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MISSION

The Uehiro Project for the Asian Research Library (U-PARL) is a research institute established in April 2014 by the General Library at the University of Tokyo, with the support of the Uehiro Foundation. Its mission is to support the conceptualization, development, and eventual completion of a new research library in order to become a world-class facility for researching, teaching, and learning about Asia.

U-PARL was set up to respond to the increasing demand for information in the field of Asian studies at the University of Tokyo, which has been growing with the establishment of research institutes and centers and the opening of special libraries. U-PARL was established to make use of its individual expertise to contribute to the development of the new library, to help draft floor plans, and to make an inventory of the materials it houses.

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Supporting the Development of the New Library

Library Layout and Classification

Regarding the layout and classification, the new library will have three main reading rooms: the main reading room, the rare book reading room, and the research room. The main reading room will be divided into several sections, such as the general reading room and the special reading room. The rare book reading room will be designed to accommodate the rare books and manuscripts that are housed in the library. The research room will be equipped with facilities for research and study.

Output & Sharing

Digital Resources

In order to make the materials available to researchers around the world, a digital library will be established. This digital library will include a wide range of materials, such as books, manuscripts, and rare books. The materials will be made available through the internet, and researchers will be able to access them from anywhere in the world.

Connecting Digital Resources with Asian Studies

Today, with the advent of the internet and digital technologies, it is possible to connect digital resources with Asian Studies. Digital libraries can be used to store and share materials, and they can also be used to organize and catalog materials. U-PARL is working to make its digital library an important resource for researchers around the world.

WHERE WE WILL BE

The new library will be located on the fourth floor of the General Library, occupying space from the northwestern corner of the building. It will be connected to the rest of the university through a new seminar room that can be used for small scale events. The seminar room will be equipped with facilities for research and study, and it will be available to researchers around the world.

Research Activities

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