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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 FY2017	22,213,199,000 yen	
Permanent staff (as of April 2016)	888	
Size of library collection (as of March 2017)	42,662,279 items in total	
	Books	10,954,358 volumes
	Serials (periodicals and newspapers)	17,558,354 items
Digitized content	2,660,000 items in total	

(as of November 2017)	Number of items available on the premises of the NDL	650,000 items
	Number of items available at member libraries in Japan	1,490,000 items
	Number of items available on the Internet	530,000 items
Visitors (FY2016)	756,372 visitors Tokyo Main Library: 564,154 visitors Kansai-kan: 70,428 visitors ILCL: 121,790 visitors	
Website (FY2016)	17,135,075 page views	
Document supply service (FY2016)	Interlibrary loan: 9,020 volumes Remote copy: 1,548,024 requests	

3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:

70th anniversary

To celebrate its 70th anniversary, the NDL is planning to hold events that include an international conference, two symposiums, and an exhibition in 2018.

Universal Access 2020

The staff of the NDL continuously make connected efforts to achieve “The National Diet Library Midterm Vision: Universal Access 2020,” and “The National Diet Library Milestone Goals 2017–2020.” The full text in English will be available on the NDL website.

<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/aboutus/vision2020.html>

Launch of new system for user services

In January 2018, the NDL launched its new Online Search and Request Service (NDL Online).

(See 5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS)

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING AND MANAGING COLLECTIONS:

Collecting online publications (e-books and e-journals)

In September 2017, the number of online publications (Free without DRM) collected by the NDL has exceeded 1 million. To collect online publications that are either available for purchase or protected by DRM, the NDL is carrying out an experimental project in close collaboration with domestic publishers from December 2015 to January 2020.

http://dl.ndl.go.jp/view/download/digidepo_10263425_po_NDL-Newsletter197_19705.pdf?contentNo=1&alternativeNo=

Second phase construction at the Kansai-kan

Second phase construction at the NDL Kansai-kan in Kyoto, western Japan, began in September, 2016, to increase stack capacity to approximately five million volumes. Construction is scheduled to be completed in FY 2019.

5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS:

Digitizing audiovisual materials

The NDL is now consulting with interested parties regarding digitization of audiovisual materials.

Launch of new system for user services

The NDL's Online Public Access Catalog (NDL-OPAC) ended its service in December 2017, and was replaced by the NDL Online Search and Request Service (NDL Online) (<https://ndlonline.ndl.go.jp/#/>) in January 2018. The NDL Online provides users with great convenience when searching for library materials or requesting library services. In addition, a new National Diet Library Bibliographic Records Service (NDL-Bib) (<https://ndl-bib.ndl.go.jp/>) for downloading bibliographic data was launched at the same time.

Digitized Contents Transmission Service for Libraries

The NDL's Digitized Contents Transmission Service has been available to public and university libraries in Japan since 2014. As of March 2018, digitized images of about 1,490,000 out-of-print items held by the NDL are available in more than 890 libraries in Japan.

Nippon Cataloging Rules (NCR) 2018

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). A PDF format of the NCR 2018 is scheduled to be available in March 2018, and an official paper format will be published in December 2018.

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER SERVICES:

Launch of new websites for the NDL and the ILCL

New websites for both the NDL (<http://ndl.go.jp/en/index.html>) and the ILCL (<http://www.kodomo.go.jp/english/index.html>) were launched in February, 2018, with a new, responsive web design that improves accessibility for users of smart phones and tablets.

Services for people with disabilities

The NDL compiled the "Implementation Plan for Library Services for People with Disabilities 2017-2020" in March 2017.

http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/support/service_plan2017_2020.pdf (in Japanese)

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

Japan Search: new service framework of NDL

The NDL is planning to develop a new platform of metadata covering all kinds of contents in Japan. It plans to integrate the metadata of libraries, museums, archives, etc. through coordinators of each field.

<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/newsletter/090/902.html#chapter4-3>

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>). As of January 2018, it links to 45 databases and it contains nearly 3.6 million of data.

Collaborative Reference Database Project (CRD)

In September, 2017, the CRD Project was named Library of the Year 2017* in the Librarianship category for long-term activities for its contribution to the acquisition, visualization, and provision of access to the general public of the records of reference services of partner libraries. As of January, 2018, 766 libraries have joined the project, and the number of data registered by partner libraries has reached approximately 200,000.

* The Library of the Year Awards are presented by the non-profit organization Intellectual Resource Initiative (IRI) to organizations that have contributed to the advancement of library science and pioneered a future direction for libraries in Japan.

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 2017, the NDL hosted a mutual visit program with the National Library of China. The NDL also dispatched delegates to Korea for a mutual visit program between the NDL and libraries in Korea including the National Library of Korea. 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 exchanged books on specific subjects 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 project of the Japan International Cooperation Agency titled “Project for Capacity Development of the Office of the National Assembly.”
- In April 2017, Ms. Kazuko Sakata, then-Director General of the Research and Legislative Reference Bureau (now Deputy Librarian of the NDL) was appointed President of the Association of Parliamentary Librarians of Asia and the Pacific (APLAP). The NDL will sponsor the 12th Conference of the APLAP in Tokyo from October 31 to November 2, 2018, as part of its 70th anniversary celebrations.
- The NDL provided training programs for Japanese studies librarians outside of Japan in February 2018. More information is available on the NDL website: http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/library/training_jsl.html