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Collaborative Open Science in the Sinophone World: A Scholarly Analysis of Open Books Hong Kong and the Open Journals Hub

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Chinese University of Hong Kong

- Established In 1963 (60th anniversary in 2023)
- A comprehensive Research university With a 138.4---hectare Campus overlooking Tolo Harbor at Shatin, New Territories.
- Comprises of 9 colleges, 8 Faculties and Graduate School; 18,438 undergraduates and 4,650 postgraduates, 8000+ Full-time staff.

QS Asia University Rankings 2025

#6 Asia

QS World University Rankings 2026

#32 Worldwide

PRESTIGIOUS Teaching & Research Staff

1 Nobel Laureate

14 Rhodes Scholars

LARGEST campus in Hong Kong

137.3 hectare campus

250+ University Staff Quarters

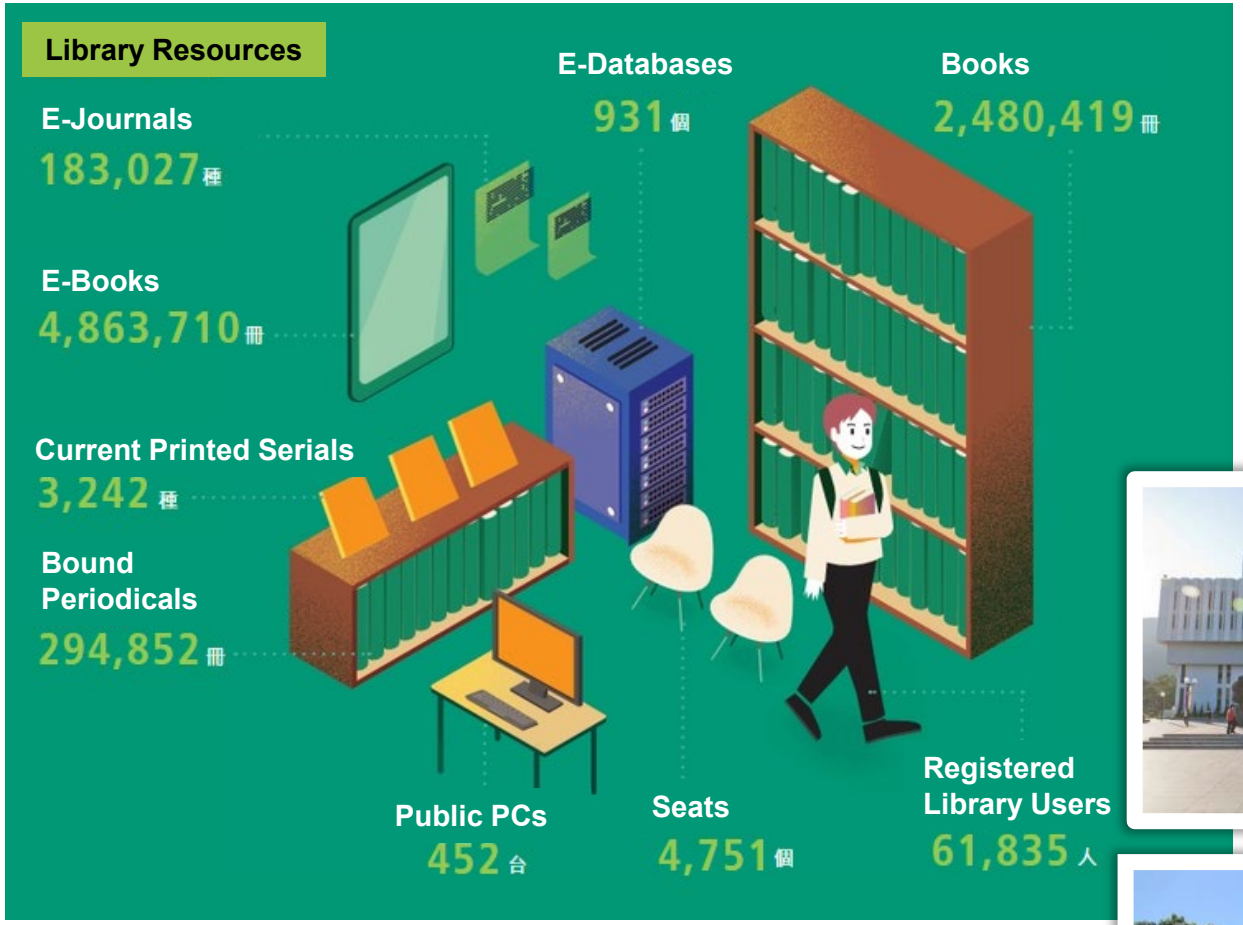
ACADEMIC Excellence

4 Areas of Excellence

6 InnoHK Centres



CUHK Library



Upper campus：
New Asia College Library,
United College Library





Central campus:
University Library
Law Library



Medical Library at Prince of Wales Hospital

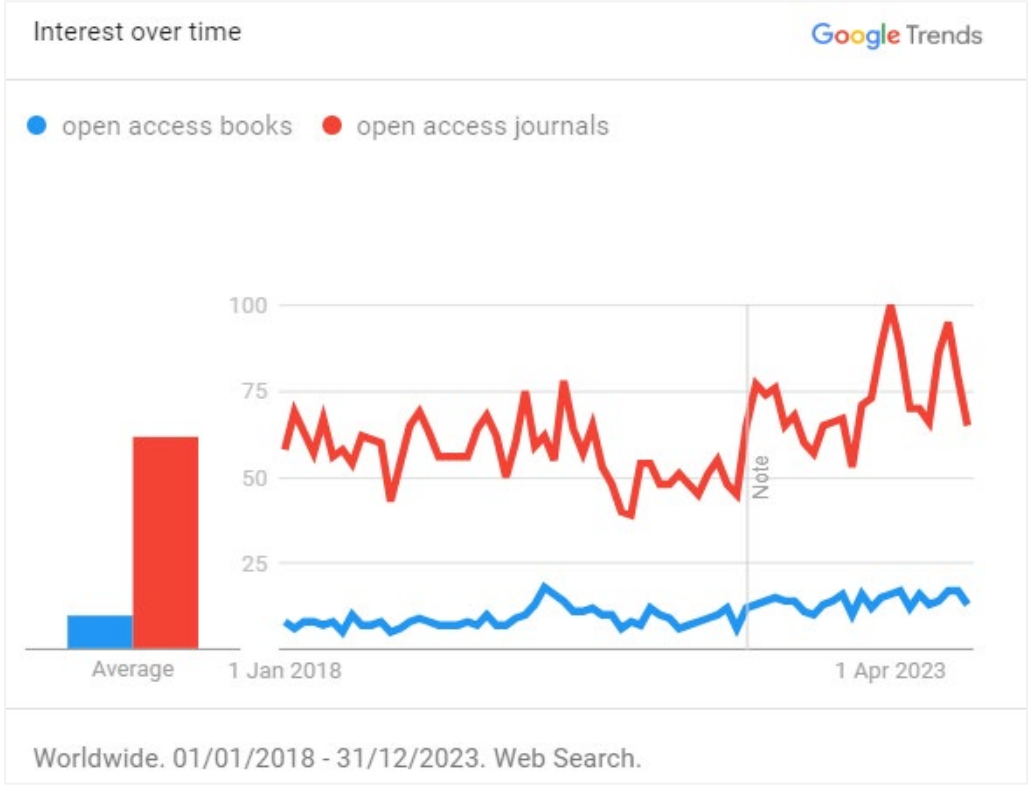


Lower campus:
Chung Chi College Library,
Architecture Library

Open Monographs: Expanding Access to Scholarship

Addressing the Crisis in Scholarly Monograph Publishing

- Limited OA monograph publishing outlets.
- High cost of print academic books.
- Decline in traditional monograph publishing models.
- Digital versions of monographs often behind paywalls.
- Potential of OA monographs to increase research dissemination and impact.



Open Books Hong Kong: A Vision for Open Access

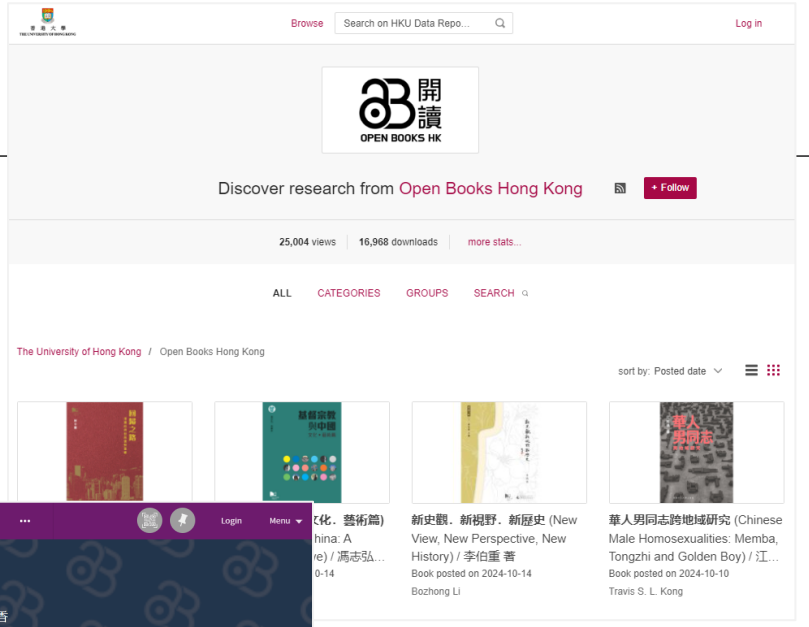
- Hong Kong's first open book program: A groundbreaking initiative from HKU, CUHK, and CityU.
- The books mainly focus on Arts, Humanities, Religious studies and cultural studies in Hong Kong and China.
- Totaling **90 books** were released since July 2024.
- Shortlisted for **THE Awards Asia 2026** (Outstanding Contribution to Regional Development) and nominated for the **eLearning Forum Asia (eLFA)** Community Outreach Award.



Open Books Hong Kong website

Implementation and Challenges

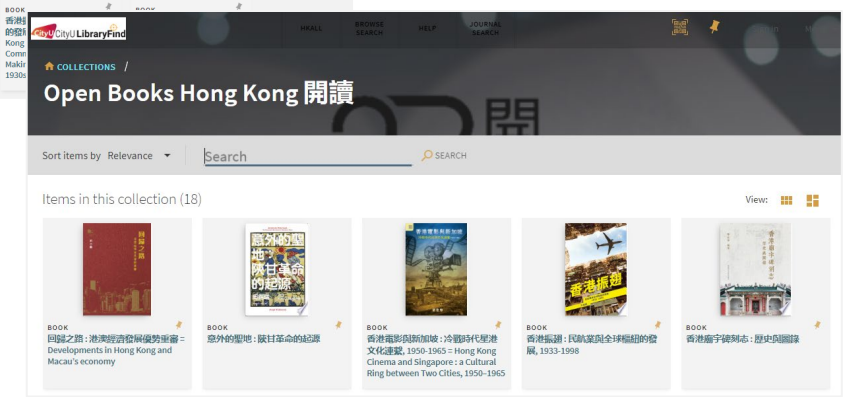
- Budget constraints – The project was implemented with a limited budget. Book processing charge (BPC) is required.
- Infrastructure utilization – Existing library infrastructure was leveraged to minimize costs.
- Shared landing page – A collaborative website was created as a central access point.



Open Books@HKU Datahub

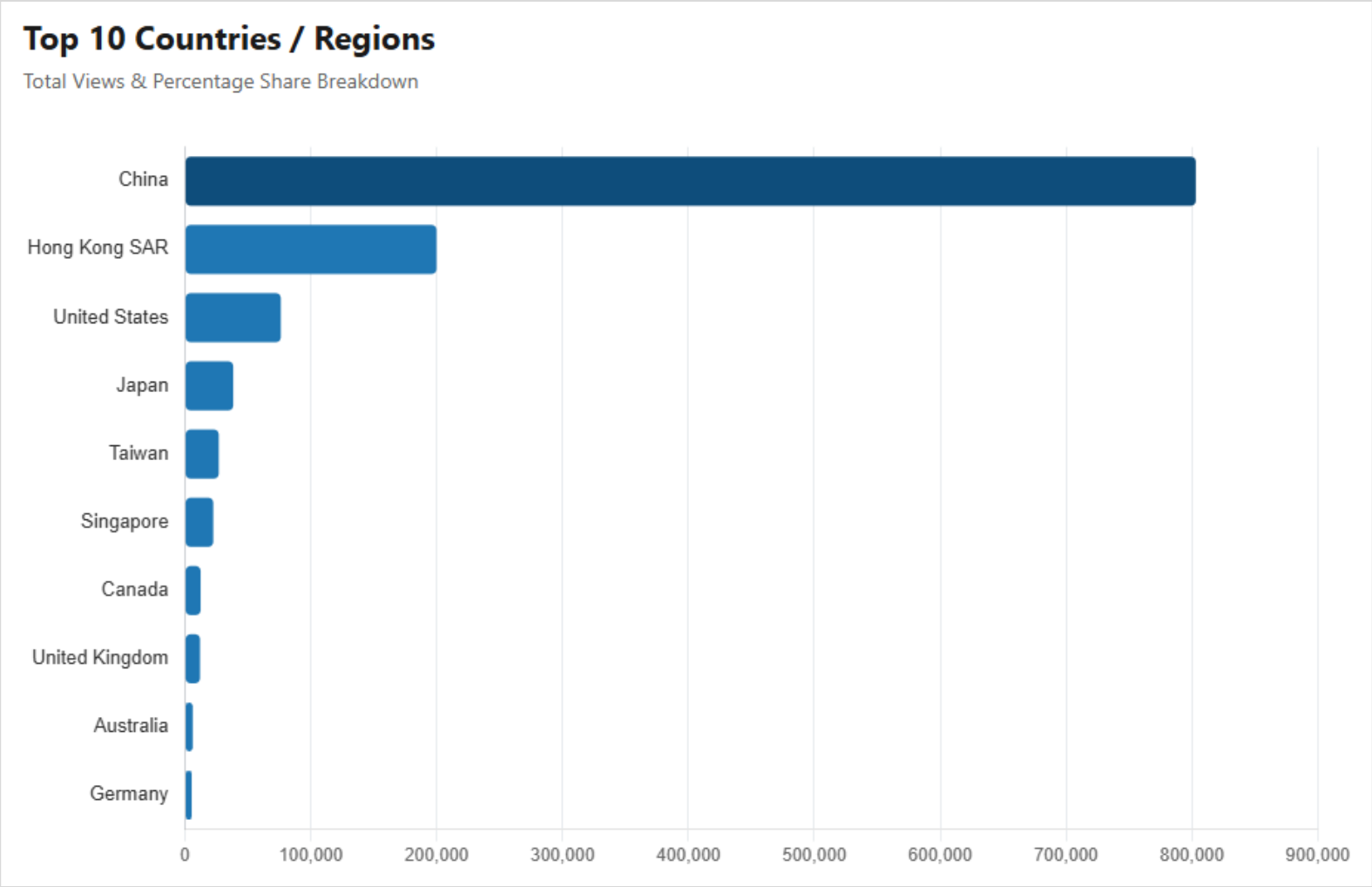


Open Books@CUHK Library Search



Open Books@CityU LibraryFind

Quantitative impact after 2-year launch

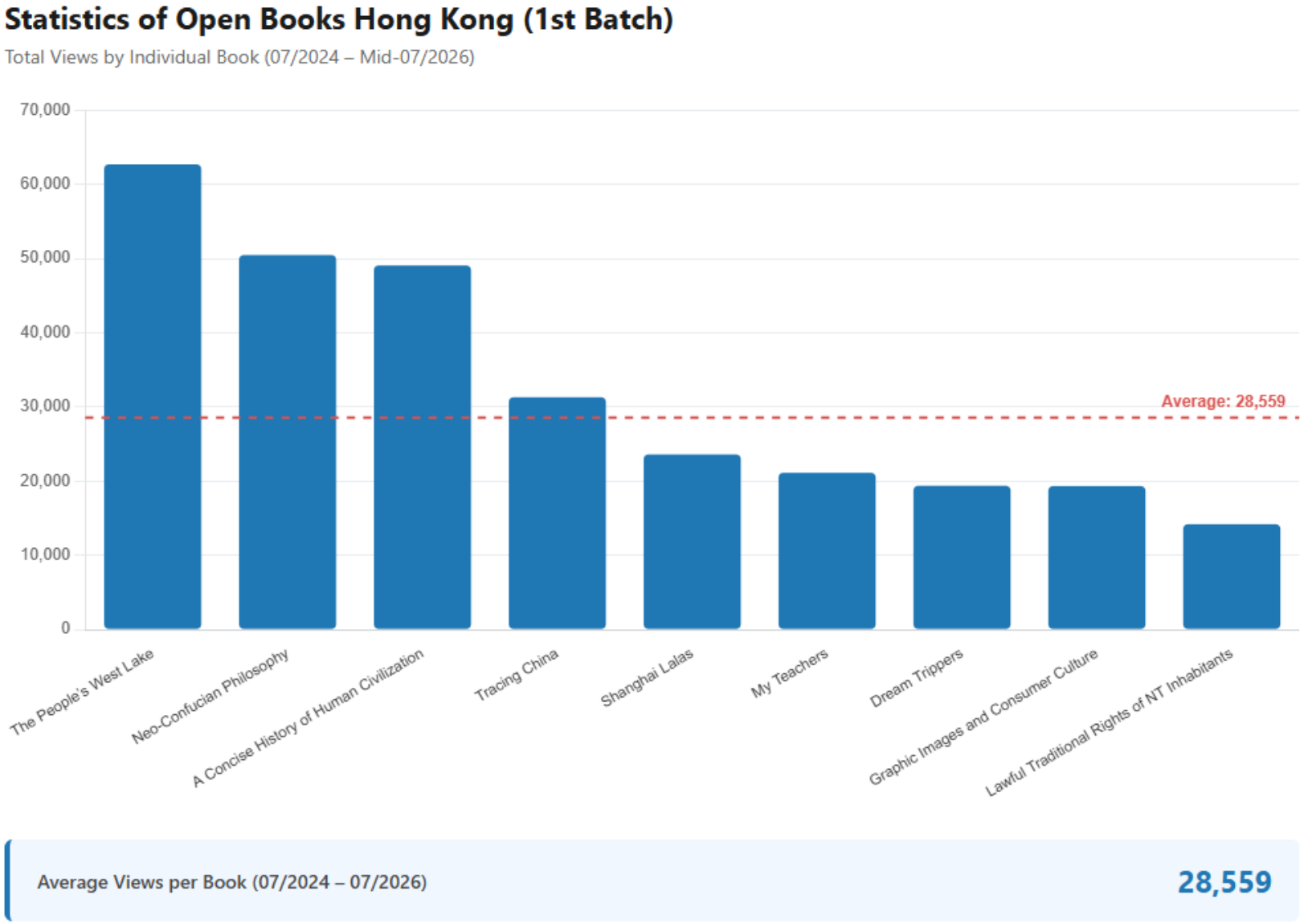


👥 **Visitors**
515,750 Visitors

👁️ **Views**
1.24 Million Page Views

🌍 **Global Reach**
190 Countries & Regions

Quantitative impact after 2-year launch



- **Severe Representation Gap:** Only 0.004% of DOAB open-access books are in Chinese.
- **Strong Initial Engagement:** Achieved 540,000+ views in Year 1.
- **Measurable Global Impact:** Indexing 45 OBHK titles boosted DOAB's Chinese OA representation to 0.065% (a 16x increase).

Transforming Journal Publishing at CUHK

Challenges in the Current Scholarly Publishing Landscape

1. **The Cost of Scholarly Communication**
   - Shifts financial burden to authors or institutions via high article processing charges (APCs).
   - Leads to above-inflation increases in publishing costs, making scholarly communication unsustainable for many institutions.
   - TAs designed to transition from subscription-based publishing to open access; have not delivered expected cost reductions or improved accessibility.
2. **Inefficiencies and Inequalities in Traditional Publishing Models**
   - Traditional publishing systems fail to keep pace with modern research needs in a digital landscape.
   - Encourages unethical practices such as:
     - Citation manipulation
     - Predatory publishing
     - Prioritizing quantity over quality
   - These issues undermine the integrity of scholarly work and contribute to a poor research environment.
3. **Perpetuating Inequalities**
   - Creates barriers for researchers in low- and middle-income countries, reinforcing economic inequalities.
   - Smaller institutions and independent researchers struggle to compete, exacerbating disparities in access and participation.

Core Strategic Pillars of Open Journals Hub

Diamond Open Access

Operates under a non-commercial Diamond OA model aligned with UNESCO guidelines. Completely free for both authors (zero APCs) and global readers with unrestricted access.

Bilingual & Regional Voice

Acts as a bridge connecting Chinese Mainland scholarship with global academia. Supports Traditional/Simplified Chinese, English, and bilingual publication formats.

Rigorous Governance

Overseen by an academic Steering Committee adhering strictly to COPE, OASPA, and DOAJ principles to guarantee peer-review integrity and editorial independence.

Open Journals Hub – Diamond OA Publishing

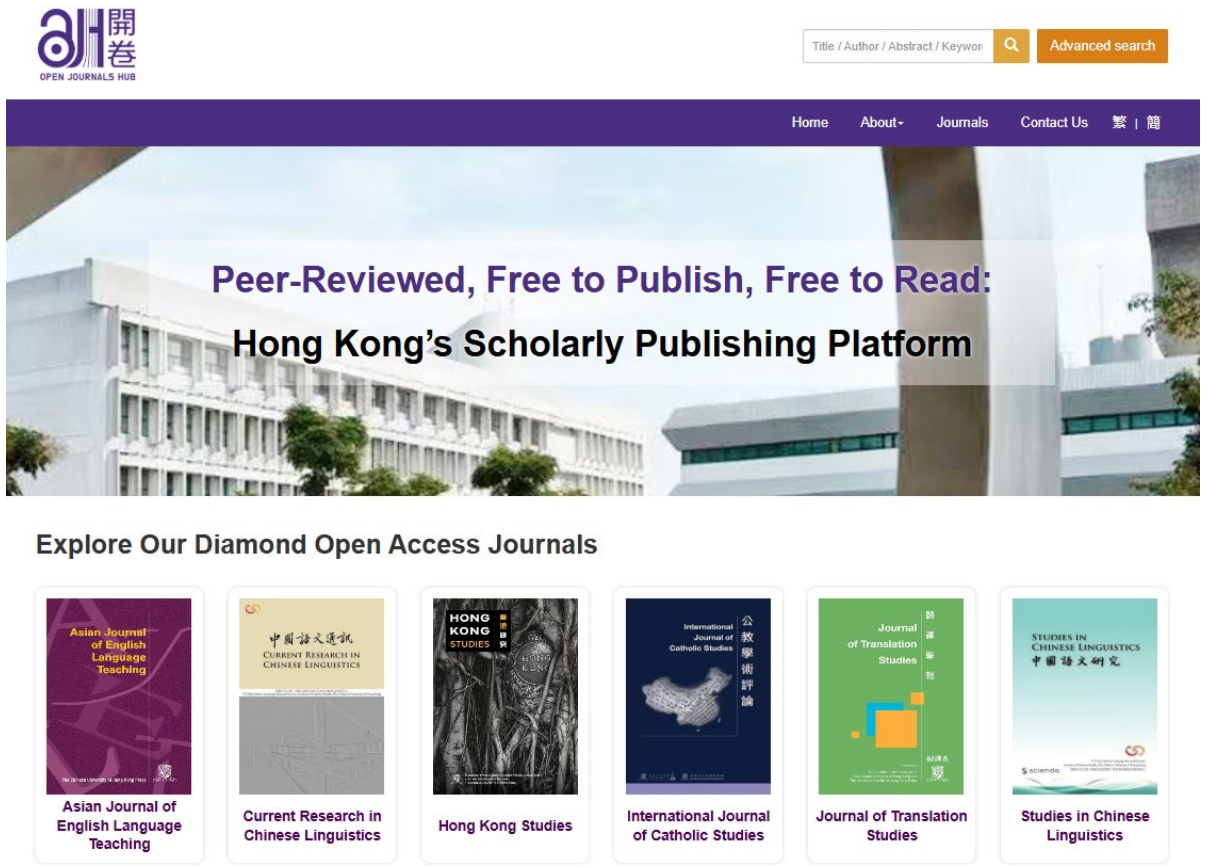
CUHK context:

- Bilingual institution, conducting research in both English and Chinese
- Long established research focus on Chinese language and culture

Project Aims:

To enable research in Humanities and Social Sciences produced in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China

- to have maximum impact for reasonable cost;
- to sustain academic quality assurance via peer review;
- at a scale commensurate with one of the largest research-producing regions in the world.



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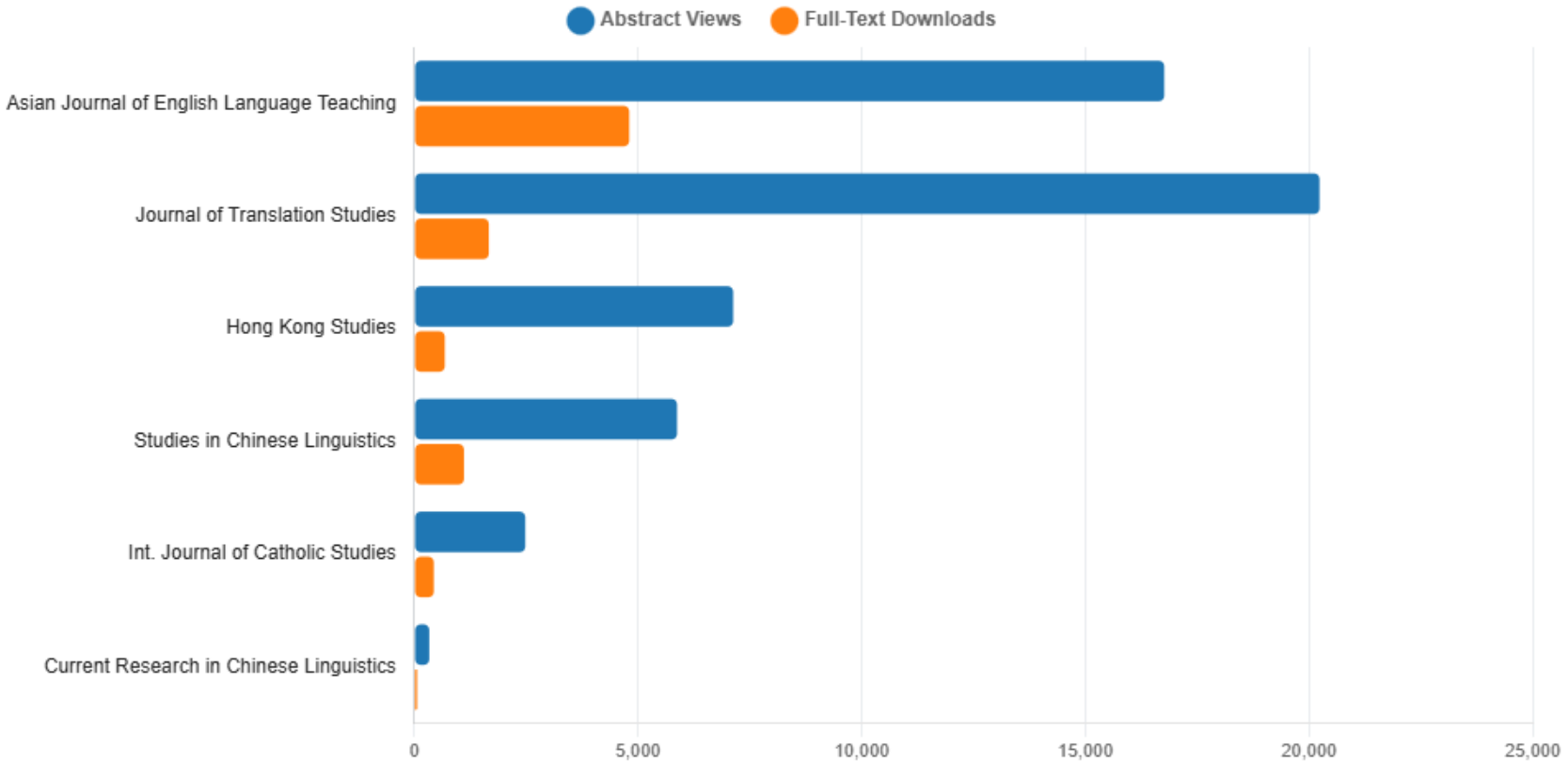
CUHK Library published a report detailing the project's vision and implementation strategy.

Open Journals Hub Half-Year Statistics

Open Journals Hub (OJH) Impact Performance

Half-Year Statistics Overview (as of June 2026)

TOTAL HOSTED ARTICLES	TOTAL ABSTRACT VIEWS	FULL-TEXT DOWNLOADS
678	52,806	8,747



Conclusion

- Open Access initiatives in Hong Kong are gaining momentum through collaborative efforts.
- OBHK has demonstrated strong impact with high viewership and downloads.
- Diamond OA Megajournal aims to support bilingual and Chinese research dissemination.
- Challenges remain in funding, infrastructure, and equitable access.
- Continued collaboration and innovation are essential for sustainable OA publishing.

Thank You!