

## 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

#### Australian Research Council

The Australian Research Council (ARC) is a statutory authority within the Australian Government's Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (IISR) portfolio. Its mission is to deliver policy and programmes that advance Australian research and innovation globally and benefit the community.

**Activities:** The ARC manages the National Competitive Grants Programme (NCGP), a significant component of Australia's investment in research and development. Through the NCGP, the ARC supports the highest-quality fundamental and applied research and research training through national competition across all disciplines, with the exception of clinical medicine and dentistry.

**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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**Australia-Korea Foundation**

The Australia-Korea Foundation was established by the Australian government in 1992 to develop contacts and exchanges between the two countries' peoples.

**Activities:** The Foundation promotes people-to-people and institutional links covering the spectrum of Australia's relations with Korea. This includes education, science and technology, commerce and industry, arts, and the media and sport. It administers and funds projects and programmes which will assist in achieving its purposes and aims.

**Library-related funding activities:** Funds a wide range of activities related to improving Australia and Korea's relationship, including media and education.

Examples include the George Rose Photographs of 1904 Korea Project and the Australia-Korea Foundation Scholarship Program.

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**Australia-Asia Foundation**

The Australia Asia Foundation (AAF) is a non-profit organisation established to foster Asian and cross-cultural arts and music in Australia.

**Activities:** The AAF supports the creation and presentation of cross-cultural works by Australian artists. The AAF also encourages collaborative works between Asian and Australian artists. In addition, the AAF maintains an active role in the

development of Australian knowledge of Asian arts and music to promote cross-cultural understanding between Asians and Australians through the arts and music.

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## Hong Kong

### 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\$19.5 million donation to the Singapore Management University in 2002. The Li Ka Shing Library in SMU was officially opened in 2006. This donation to SMU was the largest contribution ever received by a tertiary institution in Singapore at that time. In March 2007, the Li Ka Shing Foundation contributed \$100 million to the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

The Li Ka Shing Endowed Scholarship Programme offers financial support covering tuition, accommodation, transportation, books and general living expenses for outstanding students from the Asian region, particularly those from Hong Kong and mainland China.

**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

### South Asia Foundation

The South Asia Foundation (SAF) is a secular, non-profit and non-political organisation, which was established in September 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. It aims to sustain a movement, in particular involving youth, to promote regional cooperation and peace through education, cultural interaction and mutual understanding among the people of South Asia.

**Activities:** Among the important 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, but has a Document and Information Centre for books and journals published in South Asia.

**Contact Details:** Individual country contacts can be found here:

[http://www.southasiafoundation.org/saf/about\\_saf/saf\\_contacts.htm](http://www.southasiafoundation.org/saf/about_saf/saf_contacts.htm)

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

### 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. 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.

Tata Group organizes the Tata Building India School Essay Competition.

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## Indonesia

### Asean Foundation

The leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) established the ASEAN Foundation on 15 December 1997 in Kuala Lumpur during the Association's 30th Anniversary Commemorative Summit. The ultimate aim was to help bring about shared prosperity and a sustainable future to all ASEAN countries.

**Activities:** The ASEAN Foundation supports projects from a fund derived from contributions of ASEAN Governments, some foreign donor agencies as well as the private sector that share the goals and objectives of the Foundation. Funding from ASEAN governments currently totals US\$ 4.3 million. One of the activities of the foundation is to organize and support activities to promote education, training, health and cultural life.

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

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## Japan

### Japan Foundation

The Japan Foundation specialises in international cultural exchange in Japan to foster common sources of creativity around the world.

**Activities:** Programmes are developed from multimodal viewpoints for grassroots and youth exchange for such purposes as vitalising international cultural exchange at the grass-roots level in the various cultural and arts fields, the promotion of the nurturing of youth who will carry on international cultural exchange in the next generation, the promotion of mutual exchange among grass-roots leaders and youth, and the holding of workshops to promote better understanding of different cultures in Japan.

**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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### Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is advancing its activities around the pillars of a field-oriented approach, human security, and enhanced effectiveness, efficiency, and speed.

**Activities:** ICA uses an array of development assistance schemes to meet the diverse needs of developing countries around the world.

**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

**Kuok Foundation**

The Kuok Foundation's objective is to advance education and alleviate poverty through education.

**Activities:** Between 400 and 450 fresh study awards are given each year for tertiary education at Institutions of Higher Learning in Malaysia and Singapore. Students renewing their study awards to continue their education number about 650 annually. From 1970 to 2007, total disbursement on study loans, grants and scholarships amounted to approximately RM134 million (S\$56 million). Annual disbursements on study loans and grants amount to nearly RM11 million (S\$4.5 million).

**Library- related funding activities:** Does not appear to fund library-related activities, but provides many student loans and study awards.

The Kuok Foundation awards the Kuok Keng Sang Scholarships and KF Half-Loan Half-Grant Awards among others.

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## United Kingdom

**British Council**

The British Council creates international opportunities for the people of the UK and other countries and builds trust between them worldwide.

**Activities:** The British Council focuses on internationalising education, sharing the UK's expertise and innovation globally, and bringing partners together to work on collaborative projects.

The British Council's work in society helps citizens and institutions contribute to a more inclusive, open and prosperous world and connects local issues to global themes, ranging from social action to diversity and youth issues. They run programmes in partnership with local and international organisations who provide expertise in areas such as youth and social entrepreneurship, equal opportunity and diversity, migration, social inclusion and engagement, and active citizenship.

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

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**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

**Asia New Zealand Foundation**

The Asia New Zealand Foundation was founded in 1994 as a non-profit, apolitical organisation dedicated to building New Zealand's links with Asia.

**Activities:** The Foundation aims to promote initiatives which deepen understanding and relationships between New Zealanders and the peoples of Asia. Its role is to educate New Zealanders about these opportunities and to encourage and facilitate responses to them.

The Foundation is involved in a wide range of programmes including business, culture, education, media and research. It develops and coordinates projects, scholarships, seminars, educational materials, special events, exchanges and research.

In addition, it offers a number of grants and scholarships in the education area for both teachers and students including the: Emerging Researcher Grant, Big Issues Research Grant, International Relations Research Grant and Conference Support Grant.

**Library- related funding activities:** One of its main interests is in education, but their 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

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### Lee Foundation

The Lee Foundation was founded in 1952 by philanthropist and businessman, Lee Kong Chian. Its objectives include the advancement of education, medicine and cultural activities; helping the poor; and assisting victims of fire, flood and famine. The Lee Foundation is Singapore's largest foundation. Over the years, it has contributed to Singapore's society, education, welfare, research and the arts.

**Activities:** The National Library is one of the beneficiaries of Dr Lee's philanthropic efforts. In 1953, Dr Lee donated a sum of \$375,000 for the construction of a public library. In 1960, the National Library at Stamford Road was opened, offering the people of Singapore access to books, knowledge and information regardless of their social status.

Fifty years later, the National Library once again enjoyed the generosity of the Lee Foundation through its donation of \$60 million towards the development of the new National Library Building at Victoria Street. The National Reference Library was renamed the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library in 2005 in recognition of this benefaction.

In 2005, the Foundation made a \$30-million gift to the National University of Singapore. Between 1952 and 1993 the Foundation donated S\$300 million 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 provides aid in education, and provides funding for many projects related to it.

Its monetary beneficiaries include the National Library, Singapore Management University and the National University of Singapore.

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee\\_Foundation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Foundation)

## Tan Kah Kee Foundation

Mr. Tan Kah Kee was a well-known philanthropist and an outstanding Chinese leader in Southeast Asia. The mission of the Tan Kah Kee Foundation 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 been 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 offers the following scholarships and awards: Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship, Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors' Award, Tan Kah Kee Forum and a University Endowment Fund.

The Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship has over the years awarded more than 170 scholarships to Singaporeans of all races pursuing their Master's or PhD degrees. Many scholars have returned from abroad and are currently actively contributing to the development of Singapore.

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

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## 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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**The National Research Foundation (NRF)**

The National Research Foundation (NRF) was set up on 1 January 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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**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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**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 in 1997, 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****Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange**

The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange is a nonprofit 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 sinological research: the CCKF Center for Chinese Cultural and Institutional History at

Columbia University and the CCK International Sinological 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

### 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. It was 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

### 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

### 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

### 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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## **The Asia Foundation**

The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Informed by six decades of experience and deep local expertise, our programs address critical issues affecting Asia in the 21st century—governance and law, economic development, women's empowerment, environment, and regional cooperation. In addition, our Books for Asia and professional exchange programs are among the ways we encourage Asia's continued development as a peaceful, just, and thriving region of the world.

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:** Informed by six decades of experience and deep local expertise, 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. In addition, our Books for Asia and professional exchange programs are among the ways we encourage Asia's continued development as a peaceful, just, and thriving region of the world.

**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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**UNESCO**

UNESCO works to create the conditions for dialogue among civilizations, cultures and peoples, based upon respect for commonly shared values. It is through this dialogue that 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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