

# DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Founded in 1906, the department of Chinese language and literature owns an exceptional academic tradition which brings together research streams from Japan, China and the West in formidable fashion. Its more than a century's archive of primary resources provide strong support to both education and academic research, and has grown into one of the best university collections of Sinology resources around the world, in both precious books and electronic format. These primary sources can be accessed freely by our students.

Undergraduate students are required to acquire the skills necessary to read texts with linguistic accuracy and precision, whether in modern or classical Chinese. This goal is pursued in small classes using original Chinese texts (which may involve extensive surveys). Based on that foundation, students are then guided to explore their own research interests, and finalize their work as a graduation thesis.

In the process of academic training, students must develop patience and perseverance, but acquiring the ability of reading original texts with accuracy and proficiency will give them a great sense of accomplishment. Graduate students are expected to have the ability of conducting self-motivated original research and proficiency in languages such as Chinese, Japanese, and English, which are essential for their research work. It is strongly recommended that they fully grasp and absorb the tradition of Sinology in Japan before starting to write a dissertation. We also highly recommended our Graduate students (native speakers of Chinese) to study for a few years in mainland China or Taiwan to familiarize themselves with the local academic community and culture while improving fluency in Chinese.

The department publishes its own semi-annual academic journal in Japanese named *Chūgoku Bungakuhō* (Journal of Chinese Literature).



L: Some rare books of our collection  
M: Short-term training program at Nanjing University  
R: Seminar on Chinese linguistics