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Annual report of National Diet Library, Japan

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1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT:

The National Diet Library (NDL) was established pursuant to the National Diet Library Law under Article 130 of the Diet Law. It functions as the legislative research library of the Diet (Parliament) and also provides library services to the Japanese public. 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 FY2016	19,556,320,000 yen	
Permanent staff (as of April 2016)	888	
Size of library collection (as of March 2016)	41,881,649 items in total	
	Books	10,751,931 volumes
	Serials (periodicals and newspapers)	17,034,573 items
Digitized content	2,620,000 items in total	

(as of January 2017)	Number of items available on the premises of the NDL	620,000 items
	Number of items available on the Internet	500,000 items
Visitors (FY2015)	722,062 visitors Tokyo Main Library: 553,800 visitors Kansai-kan: 68,881 visitors International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL): 99,381 visitors	
Website (FY2015)	18,754,491 page views	
Document supply service (FY2015)	Interlibrary loan: 8,876 volumes Remote copy: 256,938 requests	

3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:

Renewal of the ILCL

In March 2016, the ILCL fully re-opened after undergoing a series of refurbishments including the completion of a new annex ("Arch Building") in 2015 and the launch of the Teens' Research Room and the Gallery of Children's Literature in February 2016.

New Librarian

On April 1, 2016, Sawako Hanyu, Ph.D. was appointed as the new Librarian, succeeding Mr. Noritada Otaki.

Second phase construction at the Kansai-kan

In September 2016, the second phase construction started at the Kansai-kan in Kyoto, western Japan.

Formulation of a new mid-term vision and milestone goals for 2017–2020

In December 2016, the NDL formulated "The National Diet Library Midterm Vision: Universal Access 2020," which replaces the earlier "Mission and Objectives 2012-2016," and "The National Diet Library Milestone Goals 2017–2020." The full text in English will be available on the NDL website.

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 is carrying 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:

Nippon Cataloging Rules (NCR)

The NDL is now cooperating with the Japan Library Association to revise the NCR and establish bibliographic data standards based primarily on Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR). The new NCR is scheduled to be published during FY2017.

Free Data Service

The NDL provides bibliographic and other kinds of data as open datasets (<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/standards/opendataset.html>). To promote utilization of these data, the NDL holds events such as the NDL Data Utilization Workshop: Making the websites of municipalities viewable in web archive (July 2016) and NDL Digital Library Cafe (November 2016).

Digitized Contents Transmission Service for Libraries

The NDL provides the Digitized Contents Transmission Service to public and university libraries in Japan. As of March 2017, digitized images of about 1,490,000 out-of-print items held by the NDL are available in more than 800 libraries in Japan. NDL will continue to expand this service with the aim of providing the service to libraries abroad.

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER SERVICES:

English Twitter

The NDL launched an English Twitter account in March 2016. Please follow us at https://twitter.com/ndljp_en

Renewal of the Music and Audio-Visual Materials Room

In January 2017, the Audio-Visual Materials Room was reopened, integrating the Electronic Resources Room.

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

Domestic Cooperation

The NDL has made efforts to form mutualistic relationship with domestic libraries. For example, the NDL annually holds conferences between the NDL Librarian and directors of prefectural and major municipal libraries and university libraries, and holds training programs taught by NDL staff about 50 times a year.

Supporting libraries in disaster-afflicted areas

The NDL provides support to disaster-afflicted libraries. In April 2016, the Kumamoto Earthquake struck libraries in the area. On the request of the Kumamoto Prefectural Library, their damaged materials were repaired by the NDL and returned to the library in January 2017.

Cooperation related to the NDL Great East Japan Earthquake Archive

The NDL is committed to cooperating with libraries in the affected prefectures and municipalities as it strives to enrich the contents of the NDL Great East Japan Earthquake Archives (<http://kn.ndl.go.jp>). The NDL holds an International Symposium on the Great East Japan Earthquake Archive every

year, in collaboration with the International Research Institute of Disaster Science at Tohoku University.

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 2016, the NDL hosted a mutual visit program between the National Library of Korea and another with the National Assembly Library of Korea and the National Assembly Research Service. The NDL also dispatched delegates to China for a mutual visit program between the NDL and the National Library of China. More information is available on the NDL website: <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/cooperation/operating.html>.

China-Japan-Korea Digital Library Initiative (CJKDLI)

The sixth CJKDLI meeting was held in December 2016 at the National Library of Korea. The three national libraries agreed to aim at the official release of the CJK Digital Library in September 2017. The NDL will construct the introduction page, site policy, etc. in English, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean.

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 exchanged books with the National Library of Viet Nam under a bilateral cooperation agreement concluded in May 2016.
- 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 cooperation project of the Japan International Cooperation Agency titled “Project for Capacity Development of the Office of the National Assembly.”
- The Research and Legislative Reference Bureau of the NDL joined the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) as an associate member in October 2016.
- The NDL provided training programs for Japanese studies librarians outside of Japan in January 2016 and from January to February 2017. More information is available on the NDL website: http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/library/training_isl.html