



Oslo University Library's Japanese elder materials – an overview

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Numbers of materials

- About 80 titles, 300 volumes
- In addition to materials dating from Edo period, there are some materials from the Meiji and Taishô periods
- Most of the materials are *hanpon*(版本), and many of them include pictorial illustrations
- They represent a wide range of fields, ranging from novels (*yomimono*= 読み物) to dictionaries (*sechiyô*= 節用)
- 13 volumes of hand copied picture albums (*gafu*= 画譜)
- The materials are in a relatively good condition



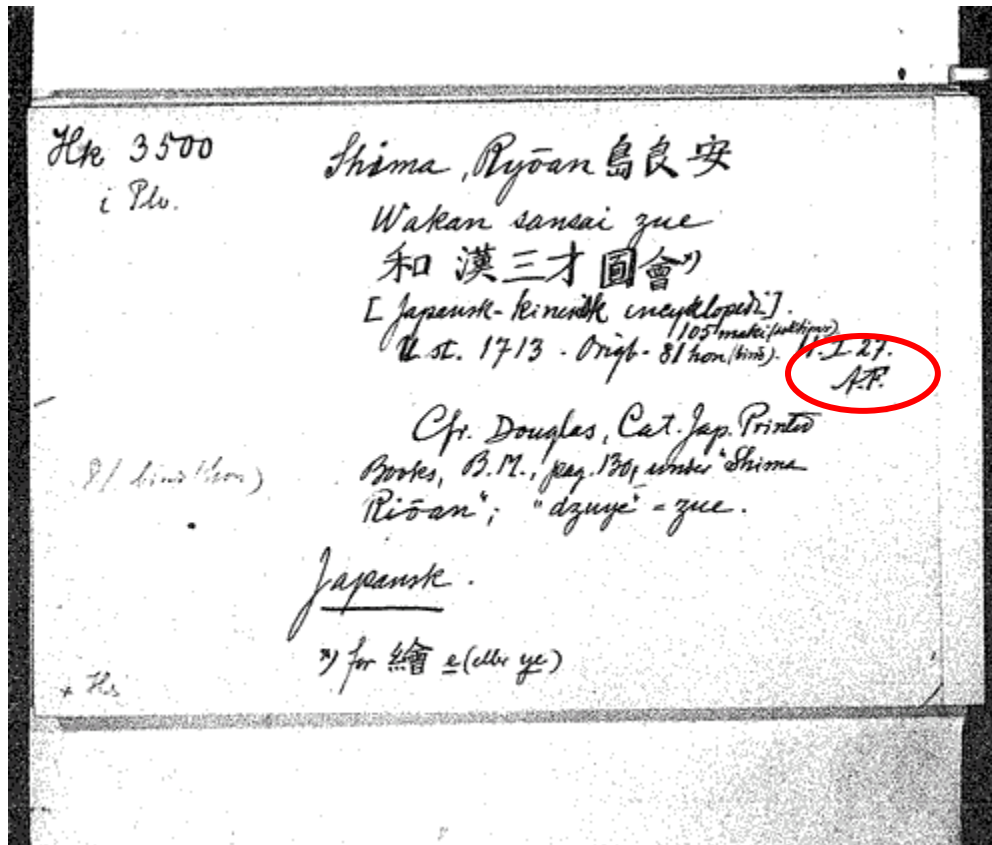


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- There are elder materials at the main Library of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the University's Ethnology Museum Library
- The materials might become part of the collection in the 1920s.
- The card catalog from that time are signed by AF. AF refers to Adolf Fonahn, who was positioned at the Ethnology Museum then
- Among elder Chinese books, there may possibly be some *wakoku kanseki*(和刻漢籍)

Old card catalogue

HKI



Materials with plant pictures

Yama no sachi

(山の幸)



Kai (花彙)



Hand copied picture books







Elder materials outside Oslo University Library

- In Oslo, there are some materials at the Museum of Ethnology (not Library), and at the Library of the National Museum of Art and Design
- Also at Bergen City Museum, it is confirmed that there are elder materials together with *ukiyoe*
- There may also be Japanese elder materials at the National Museum of Decorative Arts in Trondheim