

COUNTRY REPORTS - JAPAN

Library Administration

(1) Library Organisational Structure

(i.e) Number of

- Library Councils/ Associations/Foundations

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Associations | 11 |
| Councils | 16 |
| Learned societies | 11 |
| Study groups, etc. | 20 |

- Public Libraries 2,711
- Academic Libraries 1,651
- Special/Private Libraries 1,105
- Government Libraries 183

References: Statistics on Libraries in Japan 2002

Directory of Special Libraries, Japan 2000

(2) New Libraries that are being built (av. Annually, how many last FY)

New libraries built in 2001:

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Public Libraries | 68 |
| Academic Libraries | 34 |

Reference: Library Year Book 2002

(3) General Trend of visitorship and membership

(4) New Features incorporated into Libraries (eg. Coffee Clubs, Book Clubs)

Collection Profile

- Total volume of collection at the national level (as of 2002)

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Public Libraries | 310,165,000 |
| Academic Libraries | 280,726,000 |
| Special/Private Libraries | Approximately 27,901,000 (as of 2000) |
| Government Libraries | Approximately 10,551,000 (as of 2000) |
| National Diet Library | 7,685,409 (as of March 2001, books only) |

References:

Statistics on Libraries in Japan 2002

Directory of Special Libraries, Japan 2000

Annual Report of the National Diet Library (FY2001)

- Unique Collections/Rare Collections (describe)

Major collections of the National Diet Library:

Modern Political and Constitutional History

The NDL in its stock has a collection of historical documents helping to trace the development of Japanese modern politics in and after the latter half of the 19th century. Comprising approximately 300,000 items of documents, the collection includes the diaries, letters, draft memorandums and other writings of statesmen (for example, Hirobumi Ito, Sanetomi Sanjo, Tomomi Iwakura), diplomats (Munemitsu Mutsu), military personnel (Makoto Saito, Masatake Terauchi), government administrators, industrialists.

Materials concerning Postwar Occupation of Japan

An NDL collection of records, reports and other materials held by the Allied Occupation Forces after W.W.II. The mainstay are the some 30 million pages of documents prepared by GHQ and SCAP (General Headquarters and Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers) and held by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. Also included are the documents of the Far Eastern Commission and the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey Team. All of the documents in this collection are stored in microfilms.

Laws and Parliamentary Records

In this genre, the NDL has Japan's largest collection consisting of 370,000 items (170,000 Japanese and 200,000 overseas) of Diet proceedings and other parliamentary documents collected from about 70 countries and regions, and official gazettes, statutes, judicial precedents and treaties obtained from about 150 countries and regions.

Science and Technology related

The National Diet Library has acquired and made available about 2.8 million titles in microfilms and 530,000 titles in books and booklets of Publication Board reports, nuclear power reports, foreign doctoral dissertations, academic society proceedings and reports, technical standards, etc. Some of these materials are not available from May to October, 2002 because of transfer from the Tokyo Main Library to the Kansai-kan.

Map Collection

The NDL has about 400,000 maps of Japan and foreign countries, including Japan's official topographic, geological maps and hydrographic charts produced in the Meiji Period up to the present and topographic maps of foreign countries. In addition, there is a collection of 29,000 residence zone maps.

Musical Materials

As copies of phonographic records produced in Japan are deposited with the National Diet Library, it now has a stock of about 400,000 records.

Foreign Books about Japan

As with the former Imperial Library, one of the NDL's important activities is to collect foreign writings on Japan. Particularly notable in the collection of this genre are the reports on Japan written by the first Christian missionaries who visited Japan during the 16th century.

Rare Books and Old Materials

The stock of the National Diet Library includes the old Japanese writings of the Edo Period or earlier that were inherited from the former Imperial Library. The major collections in the possession of the NDL are:

"The Tokugawa Shogunate Succession Documents"

- The mainstay of this 6,000-item collection are the records produced by the Town Magistrates' Offices. Other documents include the records of the Supreme Court of the Shogunate and the Commissioners of Shrines and Temples, and documents on the succession of the Tokugawa Shogunate government.

"The Ito Bunko, The Shirai Bunko"

- These two collections comprise a combined total of about 8,000 handwritten and block-printed books produced from the Edo to the Meiji Periods on the subject of "honzo" or medicinal herbs.

"The Shinjo Bunko"

- This is a collection of 11,000 items of old writings on astronomy and calendars. * The NDLcollection of old Chinese books is particularly noted for its documents of the Ch'ing dynasty era, genealogical records, and local histories.

Reference: National Diet Library website < http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/outline_7.html >

- **Bibliographies and Indexes Published**

Bibliographies and indexes published by the National Diet Library (as of February 2003):

- **(1) Catalog of Books**

- **Book Catalog**

- Japanese National Bibliography Weekly List

- National Diet Library Catalog Meiji Period

- National Diet Library Catalog Taisho Period

- Ueno Library, Branch of the National Diet Library, Catalog of Old Japanese and Chinese Materials (January 1943-March 1949)

- National Diet Library Catalog 1926 - March 1949: Old Books

- National Diet Library Catalog 1986 - 1990

- National Diet Library Catalog 1991 - 1995

- Catalog of children's books in the National Diet Library

- National Diet Library Catalog of Foreign Books, 1948-1986

- National Diet Library Catalog of Foreign Books, 1991-1995

- National Diet Library Catalog of Foreign Books

- **Magnetic Tape**

- JAPAN/MARC(M) [Japanese National Bibliography (Books)] (1977-)

- JAPAN/MARC MT Meiji Period

- JAPAN/MARC MT Taisho Period

- JAPAN/MARC MT Children's Books Retrospective Edition (1912-76)

- JAPAN/MARC MT Retrospective Edition (1925-March 1949)

- JAPAN/MARC MT Retrospective Edition (1948-1955)

- JAPAN/MARC MT Retrospective Edition (1956-1968)

- JAPAN/MARC MT Retrospective Edition (1969-1976)

- **CD-ROM**

- J-BISC [Japanese National Bibliography (Books)] Current Edition (1996-)

- NDL CD-ROM Line: National Diet Library Catalog Meiji Period

- NDL CD-ROM Line: National Diet Library Catalog Taisho Period

- NDL CD-ROM Line: The National Diet Library Catalog 1926 - March 1949

- J-BISC Retrospective Edition '48 (1948-1968)

- J-BISC Retrospective Edition '69 (1969-1983)

- J-BISC Retrospective Edition '84 (1984-1991)

- J-BISC General Index Edition (1948-1996)

- **DVD-ROM**

- J-BISC DVD version

- **(2) Catalog of Serials**

- **Book Catalog**

- National Diet Library Catalog of Japanese Serials 1997

- **Magnetic Tape**

- JAPAN/MARC(S) [Japanese National Bibliography (Serials)]

- **CD-ROM**

- NDL CD-ROM Line: National Diet Library Catalog of Serials 2000 (UNIMARC format)

- **(3) Japanese Periodicals Index**

Book Catalog

Japanese Periodicals Index (Humanities and Social Science): Cumulative Index 1985-1989

Magnetic Tape

National Diet Library Japanese Periodicals Index MT

CD-ROM

NDL CD-ROM Line: Japanese Periodicals Index

DVD-ROM

National Diet Library Japanese Periodicals Index DVD-ROM version 1948-2001

Special Bibliographies

Index to Japanese Laws and Regulations in Force

Bibliography on English-translated Texts of Japanese Laws and Regulations

General Index to the Debates 136th-139th Diet

Catalog of statutes and parliamentary documents of foreign countries 1987

Catalog of archives transferred from the Tokugawa shogunate

Illustrated catalog of the movable type editions held in the National Diet Library

Index of National Diet Library Catalog of Chinese Books

Catalog of bulletins and supplements to collected works

Catalog of materials on Japan in western languages in the National Diet Library 1976-1986

Catalog of translated literature, Meiji/Taisho/Showa periods

Bibliography on women's problems

Index to materials on modern political figures of Japan in the National Diet Library

Accession list - Chinese and Korean language publications

National Diet Library Catalog of Asian Language Serials 1995

National Diet Library Catalog of Maps: Foreign Countries (13)

Catalog of maps of Korea in the National Diet Library

Directory of Japanese Scientific Periodicals 1997

Catalog of Conference Proceedings in Science and Technology collected by the National Diet Library

Annual List of Foreign Scientific and Technical Publications

National Diet Library Catalog of Foreign Books on Library and Information Science

NDL CD-ROM Line: National Union Catalog of Braille and Recorded Books

Union List of Reduced, Microfilmed and Reprinted Newspapers in Japan

National Diet Library Catalog of Doctoral Dissertations

Catalog of the Ashihara Collection in National Diet Library

Reference: National Diet Library website < http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/publication/pub_index.html >

• **National Databases**

a) Web-accessible NDL databases and information services:

National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog (NDL-OPAC)

NDL Asian Language Materials OPAC

Japanese National Bibliography Weekly List

Books on Japan

Database Navigation Service (Dnavi)

Directory of Japanese Scientific Periodicals

Reference: National Diet Library website < <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/data/opac.html> >

b) National Union Catalog Network (mainly for public libraries)

The NDL is the host for the National Union Catalog Network. It shares a merged database of Japanese books acquired by major public libraries and the NDL. As libraries of city, ward, town and village have newly

joined the Network since October 2001, the participating libraries amount to 724, among which 43 libraries supply their library records (as of February 2003).

Reference: National Diet Library website < http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/library/backlist_network.html >

e) Services provided by the National Institute of Informatics (mainly for academic libraries):

- NACSIS Webcat: Retrieval service for NACSIS-CAT Databases on World Wide Web
- GeNii: Global Environment for Networked Intellectual Information
- NACSIS-DiRR: Directory of Research Activities and Resources
- Scitem: Online Scientific Terms
- NACSIS-IR: Information Retrieval Service
- NACSIS-ELS: NACSIS-Electronic Library Service
- NII Academic Society HomeVillage
- The Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture, White Paper Database

Reference: National Institute of Informatics website < <http://www.nii.ac.jp/service-e.html> >

Infrastructure

- Dedicated Library Networks in the country
- Connectivity at the National level – broadband cable, VSAT (etc)

Services

Update on the state of

- Reference Services (any new initiatives, etc)
- Lending Services

Volumes lent out: (as of FY 2001)

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Public Libraries | 557,969,000 |
| Academic Libraries | 28,374,000 |
| Government Libraries | 205,177 |
| National Diet Library | 35,184 |

- National Bibliographic (Agency) Services

Provision of the national bibliography

“Japanese National Bibliography” is available on the NDL website

<http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/publication/jnbwl/jnb_top.html>. It is published weekly on the Internet and covers books, serials and electronic publications. It will cover maps, audio-visual materials and Asian materials published in Japan after FY2003.

- Reading promotion
- Information Literacy Programmes
- Digital Library Services

Digital Library services and projects of the NDL:

- The following online catalogs, bibliography and databases are available on the NDL website.

< <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/index.html>>

NDL-OPAC (National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog) < <http://opac.ndl.go.jp/> > covers books, serials and newspapers in Japanese and Western languages, Japanese Periodical Index, Japanese doctoral dissertations, digital resources, standards, technical reports, etc. Registered users can request online copying service.

NDL Asian Language Materials OPAC<http://asiaopac.ndl.go.jp/index_e.html > covers Asian books and periodicals.

Japanese National Bibliography Weekly List (see “National Bibliographic (Agency) Services”)

Books on Japan < http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/books_on_japan/boj_top_E.html > provides bibliographic information of books on Japan in Western languages processed by the National Diet Library (NDL) in and after 2002 on a quarterly basis.

The Directory of Japanese Scientific Periodicals Database covers serials on science and technology edited and published by organizations operating in Japan.

Full-Text Database System for the Minutes of the Diet <<http://kokkai.ndl.go.jp/>> offers search and full-text display of debates in the plenary sessions and committee meetings of both Houses since the 1st session (May, 1947).

Rare Books Image Database provides colorful images from the collections of the NDL published mostly in the Edo Period. Image data can be searched and viewed for enjoyment.

Digital Library from the Meiji Era is an image database of the books published in the Meiji era held by the NDL.

Electronic Exhibition includes “Rare Books of the National Diet Library”, “Nippon in the World”, “NDL Gallery”, “The Japanese Calendar”, etc.

- The NDL is conducting the following two test projects:

Dnavi (Database Navigation Service) help users to find databases on the Internet.

WARP (Web Archiving Project) collects and preserves websites and online periodicals on the Internet as cultural heritage.

- Inter-library loan and Exchange services
NDL holdings are available from overseas through university libraries or other community libraries by the interlibrary loan service, provided under some conditions.
The guideline on how to apply for the international loan service is on the NDL website.
< <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/service/oversea/index.html> >
- Special Services – (eg. Disadvantaged, etc)

Training

- Number of Professional Librarians (as of 2002)

| | | |
|--------------------|--|-------|
| Public Libraries | full-time librarian | 7,474 |
| | full-time staff | 7,810 |
| | concurrent librarian | 131 |
| | concurrent staff | 1,129 |
| | part-time librarian | 2,928 |
| | part-time staff | 3,070 |
| | temporary librarian | 1,795 |
| | temporary staff | 3,970 |
| Academic Libraries | full-time staff (including librarians) | 7,809 |

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------|
| | concurrent staff (including librarians) | 1,483 |
| | part-time staff (including librarians) | 2,271 |
| | temporary staff (including librarians) | 2,847 |
| Government Libraries | full-time staff (including librarians) | 153 |
| | concurrent staff (including librarians) | 92 |
| National Diet Library | full-time staff (including librarians) | 830 |

References: Statistics on Libraries in Japan 2002

Annual Report of the National Diet Library (FY2001)

- Number of library training schools
Number of schools that have courses for librarians and for teacher librarians: (as of FY2002)

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| For librarians | 14 |
| For teacher librarians | 76 |

Reference: Library Year Book 2002

- Major training initiatives

Copyright

- Number of Copyright/IPR Watchdogs or Associations 59
(According to “Chosakuken Jiten” published in 1999, edited by Copyright Research and Information Center)
- Number of Copyright Clearance Centres 4
- Major changes in the Copyright/IPR laws impacting libraries

Others

The National Diet Library in 2002

The National Diet Library (NDL) had been based in Nagata-cho, Tokyo. However, in 2002, following the establishment of the Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library (Kyoto) and the reorganization in April, the full opening of the International Library of Children’s Literature (Ueno, Tokyo) in May and the opening of the Kansai-kan in October, the NDL started to operate three facilities, namely, the Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library and the International Library of Children’s Literature.

In October 2002 the website of the NDL was fully revised. The NDL also promoted digital library services in this year, including the provision of NDL-OPAC with requesting function and Digital Library from the Meiji era on the Internet.

Basic plan for the promotion of reading activities for children drawn up

Law on the Promotion of Reading Activities for Children was promulgated and put into force in December 2001. In response to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Law, the basic plan for the promotion of reading activities for children was decided by a cabinet meeting in August 2002. This plan describes basic directions and practical policies for fiscal years 2002 to 2006.

Reference: TOSHOKAN ZASSHI (The Library Journal) Vol. 96 No. 12 (December 2002)