

## Editor's Note

Throughout Asia's long history, culture and religion have occupied an extremely high proportion of social life. Politics and economics have also been required to express knowledge and social activities in documents and customs within the space and time framed by culture and religion. As a result, bibliography and documentation represent the accumulation of knowledge, while written correspondence represents social communication and diplomatic negotiation.

Therefore, in this historical environment in Asia, textual and documentary research is extremely important, especially bibliography, which is an accumulation of knowledge that has developed in its own way. In addition, local documents are also important for research as intrinsic documents that express the inner life of local communities from their depths. Political declarations and diplomatic documents have also played an essential role in documentary administration and diplomatic negotiations.

In this volume, these multi-layered texts, documents and sources are examined according to their bibliography, historical concepts and themes. Then, the diversity and importance of bibliographic, documentary and material research are reaffirmed.

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