CHANT (Chinese Ancient Texts) 漢達文庫

Summary: Developed by the Chinese University of Hong Kong, CHANT is so far the best database of early Chinese texts from the pre-Qin period to the Northern and Southern Dynasties. All texts were carefully collated and punctuated before being entered into the database. CHANT comprises 5 smaller databases, namely those of oracle bone texts (甲骨文), bronze inscriptions (金文), bamboo strip and silk book texts (竹簡帛書), pre-Qin and Han texts (先秦兩漢), and Wei, Jin, Northern, and Southern Dynasties texts (魏晉南北朝). The last two databases also have a print version (titled 先秦兩漢古籍逐字索引 and 魏晉南北朝古籍逐字索引 respectively) in about 60 volumes, which can be found in UM Asia Library’s reference area.

1. Enter CHANT from any computer with Internet access (off-campus users need to log in with their UM unique name and password).
2. Choose one of the five databases.
3. To do a search in the entire database, click on 檢索 in the menu bar. Input the search term (in traditional Chinese characters) in the box below 字串, then click on the 檢索 button.
4. To do a search in an individual work, first click on 書目索引 in the menu bar to get a full list of texts (arranged in the order of stroke numbers in the first title word), locate and click on the title you want, then click on 檢索 from the menu bar.