

## **Honorary Librarian's Report for the Year 2022/23**

### **RASHK Library Collection**

As of 28 February 2022, the library collection has reached 8,830 volumes, with a total of 157 new items added to the Collection, representing a 1.81% increase. Donations of books were received from William Waung, Malcolm Merry, Alan Loynd, David Ming Lum Young and Helen Tinsley.

### **Usage of RASHK Library Collection**

The number of reference enquiries and library books consulted had shown a marked increase in 2022/23 with usage reaching pre-COVID levels. In fact, reference service and book consultations had surpassed their pre-pandemic usage in 2019/20 by 22% and 31% respectively. As reported by the Hong Kong Central Library, the usage of our library collection for the current reporting year against the last is as follows:

<u>Library Usage</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
No. of reference enquiries	49	82
No. of books consulted	62	132
No. of borrowers	65	62
No. of books loaned out	96	88

No usage was recorded for the Carl Smith Index Cards in 2022/23.

### **JSTOR Digital Library**

Online usage tracked against the RASHK Journal on the JSTOR platform continues to be promising. JSTOR is a well-established online platform providing digital access to over 10 million academic journal articles. Since 2014, full text of the RASHK Journal has been made searchable and accessible worldwide under a pay-to-download/view arrangement with JSTOR. There were 48,672 article requests of the RASHK Journal in 2022/23 on JSTOR, maintaining the same level of usage compared to the previous year. The revenue information is not yet made available by JSTOR at the time of writing but it is anticipated to be similar to that of the last reporting year.

**A vote of thanks**

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the librarians at the Hong Kong Central Library who have been taking excellent care of our collection and providing professional assistance to our members.

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