

## Annual report of NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY, Japan

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### 1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT:

The National Diet Library (NDL) is the sole national library in Japan and also functions as the legislative reference library of the Diet (Japanese Parliament). The NDL was established pursuant to the National Diet Library Law under Article 130 of the Diet Law. This means that, unlike public libraries and university libraries in Japan which fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the NDL is part of the Diet. Further details are available on the NDL Website: <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/outline/purpose.html>.

### 2. FACTS AND FIGURES:

Established	1948	
Budget for FY2015	20,035,121,000 yen	
Permanent staff (as of April, 2015)	888	
Size of library collection (as of March, 2015)	41,074,863 items in total	
	Books	10,534,602 volumes

	Serials (periodicals and newspapers)	16,501,384 items
Digitized content (as of October, 2015)	2,490,000 items in total	
	Number of in- library use only items	625,000 items
	Number of items available on the internet	495,000 items
Visitors (FY2014)	694,209 visitors Tokyo Main Library: 530,684 visitors Kansai-kan: 61,157 visitors International Library of Children's Literature: 102,368 visitors	
Website (FY2014)	21,225,247 page views	
Document supply service (FY2014)	Interlibrary loan: 9,267 volumes Remote copy: 257,497 requests	

### 3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:

#### Renovation of the ILCL

The NDL is carrying out a major renovation of the International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL). (See Section 6.)

#### Second phase construction at the Kansai-kan

It is estimated that the stacks in both the Tokyo Main Library and the Kansai-kan will be full by the end of FY2019. The NDL is now planning to expand its stacks through the addition of new facilities at the Kansai-kan. The NDL made an obligation authority request to carry out the construction during the period from FY2016 to FY2019 and a budget appropriations request for construction to be performed during FY2016.

#### Mission and Objectives 2012–2016 (Vision 2012) and the Strategic Goals

The NDL continues to fulfill its Mission and Objectives 2012–2016 and Strategic Goals (full-text available in the NDL website: <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/mission2012.html>).

### 4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING AND MANAGING COLLECTIONS:

In expanding the scope of digital resources to be acquired under the legal deposit system, the NDL will carry out an experimental project in close collaboration with domestic publishers to collect online publications that are either available for purchase or protected by DRM from December 2015 to January 2020.

**5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS:**

By the end of FY2015, the NDL will have digitized around 70,000 volumes on local history, geography, statistics, white papers, and other documents for the purpose of the enhancement of the nation's ability to respond to disasters.

The Digitized Contents Transmission Service for Libraries provides digitized images of nearly 1,380,000 out-of-print items held by the NDL to more than 600 libraries in Japan. Details are available in the NDL Newsletter: [http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/ndl\\_newsletter/202/20207.html](http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/publication/ndl_newsletter/202/20207.html).

**6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER SERVICES:**

Renovation of the ILCL

A three-story annex building was newly completed in June 2015, equipped with underground stacks capable of storing approx. 650,000 volumes, and a Researchers' Reading Room. The existing building will be renovated to house a Museum, Teens' Research Room, Gallery of Children's Literature, and other facilities. The ILCL will again offer full-fledged services, once the renovation of the existing building is completed in March 2016.

Great East Japan Earthquake Archive

Five years after the disaster, the NDL acquires and provides information related to the earthquake and other natural disasters through the NDL Great East Japan Earthquake Archive (<http://kn.ndl.go.jp/node?language=en>). Videos of Diet sessions related to the earthquake were included to the archive in 2015. As of December 2015, the system includes 44 databases from 39 cooperating organizations, totaling approximately 3.1 million data items.

**7. NOTES ON YOUR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS IN YOUR COUNTRY:**

The NDL undertakes a variety of cooperative activities with other libraries, such as the Collaborative Reference Database and training programs for library staff.

**8. NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:**

CDNLAO Newsletter

The NDL is responsible for the CDNLAO Newsletter (<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/newsletter/>) and the CDNLAO website (<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/index.html>) on behalf of all CDNLAO members. The editorial staff is committed to publishing useful information for national libraries and other institutions in Asia and Oceania, in cooperation with editorial correspondents in the region.

Cooperation with neighboring countries

In 2015, the NDL hosted a mutual visit program between the NDL and National Library of China and the fifth (China-Japan-Korea Digital Library Initiative) CJKDLI meeting. The NDL also dispatched delegates to Korea for a mutual visit program among the NDL and National Library of Korea, and a mutual visit program between the National Diet Library, the National Assembly Library of

Korea, and the National Assembly Research Service. More information is available on the NDL website: <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/cooperation/operating.html>.

#### Other cooperation with national libraries, parliament libraries and other kinds of libraries

The NDL has developed cooperative relations with national libraries and parliament libraries based on bilateral agreements to deepen ties with these libraries in the fields of digital libraries, preservation and conservation, online galleries, etc.

- The NDL invited Mr. Roly Keating, Chief Executive of the British Library and held a lecture meeting on June 2, 2015.
- The NDL exchanged children's books with the National Library of Romania under a bilateral cooperation agreement concluded on June 17, 2014.
- The Research and Legislative Reference Bureau of the NDL dispatched its staff members to the National Assembly Library (NAL), Office of the National Assembly of Vietnam, in cooperation with the training project of the Japan International Cooperation Agency titled "Exchange Experience between Vietnam and Japan about Development of the Parliamentary Libraries." In August 2015, a delegation from the NAL, Office of the National Assembly of Vietnam, headed by Mr. Dang Van Chien, vice chairman, visited the NDL.

#### Asian Festival of Children's Content (AFCC) 2016

The AFCC 2016 to be held from May 25 to 29, 2016 in Singapore, will focus on Japan. The NDL is working together with the related organizations such as the Chihiro Art Museum toward a successful event.

#### World Digital Library (WDL)

As of November 2015, 104 items from the NDL are available at the WDL website at <https://www.wdl.org/en/institution/#national-diet-library>.

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