. Such contexts include business communication and intercultural communication, particularly between each country and the United States, but also those communications occurring between China and Japan. Language resources desired include those that support basic instruction and promote fluency in speaking and writing Chinese and Japanese, and those that address the ways that these languages shape the communications contexts. Resources that address the role of technology in using Chinese and Japanese will be desirable as well.

Current resources supporting instruction and fluency are in low supply in the state of Illinois. As of February 8, 2007, searches of the *Statewide Illinois Library Catalog* (SILC) showed that though publication since 2000 in the areas of Chinese language and Japanese language have been significant, the majority of these resources are held by two or fewer libraries.

Libraries with holdings	Subject: "Chinese Language" 2000-2007	Percentage of Holdings	Subject: "Japanese Language" 2000-2007	Percentage of Holdings
0	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
1	757	78.5%	342	64.8%
2	115	11.9%	77	14.6%
3	26	2.7%	26	4.9%
4	25	2.6%	22	4.2%
5+	41	4.3%	60	11.3%
Total	964		528	

Current resources supporting instruction in the areas of intercultural communication and business communication in China and Japan are likewise in low supply in the state of Illinois. As of February 12, 2007, searches of the *Statewide Illinois Library Catalog* (SILC) showed that Illinois libraries own only 20.5% of the titles published in English since 2000 in the areas of "Intercultural Communication – China," "Intercultural Communication –Japan," "Business Communication-China," and "Business Communication-Japan." The majority of these resources (66%) are held by two or fewer libraries.

Subject Heading	<i>WorldCat</i>	<i>SILC/</i> All Illinois Holdings	% of Holdings in Illinois Libraries	Titles held in 1-2 Illinois (% of Illinois holdings)
Intercultural Communication – China	48	18	37.5%	8 (44.4%)
Intercultural Communication – Japan	30	9	30.0%	4 (44.4%)
Business Communication – China	17	4	23.5%	1 (25.0%)
Business Communication – Japan	22	3	13.6%	3 (100.0%)
Total	117	24	20.5%	

Search limited to books in English, 2000-2007, 2/14/2007.

**Rationale:**

North Central College is a small, private, comprehensive liberal arts college offering undergraduate majors in East Asian Studies, Japanese, Global Studies, and International Business, as well as a minor in Chinese. The East Asian Studies program has been built considerably over the last 6 years, and it is now considered an integral part of the College’s commitment to bridging cultural and disciplinary boundaries. In supporting this program, Oesterle Library has developed Asian Studies into a major collection strength for the library.

In addition to strong programs in East Asian Studies, Japanese, Global Studies, and International Business, North Central College also offers an undergraduate major in Speech Communication, which includes a strong intercultural communication emphasis.

Given the strength of North Central College’s Asian Studies collection as a whole, it is imperative that Intercultural Communication and Business Communication, with emphasis on Japan and China, be a major component of that collection, which at the current time it is not. The \$3,000 requested would, in part, be used to build an exemplary communications subset of the Asian Studies collection.

The \$3,000 requested will go toward the purchase of books, which will be fully cataloged in OCLC and *I-Share*, and which will be available for interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing. The library will cover any processing and cataloging costs. The library commits to continued development and enhancement of this area after the completion of the award.

**Institution:** Northern Illinois University

**Selectors:** Hao Phan and Chalermsee Olson

**Collection Focus:** Peace, Politics, and Religious and Cultural Studies in Southeast Asia

**Amount Requested:** \$3,000

**Focus Description:**

Northern Illinois University will collect resources that will support instruction and research in the fields of politics and government, religions, and religious and peace movements in Southeast Asian countries. For politics and government, the resources will cover more recent period which is the past ten years up to present time. The contents of the materials will also include the foreign relations between these Southeast Asian countries and the United States and other countries especially in the Pacific-rim areas. The contents in the religious studies will focus on Islam, Buddhism, and Christianity, which are the main religions in the area. The sources cover the relationship of those religions and how religions are used in politics, political conflicts, and peace movements as well. These materials will enhance Southeast Asian and Pacific-rim programs and comparative studies across social sciences and part of humanities disciplines.

**Rationale:**

The Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection was established in 1964 to primarily support teaching and research for Southeast Asia programs in various disciplines, such as political science, history, anthropology, languages and literature, and arts. The Collection is also very essential to the two globally well known research centers: the Center for Southeast Asia Studies and the Center for Burma Studies. Included in this major library collection are books, documents, journals, newspapers, pamphlets, and other materials published in, or concerning, the countries of Southeast Asia, with special emphasis on the social sciences, the humanities, and arts. Nearly all countries and ethnic groups of Southeast Asia are represented in library holdings as well.

In the past five years, courses have been created or modified in History, Anthropology, and Political Science departments to focus more on religions, politics, and peace movements in the region, such as *Islam in Southeast Asia* and *Contemporary Topics in Political Science: Islam and Politics in Southeast Asia*. One research project conducted has been related to political conflicts and peace in Mindanao, Philippines. Acquiring related resources to these new trends will be essential not just to the programs at Northern Illinois University but to other institutions in Illinois as well. Considering currently unstable political situations and terrorist insurgency in the countries, such as Indonesia, Philippines, and southern part of Thailand, this program will need to extend longer than a year. Hopefully, this project can lead to a second year proposal. The program will extend to cover more on peace movements and conflict resolutions.

Current resources in various languages that support research and instruction in the areas of religions, religious movements, peace, and politics of Southeast Asia region are low in Illinois. As of February 28, 2007, the number of publications in I-Share Libraries and WorldCat evidently show that the resources in these fields are needed.

Searches	I-Share Libraries	I-Share Libraries Since 2000	WorldCat	WorldCat since 2000
Southeast Asia & Religion (subject)	37	10	153	35
Southeast Asia & Politics (subject)	401	92	2,203	425
Southeast Asia & Peace (keyword)	38	6	293	67

The \$3,000 requested will go towards the acquisitions of books and other formats, such as DVDs and maps, which will be fully cataloged in OCLC and I-Share. The materials will be available for interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing. The cost for processing the materials will be covered by the library. The library will continue to enhance this area after the completion of the award.