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PREFACE

The number of new Chinese dictionaries being published in the United States and abroad has increased dramatically in recent years. The need for a comprehensive listing of these resources has long been recognized, and it is hoped that this bibliography answers the need.

The Secretariat Staff of the CETA (Chinese-English Translation Assistance) Group, with the assistance of numerous librarians, has compiled this bibliography of Chinese dictionaries. The work was done in two stages, with the first being the listing of approximately one thousand titles based on the "List of Chinese Dictionaries in All Languages" (412 titles) issued as an External Research Paper by the U.S. Department of State, Office of External Research in 1967, the listings of several private collections compiled in the late sixties by J. Mathias, as well as holdings at the Library of Congress. This was published as A Compilation of Chinese Dictionaries by J. Mathias and S. Hixson, Far Eastern Publications, Yale University Press, 1975. Since that time, twelve additional university libraries have been surveyed; the Library of Congress was revisited to add recent acquisitions; and publisher's catalogs were checked for new publications. The list has more than doubled in size and has been completely revised and reformulated.

Obviously no such listing can be exhaustive, but an attempt has been made to identify as many Chinese monolingual, bilingual, and polyglot dictionaries as possible. The collection is divided into two major sections: the first contains 727 general dictionary titles; the second contains 1750 specialized dictionary titles subdivided into subject areas. An appendix has also been included to keep the collection up to date.

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In most instances the information in an entry was gleaned from library file cards and not from the dictionary itself. This method of collecting data made it impossible to obtain exact information about some of the items. This is especially true regarding the identification of languages covered. Most titles indicate the languages involved, but for those that do not, the entry includes whatever language information was discernible. Titles are rendered in Wade-Giles, as this is still the romanization system used by the majority of libraries surveyed. The libraries participated on a voluntary basis.

Organization of Entries

The entries are grouped into two sections: general and special subject. The special subject section is further broken down by specific subject categories, which are listed alphabetically (see Contents). The entries in the general and subject categories are in alphabetical order by title, ignoring initial articles.

The following information is included for each entry where available:

Title (Chinese characters)
Title (Romanized)
Translation of Title
Author/Compiler/Editor
Place of Publication
Publisher
Date
Pagination
Library Location Code
Library of Congress Call Number

A dictionary may be listed more than once if it falls under two or more subject categories. However, the full bibliographic information will be shown only once in the prime entry, with brief cross-references in the secondary entries. Each entry has a four-digit control number from 0001 through 2477. These have been assigned sequentially and refer to entries when found in the indexes.

All information within the entry is in natural language form except for the code numbers designating the libraries which have reported holding a

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copy. The two-digit number found at the end of each entry represents one of the following libraries:

No.	Library
01	University of Toronto
02	Hoover Institute on War, Revolution & Peace at Stanford
	University
03	Yale University
04	Library of Congress
05	University of Hawaii
06	University of Chicago
07	Harvard-Yenching Library
08	University of Michigan
09	Cornell University
10	Princeton University
11	University of Pittsburgh
12	University of Washington
13	University of Wisconsin

An index by title and an index by language are included to assist in the use of the bibliography. The index by title lists all entries alphabetically (ignoring initial articles), and gives the ascension number by which the entry can be found. The index by language categorizes all titles by the languages in the dictionary, and these categories are listed alphabetically. Under its category a title is shown more than once if the dictionary contains two or more languages. The control number is shown with each entry.

The main text of the bibliography was printed in 1980. The appendix includes titles we received from librarians after that date, as well as information we collected from publishers' catalogs and Quan Guo Xinshumu (New Books Catalogue of PRC). We have supplied as much detail as possible for each item, but our sources did not always contain complete bibliographic information. Instead of omitting titles because of a missing date, place of publication, or pagination, we chose to use a question mark following the information about which we are in doubt. In all, the appendix contains 251 unique titles and ten cross-references and is arranged in the same way as the main text.

The CETA Group

The Chinese-English Translation Assistance (CETA) Group is an ad hoc association of language and computer specialists primarily from United States government and academic communities with participation also from overseas scholars. The CETA Group conducts a cooperative program to create and improve computer-stored and printed Chinese-English dictionaries. It also specializes in research and the dissemination of information on Chinese language characteristics relevant to translation; the assessment of current systems of machine-aided translation, and computer input/output. The CETA Group is developing Chinese-English dictionaries of general terms (presently over 110,000 terms) and scientific and technical terms (presently over 515,000 terms), and has published the Chinese-English Dictionary of Colloquial Terms Used in Modern Chinese Literature and Computers, Language Reform, and Lexicography in China, A Report by the CETA Delegation. All of the dictionaries and the bibliography are computer stored, computer revised, and computer printed.

This bibliography, as well as earlier works, has been sponsored by the CETA Group. It is an example of the CETA Group's interest in developing aids to the translation of Chinese materials for American researchers, teachers, and students. The primary work of the CETA Group is focused on the development of Chinese-English general dictionaries and technical glossaries.

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The CETA Group provided the managerial and editing services; however, significant assistance was provided by the librarians from all thirteen libraries, particularly the Library of Congress. In addition, since the file is computer stored, maintained, and printed, it requires processing equipment and programs. Fortunately, both were available. The Language Research Project, Brigham Young University, wrote the programs necessary to format the bibliography and the indexes from the machine-readable file created by the CETA Group staff. In turn, the U.S. Department of Defense

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