

Funding Agencies and Organisations in the Asia and Oceania Region

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Introduction

This research provides a listing of funding agencies and organisations in the Asia and Oceania region that provide funding for library-related and educational activities. For each agency or organisation, information on the activities, contact details and the website URL are given. Past projects that the agency has funded is covered in the activities section. The listing consists of 26 funding agencies and organisations from fourteen countries.

Australia

1. Australian Research Council

The Australian Research Council (ARC) is a Commonwealth entity and advises the Australian Government on research matters, administers the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP), a significant component of Australia's investment in research and development, and has responsibility for Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA).

The ARC's Linkage funding schemes aim to encourage and extend cooperative approaches to research and improve the use of research outcomes by strengthening links within Australia's innovation system and with innovation systems internationally.

Linkage promotes national and international research partnerships between researchers and business, industry, community organisations and other publicly funded research agencies.

By supporting the development of partnerships, the ARC encourages the transfer of skills, knowledge and ideas as a basis for securing commercial and other benefits of research.

Activities: ARC funding programs come under the umbrella of the National Competitive Grants Program. Through the NCGP, a significant component of Australia's investment in research and development, it delivers, on average, around \$800 million per year to the most dynamic researchers in Australia. Its grants are competitively awarded to individuals, research teams and large scale centres through two broad arms under the NCGP: the ARC Discovery Program, with a primary focus on supporting individuals and small teams; and the Linkage Program, which creates links outside universities, with industry and other partners, and stimulates research impact. ARC Research Centres, within the Linkage Program, build research scale and focus and strengthen major research partnerships and networks.

Library-related Funding Activities: Supports research-related causes, particularly the sciences, social science and humanities.

Examples include supporting the Australasian Research Management Society Conference 2013 and providing grants for research.

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2. Australia-Korea Foundation

The Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF) was established by the Australian Government in 1992 to promote bilateral relations between Korea and Australia. The objectives of the Foundation are to increase public awareness of Australia in Korea and of Korea in Australia; develop partnerships in areas of shared interest in the bilateral, regional and global context; and increase Australians' capacity to effectively engage with Korea.

The AKF offers annual grant funding to organisations and individuals to support projects or activities which advance Australia's engagement with Korea, including exchanges, partnerships and other collaborations in the general fields of business, education, academia, arts/culture and society.

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○ **Korea**

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3. Asian-Australia Foundation

The Asian Australian Foundation is a philanthropic community trust that connects Asian Australians bringing together their resources and knowledge for public good, to shape a dynamic Asian philanthropic presence in Australia.

Mission and Purpose: Its aim is to create positive, meaningful and sustainable change for the benefit of our community. By facilitating and enabling philanthropy, the Foundation creates a legacy and platform for the input of Asian Australians as part of a wider Australian community to be recognised and acknowledged. In so doing so, bridges will be built across the community.

Activities: It achieves its aim through grant making and the funding of capacity building programs through supporting not-for-profit organisations and services across a range of areas impacting its community, which may include education, the disadvantaged, family services, health and arts and culture to address a variety of needs. Some intended areas for consideration include capacity building, education and social cohesion, and arts and culture

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Hong Kong

4. Li Ka Shing Foundation

The Li Ka Shing Foundation and other private charitable foundations established by Mr. Li Ka Shing support numerous charitable activities with grants, sponsorships, and commitments of HK\$10.7 billion (US\$1.37 billion).

Activities: The Li Ka Shing Foundation has donated generously to educational institutions in Hong Kong, Mainland China and other countries including Singapore. It made a S\$19.5m donation to the Singapore Management University in 2002 and the Li Ka Shing Library was opened in 2006. The Foundation contributed \$100 million to the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in 2007.

Library- related funding activities: Willing to contribute to any activity that benefits society, especially active in education.

Examples include scholarship funding and various donations to schools and universities such as the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

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India

5. South Asia Foundation

The South Asia Foundation (SAF) is a secular, non-profit and non-political organisation established in 2000. Its objective is to uphold its core values of regional cooperation and peace through education and cultural interaction between the eight SAARC countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Activities: SAF projects that promote regional cooperation include the jointly designed courses by open universities in SAARC region; the SAF Scouts Friendship Camps; the SAF SOS Environmental Camps; the establishment of the institutions of excellence in SAARC countries, affiliated to the proposed South Asian University; and group scholarships to enable students from the eight SAARC countries to study together.

Library- related funding activities: Does not do much funding besides scholarships has a Document and Information Centre for the South Asian region.

Contact Details: Individual country contacts can be found here:

http://www.southasiafoundation.org/saf/about_saf/saf_contacts.htm

Website: <http://www.southasiafoundation.org/>

6. Tata Group

The Tata Group is India's largest industrial conglomerate, running more than 80 companies in several sectors including steel-making and vehicle manufacturing.

Activities: Has established numerous academic and educational institutes including the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, the Indian Institute of Science, and the Tata Energy Research Institute. It has a management training institute to train managers.

Library- related funding activities: More focused on business and entrepreneurship, but Tata Group also funds activities related to raising children and education.

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7. ASEAN Foundation

The ASEAN Foundation was established by the ASEAN Leaders in December 1997 during ASEAN's 30th Anniversary Commemorative Summit to help bring about shared prosperity and a sustainable future to all 10 ASEAN Member Countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Activities: ASEAN Foundation has managed projects in ten ASEAN countries ranging from training, workshops, scholarship grants, regional forums & meetings, interaction activities and exchanges, seminars and conferences, publicity and promotions. It has supported over 150 projects involving over 20,000 participants particularly in four thematic areas, i.e, Education, Arts and Culture, Media, and Community Building.

Library-related funding activities: More focused on relationships between ASEAN countries and more pressing problems in the region such as reducing poverty and community building.

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Japan

8. Japan Foundation

The Japan Foundation carry out comprehensive international cultural exchange to cultivate friendship and ties between Japan and the world by creating global opportunities to foster

friendship, trust, and mutual understanding through culture, language, and dialogue.

Activities: The Japan Foundation conducts programs in the three major areas of Arts and Cultural Exchange, Japanese-Language Education Overseas, Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange, as well as Strengthening Cultural Exchange in Asia.

Library- related funding activities: Does not appear to do any funding, but organizes various information-related projects. The Japan Foundation organizes Japanese studies and intellectual exchange programs and arts and cultural exchange programs, such and audio-visual publication exchanges.

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9. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) mission is to work on human security and quality growth. It will, with its partners, take the lead in forging bonds of trust across the world, aspiring for a free, peaceful and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potentials.

Activities: ICA uses an array of development assistance schemes to meet the diverse needs of developing countries around the world, i.e. Technical Cooperation, Official Development Assistance Loans, Official Development Assistance Grants, Citizen Participation, Public-Private Partnerships, and Emergency Disaster Relief

Library- related funding activities: Does not explicitly state that it provides funding for any information and literacy based activities. JICA is more concerned with helping developing countries, environmental and social considerations and science and technology cooperation. It also engages with partnership to provide aid in times of crisis and provide developmental assistance for evolving countries.

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Malaysia

10. Kuok Foundation

The Kuok Foundation's objective is the alleviation of poverty and suffering, the fostering of self-reliance and empowerment of the disadvantaged and underprivileged through education and training and the promotion of the spirit of caring and sharing.

Activities: Between 400 and 450 fresh study awards are given each year for tertiary education at Institutions of Higher Learning in Malaysia and Singapore.

Library- related funding activities: Does not appear to fund library-related activities, but supports development and improvement of education of all kinds especially the provision of student loans and study awards.

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United Kingdom**11. British Council**

The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. It creates friendly knowledge and understanding between the people of the UK and other countries by making a positive contribution to the UK and the countries to change lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust.

Activities: The British Council works with over 100 countries across the world in the fields of arts and culture, English language, education and civil society.

Library- related funding activities: The British Council focuses on education, and does not appear to do much funding in any area at all.

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12. Department for International Development (UK)

The Department for International Development (DFID) leads the UK's work to end extreme poverty. We're ending the need for aid by creating jobs, unlocking the potential of girls and women and helping to save lives when humanitarian emergencies hit.

Activities: The DFID is responsible for honouring the UK's international commitments and taking action to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, focusing on education, health, and international development among others.

Library- related funding activities: The DFID works on its own to support and promote education, but funding is largely limited to ending poverty.

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New Zealand

13. Asia New Zealand Foundation

The Asia New Zealand Foundation mission is to build New Zealanders' knowledge and understanding of Asia.

Activities:

The Foundation works in partnership with influential individuals and organisations in New Zealand and Asia to provide high-level forums, culture events, international collaborations, school programmes and professional development opportunities. Its activities cover more than 20 countries in Asia and are delivered through

seven programmes, i.e. arts and culture, business, education, entrepreneurship, leadership, media and research.

Library-related funding activities: Its main interests is in education and the aim is for New Zealand to understand Asia better and benefit from it.

They provide a range of scholarships, including Singapore and China scholarships.

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Singapore

14. Lee Foundation

The Lee Foundation supports various educational causes, healthcare and medical endowments as well as disaster relief efforts. Its objectives include the advancement of education, medicine and cultural activities; helping the poor; and assisting victims of fire, flood and famine.

Activities: Since its creation up till 2015, the foundation donated approximately S\$1 billion to various causes, regardless of race, language, religion, nationality, and geographical location. Seventy-five percent of that amount went to education.

Library- related funding activities: The Lee Foundation has provided generous donations in education.

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Sources: http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_978_2006-06-16.html
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Foundation

15. Tan Kah Kee Foundation

Mr. Tan Kah Kee was a well-known philanthropist and an outstanding Chinese leader in Southeast Asia. The Foundation mission is to carry on the charity works and to foster the Tan Kah Kee spirit in entrepreneurship and dedication to education.

Through the years, the Foundation has actively engaged in the promotion of education and culture. Today, its influence has been extended beyond the Chinese community in Singapore and has begun to reach out to the region.

Activities: The Foundation supports eminent scholars and professionals to hold public lectures or forums on various topics ranging from science, technology to education to the arts.

The Foundation also organises forums on Creativity in the Arts, Science & Technology, focusing on the issue of how creativity can stimulate interaction in the Arts, Science and Technology and lead to new ideas and discoveries, creative works, innovations and inventions.

The Foundation offers three postgraduate scholarships for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents (PRs) pursuing their full-time PhD or Master's degrees. These are the Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship (TKKPS) to students of all races pursuing their PhD or Master's degrees, the Tan Ean Kiam Postgraduate Scholarship in the Humanities (TEKPS) to encourage Singapore Citizens and PRs to pursue their Master's or PhD degrees in fields relating to the Humanities,

and the Li Siong Tay Postgraduate Scholarship (LSTPS) to encourage Singapore Citizens and PRs to pursue their Master's or PhD degrees in fields relating to the Education and Arts.

Library- related funding activities: The Foundation does not appear to provide any funding except for scholarships.

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16. Temasek Foundation

Temasek Foundation is a Singapore philanthropic organisation set up by Temasek to build a more prosperous, stable and connected Asia through developing human and social capital.

Activities: Working with expertise institutions from Singapore and the region, it supports training programmes in health care, education, public administration and disaster-response capability and programmes that promote positive networks of cooperation in and across communities in Asia.

Library- related funding activities: It has a large focus on education, funding and supporting many education-related programs. It funded many programs for teaching English and vocational training.

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17. The National Research Foundation (NRF)

The National Research Foundation (NRF) was set up in 2006 as a department under the Prime Minister's Office. Its aim is to promote R & D in Singapore as a foundation for long-term economic strategy.

Activities: One of the initiatives of the NRF is the National Framework for Innovation and Enterprise (NFIE). A key focus of the framework is on developing academic entrepreneurship in the IHLs. A sum of S\$350 million over five years (2008 – 2012) is allocated to fund the initiatives under NFIE.

Library- related funding activities: The NRF's focus is on innovation and research, and it does not appear to fund library related activities.

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Website: <http://www.nrf.gov.sg/home>

18. Lien Centre for Social Innovation

The Lien Centre for Social Innovation, a partnership between the Lien Foundation and Singapore Management University (SMU), was established in 2006 to advance the thinking and capability of the social sector.

Activities: The Lien Centre is offering S\$1 million for innovative ideas that can be implemented to create positive social impact.

Library- related funding activities: It does not appear to fund library-related activities as its focus is on research.

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19. Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) is an international, non-profit organisation based in Singapore that was established in 1997 by the countries of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). ASEF seeks to promote mutual understanding, deeper engagement and continuing collaboration among the people of Asia and Europe through greater intellectual, cultural, and people-to-people exchanges between the two regions.

Activities: Since its inception, ASEF has organised over 350 thematic-based projects in Asia and Europe. The projects take the form of: conferences, lecture tours, workshops, seminars and the use of web-based platforms.

Library- related funding activities: ASEF currently runs several education and media related programs, such as the ASEF Journalists' Colloquium and the ASEF University.

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Taiwan

20. Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange

The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange is a non-profit organisation established in 1989.

Activities: The Foundation's grants provide support for research on Chinese Studies in the humanities and social sciences. The Foundation currently maintains two international centres for Sino logical research: the CCKF Center for Chinese Cultural and Institutional History at Columbia University and the CCK International Sino logical Center at Charles University in Prague.

Grant programmes are divided according to geographical regions: Domestic region (the Republic of China, Hong Kong and Macau), American Region (the United States, Canada and Mexico), European region and Asia-Pacific region. CCK Foundation offers support through grants for research, publication, conferences, visiting fellowships, institutional enhancement and scholarships.

Library- related funding activities: The Foundation provides research grants and publication subsidies for

projects related the Taiwan and Chinese studies, as well as scholarship grants. Priority is given to Taiwan.

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Netherlands

21. EIFL Knowledge without boundaries

EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) is an international not for-profit organization based in Europe with a global network of partners founded in 1999. It began by advocating for affordable access to commercial e-journals for academic and research libraries in Central and Eastern Europe.

Activities: EIFL runs a wide range of programmes and events designed to increase access to knowledge. EIFL's mission is to enable access to knowledge through libraries in developing and transition countries to contribute to sustainable economic and social development. EIFL partners with libraries and library consortia in more than 60 developing and transition countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Their work has also expanded to include other programmes designed to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development.

Library- related funding activities: The organization is dedicated to working with libraries round the world, and its focus is on making libraries more accessible and helping libraries get more material for their collection.

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Sweden**22. IKEA Foundation**

IKEA Foundation the charitable foundation that oversees all of IKEA's global philanthropy. It funds dozens of programmes run by large and small organisations to make life better for children living in extreme poverty.

Activities: The IKEA Foundation aims to improve opportunities for children in some of the world's poorest communities by funding holistic, long-term programmes that can create substantial, lasting change. It funds programmes that focus on children's four fundamental needs: a place to call home, a quality education, a healthy start in life and a sustainable family income. It focuses on programmes that address these needs in a systematic, holistic way.

Library- related funding activities: The foundation does not appear to engage in finding library-related activities, but focuses on helping children round the world

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United States of America**23. USAID**

USAID is the lead U.S. Government agency that works to end extreme global poverty and enable resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential.

USAID extends help from the American people to achieve results for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world. That assistance does not represent a Democratic value or a Republican value, but an American value; as beneficiaries of peace and prosperity, Americans have a responsibility to assist those less fortunate so we see the day when our assistance is no longer necessary.

Activities: USAID invests in ideas to improve lives by investing in agricultural activity, combating maternal and child mortality and diseases, providing assistance in the wake of disaster, promoting democracy, human rights and good governance around the world, fostering private sector development and sustainable economic growth, helping communities adapt to a changing environment and elevating the role of women and girls.

Library- related funding activities: USAID focuses on helping developing countries, and one of its goals includes helping to educate the children in such countries.

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International Organisations**24. The Coca-Cola Foundation**

The Coca-Cola Foundation is The Coca-Cola Company's primary international philanthropic arm founded in 1984. Foundations grants are awarded throughout the year on business plan priorities, tax requirements, legal compliance and approval by the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Activities: The Coca-Cola Foundation partners with organizations around the globe to support initiatives and programs that respond in a meaningful way to community needs and priorities.

Library- related funding activities: One of its focuses is on education, including providing scholarships and running education programmes.

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25. The Asia Foundation

The Asia Foundation is a non-profit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Its programs address critical issues affecting Asia in the 21st century governance

and law, economic development, women's empowerment, environment, and regional cooperation.

Headquartered in San Francisco, The Asia Foundation works through a network of offices in 18 Asian countries and in Washington, DC. Working with public and private partners, the Foundation receives funding from a diverse group of bilateral and multilateral development agencies, foundations, corporations, and individuals. In 2013, we provided nearly \$114 million in direct program support and distributed textbooks and other educational materials valued at over \$10 million.

Activities: The Asia Foundation programs address critical issues affecting Asia in the 21st century governance and law, economic development, women's empowerment, environment, and regional cooperation.

Library- related funding activities: It runs a program called Books for Asia, which aims to support book publishing and increase access to books in Asia.

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26. UNESCO

UNESCO works to create the conditions for dialogue among civilizations, cultures and peoples, based upon respect for commonly shared values. Through this dialogue, the world can achieve global visions of sustainable development encompassing observance of human rights, mutual respect and the alleviation of poverty, all of which are at the heart of UNESCO'S mission and activities.

Activities: UNESCO's priorities are gender equality, sustainable development and a culture of peace. Their priority groups are youth, small island developing states and least developed countries.

Library- related funding activities: One of UNESCO's aims is to build knowledge societies through the use of information and communication technology. One of their latest projects involves providing online access to a library collection on Islam Civilization.

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