Digital Initiatives on China by Hong Kong universities

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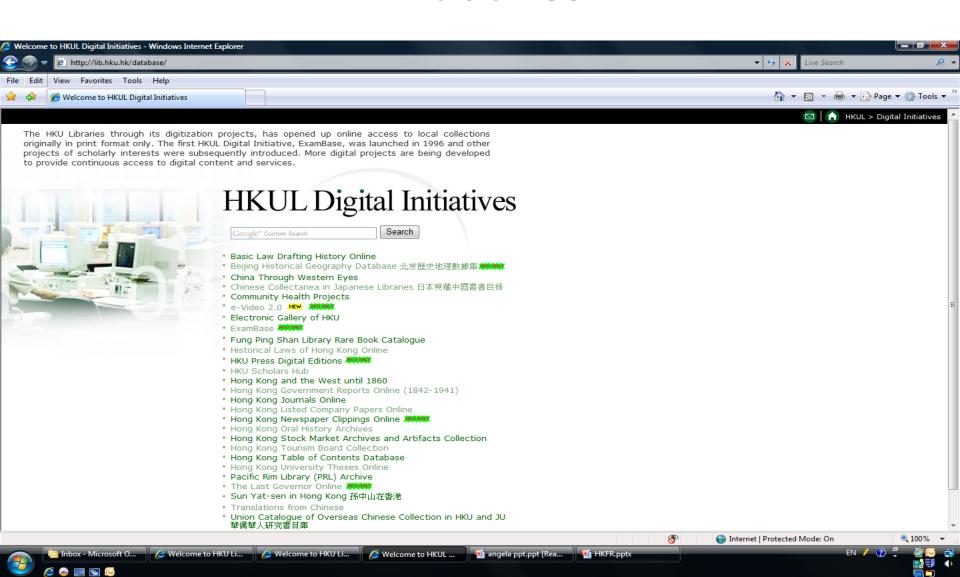
Hong Kong

- is a small city at South China
- a former British colony and has returned to China since 1997
- is famous for its expansive skyline and deep natural harbour
- there is 1 private and 8 Government funded universities in HK
- the University of Hong Kong, the oldest university in the territory, and was referred by Quacquarelli Symonds as a "world-class comprehensive research university" and was ranked 24th on the 2009 THES-QS World University Ranking, making it 1st in Asia
- the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology and Chinese University of Hong Kong are ranked 35 and 46, respectively, making them rank 4th and 2nd, respectively, in Asia.

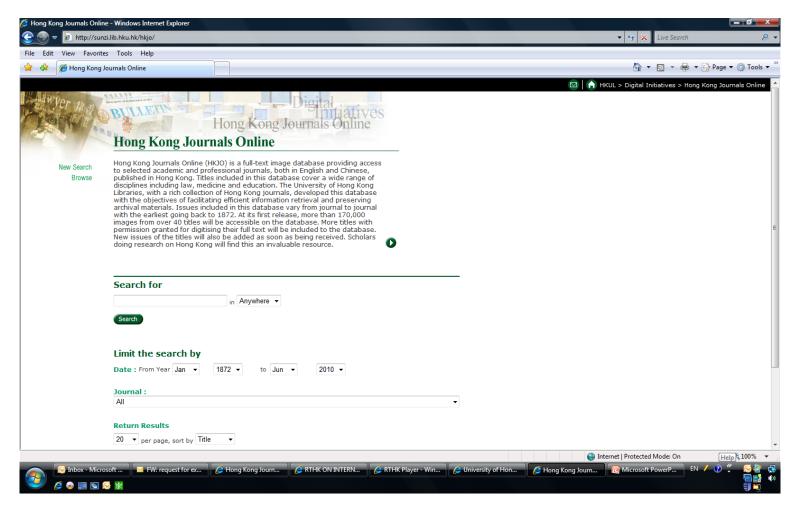
Criteria of selected electronic resources

- Free
- Open access
- Created and maintained by universities in Hong Kong
- Related to Hong Kong and/or China
- Of academic value
- In Chinese and/or in English

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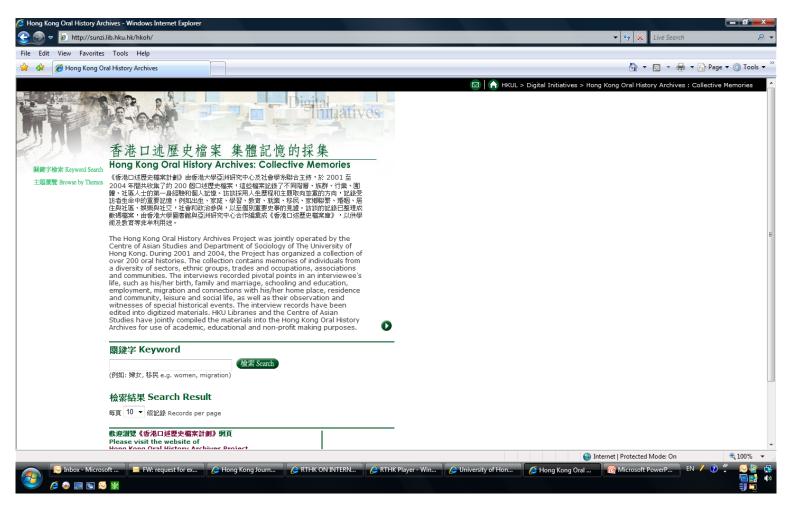
Hong Kong Journals Online http://sunzi.lib.hku.hk/hkjo/



Hong Kong Journals Online

- a full-text image database providing access to selected academic and professional journals, both in English and Chinese, published in Hong Kong.
- titles included in this database cover a wide range of disciplines including law, medicine and education
- the earliest going back to 1872
- more than 170,000 images from over 40 titles are accessible on the database
- new issues of the titles are also be added as soon as being received

The Hong Kong Oral History Archives http://sunzi.lib.hku.hk/hkoh/

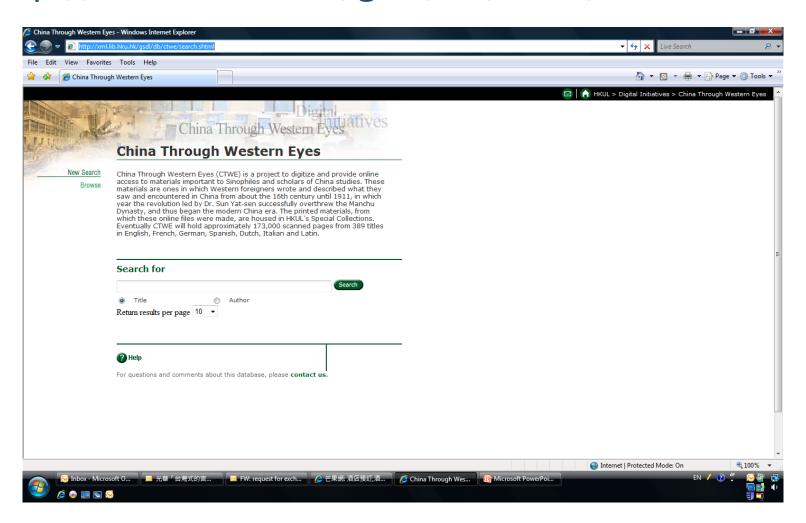


The Hong Kong Oral History Archives

- was jointly operated by the Centre of Asian Studies and Department of Sociology of the University of Hong Kong
- the Project has organized a collection of over 200 oral histories during 2001 and 2004
- the collection contains memories of individuals from a diversity of sectors, ethnic groups, trades and occupations, associations and communities
- the interviews recorded pivotal points in an interviewee's life, such as his/her birth, family and marriage, schooling and education, employment, migration and connections with his/her home place, residence and community, leisure and social life, as well as their observation and witnesses of special historical events.
- the interview records have been edited into digitized materials

China Through Western Eyes

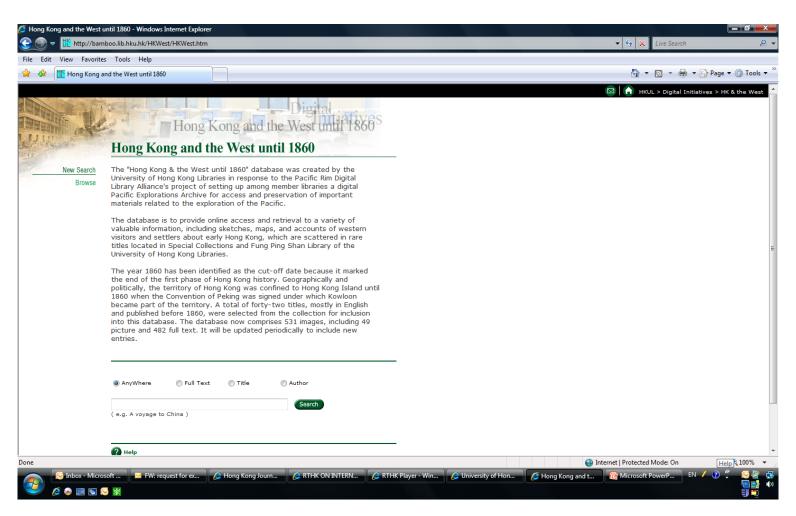
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China Through Western Eyes

- digitize and provide online access to materials important to China studies
- these materials are ones in which Western foreigners wrote and described what they saw and encountered in China from about the 16th century until 1911, when the revolution led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen successfully overthrew the Manchu Dynasty, and thus began the modern China era
- the printed materials, from which these online files were made, are housed in HKU Libraries' Special Collections
- holds approximately 173,000 scanned pages from 389 titles in English, French, German, Spanish, Dutch, Italian and Latin

Hong Kong & the West until 1860 http://bamboo.lib.hku.hk/HKWest/HKWest.htm



Hong Kong & the West until 1860

- to provide online access and retrieval to a variety of valuable information, including sketches, maps, and the accounts of western visitors and settlers about early Hong Kong, which are scattered in rare titles located in Special Collections and the Fung Ping Shan Library of the University of Hong Kong
- the year 1860 has been identified as the cut-off date because it marked the end of the first phase of Hong Kong history. Geographically and politically, the territory of Hong Kong was confined to Hong Kong Island until 1860 when the Convention of Peking was signed under which Kowloon became part of the territory
- a total of forty-two titles, mostly in English and published before 1860, were selected from the collection for inclusion in this database
- the database now comprises 531 images, including 49 pictures and 482 full text pages
- It is updated periodically to include new entries.

Sun Yat-sen in Hong Kong http://www.lib.hku.hk/syshk/



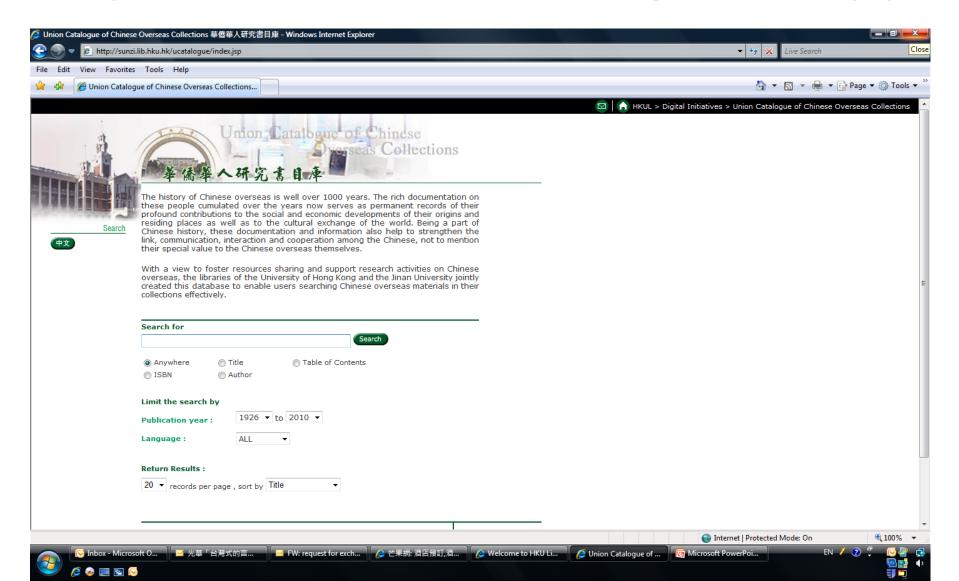
Sun Yat-sen in Hong Kong

- A Chinese full-text database illustrating the activities of Dr Sun Yat-sen in Hong Kong, through photographs, commentaries and other related materials.
- Dr Sun Yat-sen, the National Father of Modern China had a close relationship with Hong Kong, where he received his secondary and university education
- He studied at the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese, the predecessor of the Faculty of Medicine, the University of Hong Kong
- He regarded Hong Kong as the cradle of his revolutionary thoughts and uprising plans
 - "I feel as though I have returned home, because Hong Kong and the University of Hong Kong are the birth place of my knowledge."

Public address by Dr Sun Yat-sen at HKU's Loke Yew Hall on February 20, 1923

 The University of Hong Kong was officially established in 1911, the same year as the imperial monarchy in China was overthrown by the Revolution championed by Dr Sun

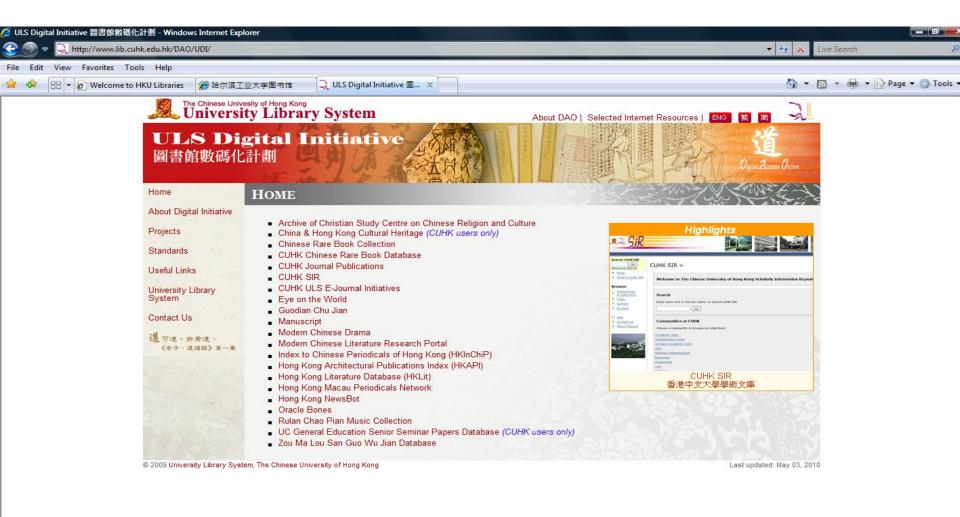
Union Catalogue of Chinese Overseas Collections http://sunzi.lib.hku.hk/ucatalogue/index.jsp



Union Catalogue of Chinese Overseas Collections

- the history of overseas Chinese is more than 1000 years.
- the collection permanently documents the contributions of China's overseas communities to the social, economic development of their origins and residing places
- being a part of history of China, these documents help strengthen the link, communication, interaction and cooperation between the Chinese and their motherland, not to mention their special value to the overseas Chinese themselves
- with a view to foster resource sharing and support overseas Chinese research, the libraries of the University of Hong Kong and the Jinan University has jointly created this database to enable users searching Chinese overseas materials in their collections effectively.

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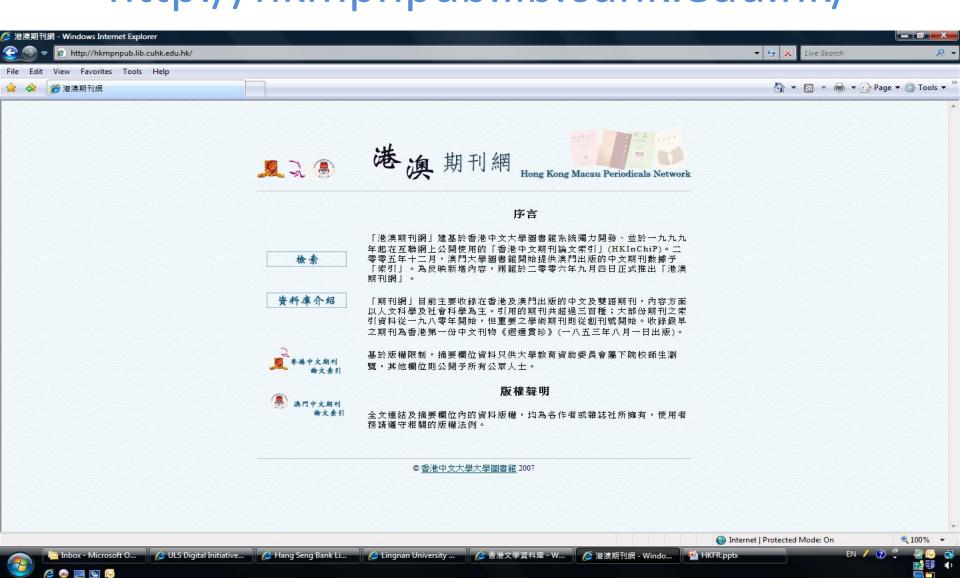
Hong Kong Literature Database http://hklit.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/



Hong Kong Literature Database

- developed by the Chinese University of Hong Kong Library
- the Database provides various searching functions
- full-text searching is available in a major part of the database
- provides bibliographical records of articles published in newspapers, magazines and journals as well as books and theses, totaling 500,000 pages
- it also has over 180,000 full text articles, but not all of them are freely available on the Internet.

Hong Kong Macau Periodicals Network http://hkmpnpub.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/



Hong Kong Macau Periodicals Network

- a joint project between the Chinese University of Hong Kong Library and the University of Macau Library
- this database indexes articles published in more than 300 Chinese and bilingual periodicals in Hong Kong and Macau
- coverage for most periodicals starts in 1980
- abstracts are not available in the public version

Hong Kong Literature Review Database

http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/lingnan/hklt/



Hong Kong Literature Review Database

- complied by the Centre for Humanities Research (CHR), Lingnan University
- uses Hong Kong Literature: A Bibliography, published by the Youth Literary Book Store and the Hong Kong Art Development Council in 1995 for its base
- contains the full text of some 200 review articles on Hong Kong literature, with a focus on works published from the 1950's to the 1990's, and continues to include more writers from the 1940's to the late nineties, made available via a variety of search functions
- offers the electronic texts of Hong Kong Literature: A
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 Supplement, along with related literature websites for reference

Oral History Project of Contemporary China

http://www.library.ln.edu.hk/lingnan/oral_history/

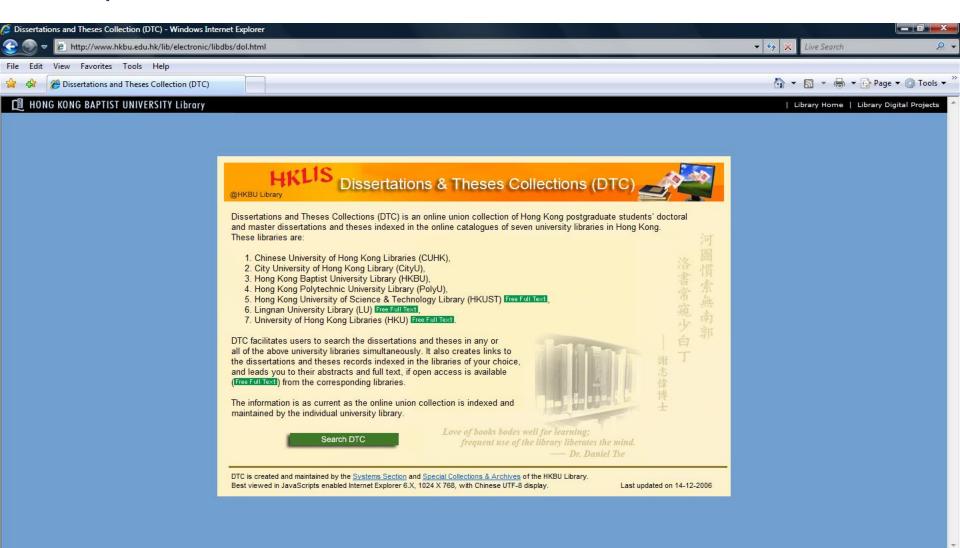


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- complied by the Centre for Humanities Research (CHR), Lingnan University
- provides information on various contemporary
 Chinese writers via the Internet
- currently exhibiting 24 writers, e.g. Bai Xian Yong,
 Si Guo, etc.
- contains video clips on their narratives, summaries of these narratives, biographies, bibliographies, criticism, manuscripts and other related materials

Dissertations from Hong Kong (Multiple University Search)

http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/lib/electronic/libdbs/dol.html



Dissertations from Hong Kong

- an online union collection of Hong Kong postgraduate students' doctoral and master dissertations and theses indexed in the online catalogues of the 7 university libraries in Hong Kong
- Free full-text access is available from Hong Kong University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology & Lingnan University

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