

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LIBRARIES SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

1. Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday and Public Holidays	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (term time only)

2. Collections

As its name implies, library materials kept in Special Collections are special in terms of rarity, subject area, format and size which cannot be conveniently kept in bookshelves of the Main Library. For ease of use and operation, all such library materials have been brought together under one roof in Special Collections, 1/F, Main Library.

Materials available in Special Collections include:

Hung On-To Memorial Library (Hong Kong Collection)

It contains a comprehensive collection of books, pamphlets, periodicals, newspaper clippings, audio-visual materials and CD-ROMs dealing with nearly every aspect of Hong Kong history and life. The location symbol *HK* is used to indicate books on Hong Kong, *HKP* for pamphlets, *HKS* for periodicals, *HKLB* for large books, *HKLS* for large serials, and *HKC* for special materials. *HK*, *HKLB*, *HKS* and *HKLS* are shelved separately according to their call numbers in the reading area while *HKP* and *HKC* are kept behind the counter.

Also kept behind the counter are the *Hong Kong Company Papers Collection*, *Hong Kong Tourism Board Collection*, *Hong Kong Stock Market Archives and Artifacts Collection*, and *Hong Kong Oral History Archives*. The *Hong Kong Company Papers Collection* consists of over 30,000 documents arising from the issue of new shares, mergers and takeovers, major transactions, etc. of some 1,780 Hong Kong listed companies. The *Hong Kong Tourism Board Collection* (formerly *Hong Kong Tourist Association Collection*) houses a variety of Hong Kong Tourism Board publications, posters as well as film and video titles. There are over 2,000 items of rich and valuable documents, archival materials and artifacts of the stock market of Hong Kong housed in the *Hong Kong Stock Market Archives and Artifacts Collection*. Most of the items can be traced back to the 1960's and 1970's. The *Hong Kong Oral History Archives* contains over 200 oral histories collected by the Hong Kong Oral History Archives Project during 2001-2004, which was jointly operated by the Centre of Asian Studies and Department of Sociology of the University. Currently the Archives contain 179 records in forms of audio disc and transcript, they have been deposited at the Special Collections since July 2006.

Materials of the Hung On-To Memorial Library must be used in Special Collections and may not be loaned out. In fact, some Hong Kong-related materials have already been digitised and can be accessed through the online catalogue or the HKUL Digital Initiatives in the University Libraries' home page.

Microforms

Many valuable research materials are available only in the form of microfilm or microfiche. Our collection of microforms includes such useful materials as newspapers and periodicals published in Hong Kong and China, British Colonial Office official correspondence on Hong Kong and China, national archives of the United States and Great Britain, and much more. Self-operated digital microform readers are provided in the Microform Room for viewing/scanning purposes.

Pamphlets

Pamphlets covering nearly all subjects are regularly collected by the University Libraries and shelved behind the counter in Special Collections. The location symbol for pamphlets is *P*. Pamphlets can be loaned for a one week period.

Rare Books and Manuscripts

The location symbols for western rare books are *U, UX, ULB, UP, Mor, US*; the symbols for Chinese rare books are: 善, 羅, 特, 特C, 特山, 特期, 杜, 大; and the symbol for manuscripts is *MSS*. Requests for use can be addressed to the Special Collections counter, and they should be consulted in the Supervised Reading Room only.

Fung Ping Shan Closed Stack Materials

The location symbols for FPS Chinese sheet maps and photocopies of Chinese theses/articles are 地圖 and 特P respectively. They can be requested at the Special Collections counter and have a one-week loan period.

WTO Resource Centre Collection

The WTO (World Trade Organization) Resource Centre Collection was set up as a virtual collection of WTO information and publications to support research and training programmes of the Institute for China and Global Development, multi-disciplinary research and teaching activities in the University related to interactions with the global economy. The Collection consists of monographs, serials, pamphlets, non-prints, electronic and Internet resources covering a wide range of subjects including policies, trade, industry, environment, and law.

Should you have any question about locating or using materials in Special Collections, please do not hesitate to contact our staff at the Special Collections counter. e-mail: libspeco@hku.hk Tel. 2859-2207