In today’s Internet-based society, where information technology has become an educational project of national significance, the Information Processing Center plays a leading role in providing for the information service needs of the TUFS community. The center serves the university as a whole, promoting effective information processing in the areas of education and research, academic information retrieval services, computer networking, courses in information processing, support services for the University Library, and office administration. The center’s information-processing environment on the new campus is truly fit for the 21st century. The center seeks to promote the active use of Internet resources and software from around the world, available via electronic mail, news services and the World Wide Web. It also provides advanced technology to enable the rich TUFS resources to be shared electronically with the rest of the world.

Special features of the Information Processing Center:
* The largest number of computers per student of all national universities in Japan.
* Ultra high-speed networks
* Linux cluster server
* One of the largest user file systems in Japan
* State-of-the-art multimedia software environment
* A large range of peripheral devices

Resources

TUFS Library is striving to expand and complete its electronic library functions in order to cope with a multitude of languages. In 2004, “multilingual database system” operations were used to prepare a catalogue of materials that are not in the Roman alphabet and to develop a search support system. In collaboration with the “Center for Documentation and Area-Transcultural Studies”, we supported the construction of an electronic library system called “Dilins”. It came into use in December 2003. Since 2001, we have established a corner for international students in the library to support the study and research activities of international students and given priority to the collection of materials related to Japanese studies that are written in English and other foreign languages.

The University Library Collection

As of 2005, the University Library contains approximately 542,000 books and 6,500 periodicals in more than 100 languages.

Resources

The Library is a four-story building. The main entrance and service counter are on the 2nd Floor, where the card and online catalogue system and the periodical and reference collections are also located. The online catalogue (Book Search System of TUFS Library) can be accessed on the Internet. Almost all the books are open-shelf collections and visitors are welcome to browse freely. There are reading tables on each floor, and nearly 200 networked PCs are provided for study and research purposes.

Rare Books and Donations

The Library has a rare book collection of 1,262 titles, including Japanese books on foreign affairs and foreign language studies published prior to the Meiji Period. There are also several privately donated collections. The Momooka Library, consisting of 8,300 Chinese documents, is the largest of these.

This early work on Russian grammar, edited in 1755 by M. Lomonosov, is one of the few originals remaining in the world.

Nunzio da Lina, Orthographia da Lingoa Portugua, 1576, Lisbon. The 16th century “Orthography of the Portuguese Language” by Nunzio da Lina is an indispensable source for research on the history of the Portuguese language.

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