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Name of Country: JAPAN

Name of Library: National Diet Library

Name of Chief Executive: Makoto NAGAO

ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2008

Please provide an overview of national developments since your last report including highlights and issues of relevance to CDNL members. Please do not include images in the reports. You may include URL links to images on your website. Please keep reports to 500 words or less.

Nagao Vision

The National Diet Library (NDL) formulated its new vision in November 2007: [Vision for the NDL's 60th anniversary](#), called "Nagao Vision" after our Librarian's name. This vision subsumed NDL Vision 2004 and sets seven goals under the slogan: "Through knowledge we prosper." More concrete goals and service standards have been set up and evaluated every year to achieve the vision.

CDNLAO meeting and the 60th anniversary

The NDL will host the CDNLAO meeting in October 2008 with the participation of directors of national libraries in Asia and Oceania, followed by an open seminar which gives information about national libraries in these regions. To celebrate its 60th anniversary in the year 2008, the NDL will also hold several events such as a symposium, an exhibition and lecture meetings including one commemorating the anniversary of the branch library system. As this year also marks the 60th anniversary of the legal deposit system, we set May 25 as the Day of the Legal Deposit System and held an open discussion meeting to better inform the general public of the legal deposit, and are conducting public relations activities through the year.

PORTA and digital library services

In October 2007, NDL officially launched a web archive portal called "[PORTA](#)." It provides integrated search for and direct access to the digital contents in the 13 databases of other cooperating institutions as well as the NDL's 12 databases. Search requests can also be made from systems outside through the application program interface equipped in the PORTA system. The NDL Digital Archiving System, NDL's future infrastructure of digital information, is now being developed aiming at full-scale operation in FY2009. For the web archiving, for which the Web ARchiving Project (WARP) is currently in operation, the NDL seeks the necessary legislation. To enhance coordination relating to digital information with other institutions, we formulated and published the NDL metadata standards.

Cooperation with domestic libraries and library associations

The NDL supports and cooperates with other libraries/institutions in many ways. National union catalogues and the Collaborative Reference Database System have been developed in cooperation with many libraries. The Current Awareness Portal, which plays a certain role in providing library-related information, continues to enhance its functions. The NDL is also keeping a close relationship with library associations and it co-hosted their annual conferences in 2007 and 2008.

Policy for creating and providing bibliographic data

As the sole national library, NDL has been contributing to other domestic libraries by providing bibliographic information of publications issued in Japan. Responding to the change of the information environment, we formulated and published a policy for creating and providing bibliographic data for the next five years from 2008.

Amendment of the Library Law

On June 11, 2008, the Library Law, which covers mainly public libraries, was partially amended in accordance with the amendment of the Social Education Law. Articles about efforts to be made for staff training, evaluation and information provision on library management were added, and some other revisions were made.

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