

Another link with China

Two librarians from Beijing have returned to the National Library of China to help develop a computerised cataloguing system there.

Ms Guan Ping and Ms Zhuang Xiao-ying spent three months at the National Library of Australia in Canberra studying library automation. Both work in the Western Languages Cataloguing Sections of China's National Library, classifying and cataloguing books in English. On their return to Beijing, they will take a key part in the development and operation of a computerised system at the National Library of China.

The working experience of the two librarians followed an earlier, longer visit by a senior librarian from the National Library of China, Mr Tan Xiangjin, who spent two years in Canberra studying the automation of library practices at the time of the introduction of the Australian Bibliographic Network. Further close ties between the National Library of Australia and its counterpart in China were strengthened by a visit of six librarians from city and provincial libraries in November 1984 to study Australian libraries, their buildings and services.

The visit of Ms Guan and Ms Zhuang was made possible through the Regional Co-operation Program of the National Library of Australia. The program provides direct assistance to national libraries in developing countries in the region and supports projects of assistance and mutual co-operation.



AUSINET's Business Who's Who of Australian database was launched recently at a function held at Sydney's Sheraton Wentworth Hotel. Pictured at the launch are, left to right: Peter Berry, Managing Director, R.G. Riddell, and from ACI's Information Retrieval Division, Adrienne Lambert, Manager — NSW, and Leigh Baker, Divisional Manager.

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