

## The Cinta Library

CINTA (pronounced *tji-nta*) stands for 'Cultural Insight on Tropical Asia'. The **Cinta Library** is a private collection of books, images and other materials, including audio, specializing on India and South-east Asia (Tropical Asia). Focus is on the culture, mostly Indic, of this region of Asia.

The Library is accessible on appointment to any people interested in the subject. They may be researcher, student, historian, collector, journalist, artist. Books are normally not for loan, only reference. The library's e-mail is 1008@zipzap.ch. It is situated at chemin Frank-Thomas 62, CH – 1223 Coligny. The owner, Lek Jeanson, can be contacted for further information or appointments at +4176 211 1008.

The collection of books is constantly growing and is meant to be library-sized in the future, while remaining focused on its

theme. Books to be included in the collection are not adopted blindly but chosen, searched, selected and checked. They must be relevant to the library's themes, geographical and cultural coverage. They must be pleasant or at least useful. By pleasant we mean having photographs of quality or that the text content is in accordance with the subject. By useful we mean containing relevant information, eventually in good quantity, or neutral technical and historical facts. The idea is not to have this library mixed up or contaminated with other subject areas.

The present list shows an about 55 percent portion of the total number of books. It gives already an idea on the type of information you can expect to see in the **Cinta Library**. Pictorial information is considered as important as textual information, if not more.

On this list, books have been grouped as follows:

1. Music (mostly gamelan and related)
2. Dance, other stage arts
3. Wayang
4. Literature
5. Languages, writing systems
6. The kris
7. Khmer art, Cambodia
8. Cham art, Champa
9. History
10. Paintings and other illustrations of Indonesia
11. Ethnobotanic and ethnozoologic subjects
12. Bali
  - Unsorted section yet
  - It includes Indian and Southeast Asian art.
13. Borobudur
  - Unsorted section yet
  - It includes Indonesian sculpture and candi.
14. Bodily practices (yoga, medicine, martial arts, sexual practices)
15. Thought (mostly Indian and Chinese)

It is here that books about Buddhist or Hindu thought would come. But when I see books about Buddhism or Hinduism, I usually do not like them. So this group receives mostly thinkers like J. Krishnamurti and Osho.