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Origins of BULAC project

- The « Pôle des langues et civilisations (PLC) » project (Center for Languages and Civilizations Studies Center) : gather teaching, research and documentary resources dedicated to the study of languages and civilizations
- BULAC and INALCO in a same building: first step of the PLC project
- A research Center for languages and civilizations studies: second step of the PLC project (when?)



What is BULAC?

- A project team with a specific mission
 - gather the collections from various libraries and documentation centers specialized in Oriental and African Studies
 - get a common and multi script catalogue
 - Prepare a 250 000 open shelves collections
 - Select rare and precious books to build a special collection
- A partnership between 4 Universities (Paris I, III, IV & VII) and 4 Institutions (INALCO, EHESS, EPHE & INALCO)
- About 20 libraries
- An independant structure : the GIP structure



BULAC, 2 months before the opening...

A new building



- An eco-building (30 000 m2) which will host BULAC and INALCO classrooms
- Delivered last week
- Will open to public in October



Collections from 15 different locations

- More than half of these documents are in non Western languages
- Slavic World, Central Europe and Balkans (40%), Asia (35%), MiddleEast and Africa (25%)
- Books in more than 350 languages and dialects
- The Collections
 - Ex- BIULO (University Library of Oriental Languages)
 - Slavic collections (Paris Sorbonne I)
 - Russian, Bielorussian and Ukrainien collections from the Slavic Studies Institute and Center (Paris Sorbonne IV)
 - Turkish and Ottoman collections, Finno-Ugric Collections, Jules Bloch Library
 Indianist collections, Institute for Iranian Studies collections (Paris Sorbonne III)



Collections from 15 different locations

- Korean collections and SEDET collections (Paris Sorbonne VII)
- Indianist Vaudeville and Madeleine Biardeau collections (EPHE)
- Part of collections, periodicals and special collections from some of the EHESS documentation centers (among them : CECMC Center for Modern and Contemporary Chinese Studies)
- Tibetan collections, Khmer, Chinese and Japanese periodicals and books from EFEO (Ecole française d'Extrême Orient)
- And various donations form individuals....



187 500 books on open shelves for the opening

- Three levels, four reading rooms: documentation for research, documentation for students, self teaching and periodicals area, precious and rare books reading room
- Chinese the most important collection on open shelves :
 - 11 500 books on China
 - 7 000 books in languages and dialects of China
 - About 100 Chinese periodicals
- A specific <u>classification</u>



1. Les nouveaux espaces

The classification

- Area index code : ASIA = 4, ORIENTAL ASIA=43
- Country index code : CHINA = CN
- Thematic index code : CHINESE LITERATURE = 800
- Thematic subdivision index code :Yuan period literature (1279--1368) = 851.16
- For chinese authors: 王實甫 = WAN.SF
- For corpus authors: the first letter of the title: 西廂記 = X or a study about this book: 1 + first letter of the title: 1X

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A common multi-script catalogue

- Cataloguing in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Cyrillic, Tamil, Urdu, Hindi, Tibetan, Armenian, Tibetan, Arabic, Thaï...scripts
- Conversion of card catalogues
 - Conversion of more than 700 000 cards since 2004
 - 40 000 cards still to be converted. Among them: Chinese (15% done)



A new Library System

- Koha, an open source library system http://koha-community.org
- UNICODE compliant
- Need some new enhancements

http://catalogue.bulac.fr/





New facilities for the readers

- about 910 cabled seats
- Opening hours: 10 am 10 pm (monday to saturday)
- 30 seats for languages self-learning
- 30 seats for audiovisual
- 18 seats in the precious ressources area
- 28 individual carrel desks (24/24)
- 20 working group rooms



67 km storage















Carrel desks and working group rooms







