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Origins of BULAC project

- The « Pôle des langues et civilisations (PLC) » project (Center for Languages and Civilizations Studies Center) : gather teaching, research and documentary resources dedicated to the study of languages and civilizations
- BULAC and INALCO in a same building : first step of the PLC project
- A research Center for languages and civilizations studies : second step of the PLC project (when?)
What is BULAC?

• A project team with a specific mission
  – gather the collections from various libraries and documentation centers specialized in Oriental and African Studies
  – get a common and multi script catalogue
  – Prepare a 250,000 open shelves collections
  – Select rare and precious books to build a special collection

• A partnership between 4 Universities (Paris I, III, IV & VII) and 4 Institutions (INALCO, EHESS, EPHE & INALCO)

• About 20 libraries

• An independent structure: the GIP structure
BULAC, 2 months before the opening...

A new building

- An eco-building (30 000 m2) which will host BULAC and INALCO classrooms
- Delivered last week
- Will open to public in October
Collections from 15 different locations

- More than half of these documents are in non Western languages
- Slavic World, Central Europe and Balkans (40%), Asia (35%), Middle East and Africa (25%)
- Books in more than 350 languages and dialects
- The Collections
  - Ex- BIULO (University Library of Oriental Languages)
  - Slavic collections (Paris Sorbonne I)
  - Russian, Bielorussian and Ukrainien collections from the Slavic Studies Institute and Center (Paris Sorbonne IV)
  - Turkish and Ottoman collections, Finno-Ugric Collections, Jules Bloch Library
  - Indianist collections, Institute for Iranian Studies collections (Paris Sorbonne III)
Collections from 15 different locations

– Korean collections and SEDET collections (Paris Sorbonne VII)
– Indianist Vaudeville and Madeleine Biardeau collections (EPHE)
– Part of collections, periodicals and special collections from some of the EHESS documentation centers (among them: CECMC – Center for Modern and Contemporary Chinese Studies)
– Tibetan collections, Khmer, Chinese and Japanese periodicals and books from EFEO (Ecole française d'Extrême Orient)
– And various donations form individuals....
187 500 books on open shelves for the opening

- Three levels, four reading rooms: documentation for research, documentation for students, self teaching and periodicals area, precious and rare books reading room

- Chinese the most important collection on open shelves:
  - 11 500 books on China
  - 7 000 books in languages and dialects of China
  - About 100 Chinese periodicals

- A specific [classification](#)
The classification

- Area index code: ASIA = 4, ORIENTAL ASIA=43
- Country index code: CHINA = CN
- Thematic index code: CHINESE LITERATURE = 800
- Thematic subdivision index code: Yuan period literature (1279--1368) = 851.16
- For Chinese authors: 王實甫 = WAN.SF
- For corpus authors: the first letter of the title: 西廂記 = X or a study about this book: 1 + first letter of the title: 1X

The book 西廂記 = 43CN 958.51 WAN.SF X

A study about 西廂記 = 43CN 958.51 WAN.SF 1 X
A common multi-script catalogue

- Cataloguing in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Cyrillic, Tamil, Urdu, Hindi, Tibetan, Armenian, Tibetan, Arabic, Thaï...scripts

- Conversion of card catalogues
  - Conversion of more than 700,000 cards since 2004
  - 40,000 cards still to be converted. Among them: Chinese (15% done)
A new Library System

- Koha, an open source library system
  http://koha-community.org

- UNICODE compliant

- Need some new enhancements

http://catalogue.bulac.fr/
New facilities for the readers

- about 910 cabled seats
- Opening hours: 10 am – 10 pm (Monday to Saturday)
- 30 seats for languages self-learning
- 30 seats for audiovisual
- 18 seats in the precious ressources area
- 28 individual carrel desks (24/24)
- 20 working group rooms
67 km storage
Carrel desks and working group rooms