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## **1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS**

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). To be ready for the complete fill-up of the stacks both in the Tokyo Main Library and the Kansai-kan expected at the end of FY2017, approximately 22 million yen was appropriated to the second stage of the Kansai-kan construction for a three-year project to explore and design. In the ILCL, an annex building is under construction to be completed in FY2015.

### Mission and Objectives 2012-2016 (Vision 2012)

The staff members of the NDL continuously make efforts to achieve "Mission and Objectives 2012-2016 (Vision 2012)" and "Strategic Goals" which come under the Vision 2012. Those full texts are available on <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/mission2012.html>.

### E-legal deposit of online publications started

On July 1, 2013, the e-legal deposit of online publications started based on the National Diet Library Law revised in June 2012.

(see 4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS)

### Transmission of out-of-print items to public and university libraries in Japan

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.

(see 6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS)

## **2. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT**

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

Collections (as of March 2013)	(Total) 39,430, 946 items	
	- Books	10,096,114 volumes
	- Serials (periodicals and newspapers)	15,407,485 items
Total number of digitized contents (as of November 2013)	(Total) 2,280,000 volumes	
	- Number of in-library use only items	1,810,000 items
	- Number of items available on the Internet	470,000 items
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

On July 1, 2013, the e-legal deposit of online publications started based on the National Diet Library Law revised in June 2012. This obliges publishers in Japan to deposit online publications in the private sector including e-books and e-magazines with the National Diet Library (NDL) in order to contribute to the accumulation and utilization of cultural properties in accordance with the legal deposit system. For the near term, charge-free online publications without Digital Rights Management (DRM) are under the obligation. The NDL will also work on preparing a long-awaited scheme to acquire privately-published, commercially-available (i.e. priced) online publications.

In collecting doctoral dissertations produced in Japan in cooperation with the degree conferring universities or other institutions, the NDL finally started to acquire electronic copies of doctoral dissertations in April 2013.

Under the “Basic Policy for Digitization of National Diet Library's Collections” and “Basic Plan for Digitization of National Diet Library's Collections” formulated in FY 2013, the NDL has been digitizing its holdings. The full text of the “Basic Policy for Digitization of National Diet Library's Collections” is available on [http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/digitization\\_policy.html](http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/digitization_policy.html).

Besides, the NDL works hard to make its collection fuller and richer. For example, the NDL accepted nearly 27,000 TV and radio scripts donated by the Consortium for Promoting Scripts Archives in Japan. Those materials will be available after being catalogued.

## **5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGING COLLECTIONS**

### RDA application

As a descriptive cataloging standard that applies to foreign materials, AACR2 was replaced by RDA (Resource Description and Access) from April 2013.

### New Nippon Cataloging Rules (NCR)

The NDL is now working to revise the New Nippon Cataloging Rules (NCR) in cooperation with the Japan Library Association in order to establish bibliographic data standards mainly based on "Resource Description and Access (RDA)" which conform to characteristic features of materials and digital information. The new NCR is scheduled to be published in FY2017.

## **6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS**

### Digitized contents

Out-of-print item transmission service to public and university libraries in Japan will be officially launched in January 2014. This will allow users to access and copy them in a public or university library close to their residence, though only within the scope of the Copyright Law.

### "The ideal method of the NDL's reference services in the future"

To construct a library-wide standardized system for reference services, as well as to improve service quality, the NDL formulated "The ideal method of the NDL's reference services in the future" in April 2013, which provides that the NDL will generate and provide further knowledge contents based on its collections, and then connect them organically with Q&A type reference services.

### 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 with the OCLC enlarges the data range to JAPAN/MARC (Serials) and Japanese Periodicals Index Data.

### Services for print-impaired people

In September 2011, the NDL joined as a full member the membership network "Sapie," which aims to provide information for visually handicapped people. Since the following month, the NDL has been uploading the sound DAISY materials produced by the NDL to the "Sapie Library," one of the options provided by Sapie for delivering sound DAISY and other materials via the Internet.

## **7. EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND OTHER NATIONAL COLLECTING INSTITUTIONS (LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS)**

### **7-1. Library cooperation in Japan**

#### 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. 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 will

continuously make an utmost effort to improve the system and to collect all the records on the unprecedented disaster.

#### 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 are 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) at

<http://www.facebook.com/yoshidakeshufuku>

#### NDL Lab

In May 2013, the NDL launched a new website “NDL Lab,” which seeks to provide experimental services in collaboration with outside experts. New services available on the website and users’ feedback are utilized for future development of a library system.

### **7-2. International library cooperation**

#### CDNLAO Newsletter

The NDL is responsible for the CDNLAO website and the CDNLAO Newsletter on behalf of the CDNLAO members. The CDNLAO Newsletter is published every four months to carry information from national libraries and other institutions in the Asia and Oceania region, in cooperation with editorial correspondents in the region.

#### Mutual visit programs

The NDL has carried out mutual visit programs with the National Library of China (NLC) since 1981 and with the National Library of Korea (NLK) since 1997, to deepen friendly relations and improve each other's library services. The programs contribute to promoting mutual understanding among national libraries and to collaboration in East Asia.

#### China-Japan-Korea Digital Library Initiative (CJKDLI)

In August 2010, the NDL concluded the China-Japan-Korea Digital Library Initiative (CJKDLI) agreement with the NLC and the NLK. This project, which started in 2007, aims to construct a framework to provide the integrated search and access to the cultural and scientific heritage of the three countries.

#### Other cooperation agreements

The NDL concluded bilateral cooperation agreements with the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Bahrain in March 2012 and with the Bibliothèque nationale de France in March 2013. Based on the agreements, the NDL will deepen cooperation with these libraries in the fields of digital libraries, preservation and conservation, online galleries, etc.

#### World Digital Library

The World Digital Library is a digital library project promoted by the Library of Congress and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), featuring

digital contents contributed by many institutions all over the world. The NDL provides images of rare books and other materials from its holdings.

**8. EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND PUBLISHERS IN YOUR COUNTRY/REGION**

The Legal Deposit System Council ("the Council") has been established as an advisory panel to the Librarian of the NDL, it consists of outside experts including some people related to publishers. The purpose of the Council is to contribute to the improvement and proper management of the legal deposit system. As of December 2013, deliberation of institutional acquisition of online materials published in the private sector is continuing in the Council and its examination's progress is explained in the meetings with publishers and related organizations.

Due to the increase in the number of digitized contents available on the Internet, the NDL receives more and more inquiries on the reproduction of items and others. So the NDL is now considering the rules of secondary use by publishers and other third parties of its digital collections.