Guide to the Mongolia Manuscript and Printing Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Mongolia Manuscript and Printing Collection
Dates: 1700s-1800s
Collection number: Printers Mss 47
Collection Size: 0.2 linear feet (1 oversize box).
Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections
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Abstract: Examples of manuscripts and printing from various sources.
Physical location: Del Sur Oversize
Languages: Mongolian, Tibetan

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Purchase, 2005.

Scope and Content Notes
This collection consists of a number of various items (mainly woodblock prints) that originated in Mongolia. Most of the items deal with aspects of Mongolian religious and cultural practices such as Buddhism, astrology, and music. The items are written in the Mongolian language and in some cases in Tibetan (possibly the Tibetan-based Phags-pa script that Kubilai Khan commissioned from a Tibetan Lama of that name in 1269 and used for official documents written in Mongolian during the Chinese Yuan Dynasty, 1279-1368). The descriptions below are based on those provided by the Mongolia-based seller.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Printing--Mongolia--History.
Buddhism--Mongolia.
Astrology, Mongolian
| Box 1: 1 | Mongolian Woodblock Prints, Buddhist pieces, 9 items, between 11 x 7 cm to 11 x 7 cm. Ca. 19th Century. |
| Box 1: 2 | Mongolian Ancient Manuscript Astrology pieces. Most have diagrams with old Mongol numerals and are written in the Tibetan language. There are 2 different astrology pieces. 19.5 x 6.5 cm and 17 x 5.5 cm., ca. 18th-19th Centuries |
| Box 1: 3 | Ancient Manuscript Buddhist Astrology Book, written in black Tibetan language [sic] on paper. 11 pages. Size, 20 x 6 cm., with damages to the edges. Ca. 19th century |
| Box 1: 4 | Ancient Mongolian Manuscript - Astrology, written in Tibetan language with diagrams in Old Mongolian numerals, 2 pieces, 18.5 x 6 cm., ca 19th century |
| Box 1: 4 | Ancient Mongolian Printed pieces of gods' pictures and mantra. There are 5 different pictures of various deities and several mantra pieces, printed on rice paper one side in Tibetan language. 17 x 6 cm. With damages to edges, ca. 19th (?) century |
| Box 1: 5 | Mongolia - woodblock book, 38 pages and 22 x 9 cm. |
| Box 1: 5 | Mongolian - manuscript, Mongolian ancient handwriting manuscript, 15 pages, 26 x 8 cm |
| Box 1: 5 | Mongolia - manuscript lot Mongolian ancient handwriting manuscript - old woodblock books - 7 items. n.d. |