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**Country Report – National Diet Library, Japan (1)**

## 1. Mission and Objectives 2012-2016

### Mission

The National Diet Library extensively collects and preserves publications and other materials/information from inside and outside the country as a knowledge base and cultural infrastructure; assists the Diet and provides library services to the executive and judicial branches and the public; supports the creativity of the nation and contributes to the development of democracy.

1. Support to the Diet

2. Acquisition and Preservation

3. Information Access

4. Collaboration and Cooperation

5. Archives of the Great East Japan Earthquake

6. Administration

**6 pillars of objectives**



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### 2. Two important law amendments in June 2012

#### Amendment of the NDL law

- The NDL is allowed to collect institutionally privately published free online materials.
- Collection will start from July 2013.
- The NDL will also work on preparing a long-awaited scheme to acquire privately-published, commercially-available (i.e. priced) online publications.

#### Amendment of the Copyright Law of Japan

- The NDL is allowed to transmit digitized contents of out-of-print items to public and university libraries in Japan.
- Users can access and copy them in a public or university library close to their residence.
- The service is to be launched in January 2014 after system development.





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## 3. Activities related to the Great East Japan Earthquake

### The Great East Japan Earthquake Archive



The system will be officially launched in March 2013!

### Restoring the affected library materials



Conservation treatment for local documents of the 17th-19th century affected by the tsunami. The work was started in 2012 based on a request from the Iwate Prefectural Board of Education, and will be continued until September 2014.

# Thank you for your attention!