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The World Wide Web's continued expansion in recent years has brought with it a deluge of information possibilities. One can sit in the comfort of one's home and scan through any number of virtual mini-malls, peruse a copy of USA Today, or find out if the "men in black" really do exist. All of this is well and good if you've got a whole mess of time to kill. But come on, we're Southeast Asianists! We haven't got time for this drivell!

The internet and specifically the World Wide Web, however, remain central to the future of information dissemination and retrieval. Its potential for overcoming spatial constraints offers the promise of increased convenience and, in turn, the holy grail of research: time savings, savings, savings. But the vast sea of hyperlinks which seem to lead only to other hyperlinks begs the question: "where's all the good stuff?"

What follows is a brief listing designed with the intention of making *useful* Southeast Asian resources on the Web more readily accessible to the time starved Southeast Asianist. This introductory installment covers a broad range of internet related resources including online newspapers, bibliographies, virtual libraries, news groups, computer enhancements, and internet access and resources available through the University of Hawaii. Every effort has been made to insure that the resources listed below are correct but please keep in mind that addresses change, sites disappear, and new sites come online every day.

You can help us make the internet Southeast Asia friendly by forwarding your suggestions, comments, and address corrections to Explorations via e-mail at seassa@hawaii.edu or, alternatively, to the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 1890 East-West Road, Honolulu HI 96822.

Internet Access and Resources Available at UH Manoa

Computer Labs:

- Second floor Keller Hall just makai from Hamilton Library.
- CLIC located on the first floor of Sinclair Library.
- Additional internet access sites have recently been made available throughout Hamilton Library.

Internet Access:

- Internet accounts can be opened by students and faculty at either computer lab. Just bring your **validated** ID and they'll set you up. It's **free** (you've already paid for it).

Have your own computer at home and want to get online? If you are a student or faculty member you can receive free internet software.

Software:

- Internet access software (Netscape, NCSA telnet, etc.) for both IBM and Mac platforms is available **free** of charge from the ITS help desk on the first floor of Keller Hall. Just remember to bring two blank high-density disks with you.

Southeast Asian Internet Sites

Asian Studies Virtual Library

The Asian Studies WWW Virtual Library is a collaborative project designed as a guide to the documents and resources available on the web specifically concerned with the study of Asia. As the sites listed below are networked it is possible to follow the hyperlinks between the various page. I have chosen here, however, to give a brief overview of sites specifically focused on Southeast Asia.

<http://ias.leidenuniv.nl/wwwvl/southeast.html>

<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVLpages/IndonPages/WWWVL-Indonesia.html>

<http://www.univie.ac.at/Sinologie/sg-wwwvl.htm>

http://www.monash.edu.au/ftp/pub/bane_lao/laoweb/laoVL.htm

<http://www.mtc.com.my/Virtual-Library/Malaysia.html>

<http://www.nectec.or.th/WWW-VL-Thailand.html>

<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVLPages/VietPages/WWWVL-Vietnam.html>

General Information (stats etc.)

[http://www.yahoo.com/Regional/Countries/\[name of country\]](http://www.yahoo.com/Regional/Countries/[name of country])

Great general search engine for sites related to a specific country.

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/95fact/index.html>

Listing of general CIA factoids (e.g., population, armed forces, GNP, etc.). Handy for those last minute fattening techniques.

<http://www.umich.edu/~umimsa/Malaysia>

Super clearinghouse fo links to sites on Malaysia. Perhaps most useful for its dirrect links to Malaysian radio, television, and print media

http://neal.ctstateu.edu/history/world_history/archives/archive5.html

Links to historical documents relating to Southeast Asia. Although this site does exist as of this time I have been unable to leestablish a connection with it.

<http://mp.cs.niu.edu/~henry/SEAsite/homepage.html>

Neat experimental Indonesian language learning site. Combines various readings in Indonesian (liturature or links to the newspaper of your choice) with an online dictionary. Seems to still be under construction but it may be a site to keep you eye on.

Bibliographies

<ftp://coombs.anu.edu.au/CoombswebPages/BiblioClear.html>

List of bibliographies by topic. A refreshing dose of something usefull. But be advised , this site contains bibliographies covering topics outside of Southeast Asia

<http://nectec.or.th/pub/mirrors/dharma/>

<http://etext.archive.umich.edu/Religious.Texts/DharmaNet/>.

Dharma Electronic File Archive. This site contains files on Buddhism taken from a variety of sources and is divided by style of Buddhism. A listing of the files contained at the site can be view at: <gopher://nectec.or.th:70/00/bureaux/dharma/dharma.1st>.

or at a probably faster link: <http://etext.archive.umich.edu/Religious.Texts/DharmaNet/dharma.lst>.

<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVLPages/VietPages/WWWVL-Vietnam-06.html>

This site contains lists of links to bibliographies and documents relating specifically to Vietnam including works by Carl Thayer and David Marr. See also the ANU Virtual Library site listed above for more links.

SEA Newspapers

Indonesia: (Thanks to Wandu Syamsu)

Kompas <http://kompas.com/>

Indonesian language daily with english language sections

Republika- <http://www.republika.co.id/>

Indonesian language daily with english language sections

See also- <http://coombs.anu.edu.au/Special Proj/AJC/IND/Indonesia/jrnls.html>

Contains selected articles from journals published in Indonesia.

See also-<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVLPages/IndonPages/Serials.html>

Contains large listing of journals published in Indonesia.

Thailand:

Bangkok Post- <http://www.bangkokpost.net>

English language daily

Business Day- <http://www.loxinfo.co.th/~bday/>

English language daily devoted specifically to Business news.

Travel Trade Report Bangkok- <http://www.siam.net/ttr>

Specialty publication specifically serving the travel and tourist industry.

Cambodia:

Cambodia Times- http://www.jaring.my/atasia/camb_asia/camb_times/ct_bist.html

English language daily.

Phnom Penh Post- <http://www.vais.net/~tapang/ppp/>

English language bi-weekly.

Malaysia: (Thanks to Jeff Esmond)

Berita Harian- <http://www.jaring.my/bharian/>

Malay language daily. One of the "two big Malay language papers.", the other being Utusan Malaysia (below).

Nanyang Siang Pau- <http://www.asia-online.com/nsp/>

Chinese language daily.

The Star- <http://www1.jaring.my:80/star>

The most widely read English language daily.

Utusan Malaysia- <http://www.ssiacconnect.com.my/utusan>

Malay language with some English sections.

Philippines:

Philippine Star- <http://www.philstar.com/>

English language daily published in Manila.

Sun Star- <http://www.gsilink.com/~sunstar>

English language daily of Cebu.

Brunei:

Borneo Bulletin- <http://web3.asia1.com.sg/borneo/bbonline/mon/mon.htm>

Only english language daily published in Brunei.

Media Permata- <http://brunet.bn/news/mp/mponline.htm>

Malay language daily.

Burma:

New Light of Myanmar- <http://www.myanmar.com/gov/news/articles>

English language publication which contains editorials and selected articles.

Fonts and Southeast Asian Computer Enhancements

Burmese: <http://www.nandawon.demon.co.uk/burmese-fonts/index.htm>

Thats right, Burmese fonts!

Lao: <http://fusion.stockton.net/~eternal/fonts/>

Both IBM and Mac fonts are available from this site.

Thai: <http://sashimi.wwa.com:80/~yingthai/filepage.htm>

Thai fonts for the other system (IBM).

<http://thaigate.rd.nacsis.ac.jp/krit/>

Contains additional resources to expand the Thai capability of your computer. Mainly software that will allow you to view e-mail and web sites in Thai.

<http://thaigate.rd.nacsis.ac.jp/krit/macosthaienabler.html>

Site from which to download the Mac OS Thai system. This OS enabler includes three different fonts.

Khmer: <http://www.cambodia.org/fonts/>

Both IBM and Mac fonts are available from this site.

Vietnamese: <http://www.trichlor.org/>

Both IBM and Mac fonts, keyboard drivers, and more.

<http://www.vietinfo.com/VNI/index.html>

Great selection of fonts for a wide variety of platforms.