

## **Building Southeast Asia Chinese Overseas Collection at the University of California, Berkeley: An Insightful Perspective**

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In response to the dynamic research and teaching needs of Chinese Overseas studies, libraries, archives, research institutions and documentation centers alike have been making special efforts in building significant Chinese Overseas collections in Southeast Asia and beyond. This paper highlights the distinctive cooperative collection development of Chinese Overseas resources in all possible subjects, formats, and languages at the University of California, Berkeley. It will provide an insightful perspective of in-country Chinese Overseas acquisitions that are scattered in all 11 Southeast Asian nations through serendipity. The paper will propose innovative and cost-effective solutions of collaborating with the Library of Congress Cooperative Acquisitions Program for Southeast Asia in Jakarta and other sub-offices in the region as well as any interested participating libraries to fill the gaps of collecting Chinese Overseas research materials beyond the commercial book trade. Last but not least, the paper will conclude with the challenges of retrieving desirable Chinese Overseas resources in WorldCat, the world's largest bibliographic database through various searching features.