

ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2013

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1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library

The NDL is Japan's national library and also functions as the legislative reference library of the Diet (parliament). It has three main facilities: the Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan, and the International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL). The Kansai-kan marked its 10th anniversary in October 2012. In the ILCL an annex building is under construction to be completed in FY2015.

Mission and Objectives 2012-2016 (Vision 2012)

In July 2012, the NDL formulated "Mission and Objectives 2012-2016 (Vision 2012)," which replaces the earlier "Vision for the NDL's 60th anniversary." The Vision 2012 reaffirms the fundamental responsibility of the mission: "The National Diet Library extensively collects and preserves publications and other materials/information from inside and outside the country as a knowledge base and cultural infrastructure; assists the Diet and provides library services to the executive and judicial branches and the public; supports the creativity of the nation and contributes to the development of democracy." Additionally, the Vision 2012 sets six pillars of objectives: Support to the Diet, Acquisition and Preservation, Information Access, Collaboration and Cooperation, Archives of the Great East Japan Earthquake, and Administration. Its full text is available on our website <<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/mission2012.html>>. Now the staff members of the NDL are challenging several issues based on the "Strategic Goals" which come under the Vision 2012.

The Great East Japan Earthquake Archive

The Great East Japan Earthquake Archive was officially launched in March 2013.
(see *7. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums)*)

2. The reporting library's relationship to government, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library's operations

The NDL was established in 1948 by the National Diet based on Article 130 of the National Diet Law. The National Diet Library Law declares the ideal of the library's establishment in its preamble, "the National Diet Library is hereby established as a result of the firm conviction that truth makes us free and with the object of contributing to international peace and the democratization of Japan as promised in our Constitution." The National Diet Library Law also specifies in Article 2, "the National Diet Library shall collect books and other library materials for the purpose of assisting the members of the National Diet in the performance of their duties and also for the purpose of providing certain

library services as hereinafter specified for the executive and judicial agencies of the national government and for the people of Japan.”

3. Key facts and figures (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating budget, etc)

Collections (as of March 2013)	(Total) 39,430, 945 items	
	- Books	10,096,113 volumes
	- Serials (periodicals and newspapers)	15,407,485 items
Total number of digitized contents (as of May 2013)	2,250,000 volumes	
Number of staff (as of April 1, 2013)	890	
Annual budget (FY2013)	18.975 billion yen (approximately 237 million in USD, at average exchange rate of 2012)	

4. New developments in creating and building collections

In the rapidly developing digital environment, the NDL is working hard to deploy library services most appropriate to this new era. One pressing need, among others, is to gather various digital information as well as conventional printed materials, and to build a system which makes them available for future use. As a step forward, privately published free online publications will be collected institutionally from July 2013, enabled by the amendment of the National Diet Library Law in June 2012. The NDL will also work on preparing a long-awaited scheme to acquire privately-published, commercially-available (i.e. priced) online publications.

5. New developments in managing collections

The NDL introduced a new integrated library system in January 2012. This system functions as a foundation for more efficient collection management as well as a control system for the on-site services.

6. New developments in providing access to collections

Digitized contents

The NDL has been digitizing its holdings. As of May 2013, some 2,250,000 items are digitized in total and available on the premises, of which copyright-cleared some 470,000 items are released on the Internet.

To make the most of NDL’s digitized contents, out-of-print items will start to be transmitted to public and university libraries in Japan. Users can access and copy them in a public or university library close to their residence. This is enabled by the amendment of the Copyright Law of Japan in June 2012, which comes in force in January 2013. The service is to be launched in January 2014 after the system development.

Sound data have been already transmitted to public libraries. Since last year the NDL has been providing the Historical Recordings Collection consisting of sound sources in Japanese 78rpm records from the early 1900s to around 1950 digitized by the Historical Records Archive Promotion Conference (HiRAC). A trial service to deliver data began in January 2012 and came into fully-

fledged service in July. The number of contents has been increased; 39,000 sources can be heard in public libraries as of the end of 2012.

Joining VIAF

As an international movement, the NDL has been participating in VIAF (Virtual International Authority File) from October 2012. Over 960,000 of the NDL's authority data including personal names, corporate names, family names and uniform titles are provided in VIAF. In addition, Web NDL Authorities exchanged links with VIAF in December.

RSS Feeds for the Japanese National Bibliography

Since January 2013, the NDL has been providing RSS feeds for the Japanese National Bibliography (including domestic publications collected by the legal deposit system and foreign publications written in Japanese) through the NDL Search.

Agreement with the OCLC on providing JAPAN/MARC(S) and Japanese Periodicals Index Data

The NDL has been providing bibliographic records through the OCLC since 2010. The latest agreement enlarges the objects to JAPAN/MARC(Serials) and Japanese Periodicals Index Data.

7. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums)

Great East Japan Earthquake Archive

In March 2013, the Great East Japan Earthquake Archive - a portal co-developed with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications - was finally released to the public. It enables integrated search and access including videos, pictures and websites uploaded by various broadcasters, newspaper publishers, research institutes and libraries. In collaboration with a variety of organizations including the private sector, along with both national/local governments, and research institutions inside/outside Japan, the NDL has made an utmost effort to improve the system and to collect all the records on the unprecedented disaster. In September 2011, the Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University and the NDL signed a cooperative agreement for digital archives of the earthquake. Under the agreement, the NDL has provided metadata on Japanese websites relating to the earthquake to the Institute, and has been allowed unlimited access to the institute's Digital Archive of Japan's 2011 Disasters. The NDL has been expected to play a pivotal role in nationally important duties: harvesting and preserving such records, and utilizing them for reconstruction, all in cooperation with other institutions.

Great East Japan Earthquake Reconstruction Assistance

The NDL supports restoration of the affected library materials including the rescue programs organized by the Agency for Cultural Affairs for cultural properties affected by the Earthquake. Other examples include conservation treatment for local documents of the 17th-19th century affected by the tsunami, which is designated as Iwate prefectural cultural property. The work was started in 2012 based on a request from the Iwate Prefectural Board of Education, and will be continued until September 2014. Progress of the conservation project is posted on the Facebook page (in Japanese). < <http://www.facebook.com/yoshidakeshufuku> >

The NDL also greatly contributed to the research conducted by the NAIIIC (The National Diet of Japan Fukushima Nuclear Accident Independent Investigation Commission) established on December 8, 2011 by dispatching highly professional researchers and providing various information, culminating in the submission of its final report to both Houses of the Diet on July 5, 2012.