

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LIBRARIES

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### 1. Seasonal Opening Hours:

Monday-Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays	Closed

### 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, *HKL*B for large books, *HKLS* for large serials, and *HKC* for special materials. *HK*, *HKL*B, *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 various archival & manuscript collections, such as:

- Hong Kong Tourism Board Collection (formerly Hong Kong Tourist Association Collection):**  
Houses a variety of Hong Kong Tourism Board publications, posters as well as file and video titles.
- Hong Kong Stock Market Archives and Artifacts Collection:**  
There are over 2,000 items of rich and valuable documents, archival materials and artifacts of the stock market of Hong Kong. Most of them can be traced back to the 1960's and 1970's.
- 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.
- Szeto Wah Collection:**  
Personal collection of Mr. Szeto Wah which includes more than 10,000 items of books, periodicals, photographs, diaries, documents, manuscripts, letters and a range of artifacts.
- Deacons Archives:**  
Contains the bulk of the early surviving records of Deacons and its predecessors, including client deeds and papers, wills and probate, deceased estate client files, powers of attorney, business contracts and agreements, certificates, legal correspondence, accounting records, and more. The date range for the Archives is from 1846 to 2007, with a bulk date range between 1880s and 1950s.

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/printing purposes.

### ***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.

### ***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, via e-mail [libspeco@hku.hk](mailto:libspeco@hku.hk) or tel. 2859-2207.*

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