

MARLC Asian Architecture Project

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The Melbourne Asian Research Libraries Consortium (MARLC) was formed in 1993 to enhance access to the Asian materials held in Monash University and University of Melbourne libraries. A much improved service has been providing for researchers and students of both institutions by the sharing of expertise and the joint development of collections.

The Asian architecture project was proposed by MARLC in 2002 bringing together resources on Japanese, Chinese and Korean architecture for use by Melbourne University students studying Asian architecture – Chinese, Japanese and Korean in second semester, 2003. The Asian architecture subject considers the history of East Asian architecture as a whole within a systematic treatment of architectural design and construction, building science and technology, garden design and city planning. The Asian architecture course lays stress equally on architecture, gardens and planning with an emphasis on ideas and techniques. Topics include the

formation and development of vernacular architecture, timber architecture, city, palace, garden, ritual architecture, tombs and educational architecture.

The Asian Architecture Project Work Team started to obtain printed and audiovisual resources for the subject in 2002. A web site “Asian architecture” was developed linking Chinese, Japanese and Korean architecture printed resources, audiovisual materials as well as electronic resources available from the Internet. A library class jointly conducted by MARLC members was given to the Asian architecture students in August 2003 at the University of Melbourne library. A total of 45 students attended the library class. To provide the students to access the Monash Korean language architectural materials, 46 related items were shifted over to the East Asian Collection of the University of Melbourne in semester 2.

The MARLC Architecture Project was greatly valued by highly praise by the Architecture students.

For details for the Asian Architecture web page, please visit:
<http://marlc.monash.org/asianarch.html>