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Services for general users of the National Diet Library in and after FY 2002

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In FY2002, the National Diet Library (NDL) will be reorganized and start to provide services in Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan (open in October 2002) and the International Library of Children's Literature (fully open in May 2002).

This is outline of the library services from FY 2002

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1. Library holdings (after opening of the Kansai-kan)

Materials	Tokyo Main Library		Kansai-kan	
Japanese Books		5,250,000 volumes	Books	364,000 volumes
			Microfilms of Japanese books printed in the Meiji era	170,000 volumeworth
Japanese Periodicals		113,000 titles		14,000titles
Japanese Newspapers		7,200 titles		100 titles
Western Books		2,200,000 volumes		8,500 volumes
Western Periodicals		10,100 titles		41,000 titles
Western Newspapers		1,500 titles	Asian related	20 titles
			Others	5 titles

Statutes and Parliamentary Documents		1,920,000 items		10,000 items
Foreign Official Publications		1,530,000 items		
Scientific and Technical Materials	Written Application for Approval of Power Reactor Installation	1,500 items	Foreign technical reports	2,438,000 items
	Design Drawings for Nuclear Equipment	1,100 items	Foreign doctoral dissertations	415,800 items
	Archives for the History of Quantum Physics	300 items	Foreign papers of academic societies and associations	166,200 items
	Data Books / Data Files	1,500 items	Conference proceedings in Western languages	50,900 items
			Japanese & foreign standards	122,400 items
	Subtotal of Scientific and Technical Materials	4,400 items	Subtotal of Scientific and Technical Materials	3,193,300 items
Scientific research reports under grants from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology				101,000 items
Japanese Doctoral Dissertation	Abstracts	5,600 volumes		419,500 titles
Asian Materials	Chinese old books up to the Ch'ing Dynasty and books in Asian languages (received by NDL before 1986)	220,000 volumes	Books in Asian languages (received by NDL after 1986)	232,500 volumes
			Periodicals & newspapers in	7,000 titles

			Asian languages	
Maps		465,000 items		
Modern Japanese Political Documents		1,136,000 items		
Rare Books and Old Materials		361,000 items		
Electronic Resources	Foreign electronic publications	950 titles		
	Electronic journals	500 titles	Electronic publications (electronic journals & reference resources)	600 titles
	Deposited electronic publications	17,300 items		
Audiovisual Materials	Phonographic records, CD-ROMs	470,000 items		
	Video tapes	10,000 items		

Holdings of the International Library of Children's Literature (after May 2002)

Japanese Books	Children's books	140,000 volumes
	Study books (received by NDL after 1969)	7,500 volumes
	Children's books related materials	9,000 volumes
Western Books	Children's books (including the Ingram Collection)	29,000 volumes
	Children's books related materials	1,000 volumes
Periodicals	Japanese children's magazines	1,354 titles
	Western children's magazines	60 titles
	Newspapers	17 titles
Non-book materials	Picture-card, card form materials, playing card	500 items
	Electronic materials (CD-ROM)	5 items
	Microfiche	20,800 items

SUBTOTAL	Books	186,500 volumes
	Periodicals	1,431 titles
	Non-book materials	21,329 items
Materials for children service		10,000 volumes
TOTAL	Books	196,500 volumes
	Periodicals	1,431 titles
	Non-book materials	21,329 items

2. Services via web site

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We will expand services on our web site from October 2002.

(1) Catalogs on the web

Web-OPAC

- Japanese Books (Meiji era – present)
- Western books (1986 – present)
- Japanese newspapers, periodicals
- Western newspapers, periodicals
- Japanese Periodicals Index (1948 – present)
- Domestic Doctoral Dissertations

* In the near future, users will be able to find the status information of each item and send a request for photoduplication service via our web site (registered users only).

Other catalogs

- National Union Catalog of Braille & Recorded Books in Japan
- Japanese National Bibliography Weekly List (available from April 2002)

(2) Digital version of Japanese books printed in the Meiji era

From October 2002, we will provide digital images of 30,000 volumes of Japanese books printed in the Meiji era. This content will be expanded continuously.

(3) Information Navigation System

Some navigation system such as "[Reference Book's Information](#)" (Japanese only) and "Directory of Japanese Scientific Periodicals"* (Japanese / English) have already been available on our web site. We will expand these information navigation systems and collections of links to support reference services in each library and individual users. In addition, we plan to add metadata to Internet resources and provide a metadata database.

* From May 11, 2009, renamed "[Kagakugijuturonbunshi / kaigiroku Database](#)" (Japanese Only).

3. Services for the visitor to the library

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(1) Tokyo Main Library

Major improvements of service are:

- Age limit: 18 years old or over (from January 2002; present lower limit is 20 years)
- Visitors can request books in stack and photoduplication service via OPAC installed in Public Catalog Hall (from FY2004)
- Provide more electronic publications (online / offline)
- Relocate service points (Reception, searching, reader service, photoduplication service etc.) in order to shorten visitor's circulation time
- Reorganize special materials rooms

Reorganization of Reading Rooms & Specials Materials Rooms in Tokyo Main Library

Present	April 2002	July 2002	After FY2004 (plan)
Reading Room 1	Reading Room 1	Reading Room 1	Reading Room 1
Reading Room 2	Reading Room 2	Reading Room 2	Reading Room 2
Reading Room 3	Reading Room 3 & Electronic Resources Room 2	Reading Room 3 & Electronic Resources Room 2	Reading Room 3 closes and becomes Electronic Resources Room
General Study Room	General Study Room	General Study Room	(General Study Room System is abolished)
Statutes & Parliamentary Documents Room	Statutes & Parliamentary Documents Room	Statutes & Parliamentary Documents Room	Parliamentary Documents and Official Publications Room
Official Publications Room	Law, Politics and Official Publications Room	Law, Politics and Official Publications Room	Parliamentary Documents and Official Publications Room
Rare Books & Old Materials Room	Rare Books & Old Materials Room	Rare Books & Old Materials Room	Rare Books & Old Materials Room
Newspaper Reading Room	Newspaper Reading Room	Newspaper Reading Room	Newspaper Reading Room
Reference Books Room	Reference Books Room	Humanities Room	Humanities Room
Modern Japanese	Modern Japanese	Modern Japanese	

Political History Materials Room	Political History Materials Room	Political History Materials Room	Modern Japanese Political History Materials Room
Science & Technology Materials Room	Science & Technology Materials Room	Business, Science and Technology Room	Business, Science and Technology Room
Special Materials Room	(closed)		
Electronic Resources Room	Electronic Resources Room	Electronic Resources Room	Electronic Resources Room (Move to present Reading Room 3)
Audiovisual Materials Room	Audiovisual Materials Room	Audiovisual Materials Room	Audiovisual Materials Room
Maps Room	Maps Room	Maps Room	Maps Room
Asian Materials Room	(closed)		
Library Science Materials Room	(closed)		

(2) Kansai-kan

- Reading Room: 350 seats
- Holdings
 - Open access:
 - 50,000 volumes (general; will increase to 100,000 volumes in future)
 - 30,000 volumes (Asia related; will increase to 50,000 volumes in future)
 - In stacks:
 - 3,000,000 volumes
- Age limit: 18 years old or over
- Library holidays: Sundays, national holidays, the yearend, New Year's holidays and 3rd Wednesdays (for stocktaking)
- Opening hours: 10:00 – 18:00
- It will take about 15 minutes to receive materials in the stack
- We plan to provide a book reservation service (to make the materials of the Kansai-kan and the Tokyo Main Library available to use in the Kansai-kan) via our web site.

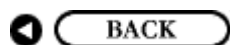
4. Services of the International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL)

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The ILCL will fully open on May 5, 2002. For details, please visit the ILCL web page <<http://www.kodomo.go.jp>>. This web site is Japanese only, but English pages will be added in the near future.

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Partial suspension of reader service

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In 2002, the International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL) will be fully open and the Kansai-kan (tentative name) will also open. Library holdings will be divided among the Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan and the ILCL for better services. The Tokyo Main Library and its special materials rooms will also be reorganized. As a result, the Library and some special materials rooms will be closed and some materials will be temporarily unavailable.

(1) Days closed

March 27 (Wed.)	Special materials rooms*
March 28 (Thu.)	Whole library
March 29 (Fri.)	Special materials rooms*

* Asian Materials Room, Official Publications Room, Reference Books Room, Special Materials Room, Electronic Resources Room and Library Science Materials Room

(2) Unavailable materials

From April to September 2002, we will be moving materials from Tokyo to the Kansai-kan. The Kansai-kan will be open to the public on October 7, 2002.

Materials unavailable from April 1 to October 6
Periodicals in western languages
Asian materials (Books, periodicals and newspapers in Chinese, Korean and other Asian languages) * Some Asian materials such as basic reference books, periodicals and newspapers will continue to be available in the Tokyo Main Library

Materials unavailable from May 1 to October 6
Science and technology materials (Some technical reports, papers of academic societies and associations, standards, foreign patents, foreign dissertations, conference proceedings in western languages)

Research reports for the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture Grants-in-aid for Scientific Research

Recorded academic literature

(3) Closure of the International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL) and unavailable materials

The ILCL will be fully open on May 5, 2002. For preparation of the opening, **the ILCL will be closed from February 1 to May 4**. Materials such as children's books, study books and picture-cards stocked in the Tokyo Main Library will be moved to the ILCL and will therefore be unavailable during this period.



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The 21st Mutual Visit Program between the National Diet Library and the National Library of China

A National Diet Library (NDL) delegation visited China from September 19 to 28, 2001 on the 21st mutual visit program between the NDL and the National Library of China (NLC). For reports on past programs, please see [here](#).

Headed by Mr. Tsuyoshi Ujigo, Deputy Librarian of the NDL, the delegation consisted of the following four other members: Mr. Motonobu Yoshinaga, Director of the Detached Library in the Diet, Mr. Jun Utsu, Chief of the Modern Japanese Political Documents Division, Mr. Osamu Yoshimoto, Chief of the Photoduplication Division, and Ms. Shigako Okamura (interpreter), Researcher of the Education, Culture, Science and Technology Division. In the last part of the schedule, they visited Chengdu, Sichuan province, to attend the annual meeting of the China Society for Library Science.

The main theme of the program was "Remote services of the national library in the 21st Century" and the sub-themes are "Reference service in the electronic environment" and "Document supply service in the electronic environment".

Delegation of the NDL (from left):

Mr. Osamu Yoshimoto (*Chief, Photoduplication Division*)

Mr. Jun Utsu (*Chief, Modern Japanese Political Documents Division*)

Mr. Tsuyoshi Ujigo (*Deputy Librarian*)

Mr. Motonobu Yoshinaga (*Director, Detached Library in the Diet*)

Ms. Shigako Okamura (*Researcher, Education, Culture, Science and Technology Division*)



Plenary Meeting

At the Plenary Meeting, Mr. Ujigo reported on recent developments in the NDL, focusing on the remote services. To serve the Diet, the NDL has set up a web site named "Chosa-no-Mado" (access to research services) for the Diet members through which they can access contents such as issues related to national politics, and the Full-text Database System for the Minutes of the Diet. To serve the general public, the Electronic Library Infrastructure System will act as the basis of remote service. This system will integrate existing

bibliographic databases and manage library materials from acquisition to public use. As a result, the Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan (provisional name) and the International Library of Children's Literature will work in coordination with each other organically to provide more advanced services.

Ms. Sun Beixin, Deputy Librarian of the NLC, reported on the remote services of the NLC. The NLC has been developing its network environment since 1997. Through its web site, users can search bibliographic data and reserve a book, access various databases, and ask librarians questions via e-mail. The digital library projects of the NLC started in 1996 and some of the projects such as "Reading on the web" and "Document digitization system" are already in service.



Section Meeting

From the NDL, Mr. Jun Utsu reported on reference service. As the users' needs change, reference service needs to be fast and convenient. After the new Web-OPAC is installed, users at home will be able to find out the status of the materials. In the past, providing holding data took up a considerable part of reference services. But in the information overload society, it is important role for librarians to provide not only holding data but also subject

resources, and navigate users to essential information. From April 2002, the special materials rooms of the Tokyo Main Library will be reorganized into a more subject-oriented form.

Mr. Ma Xiaolin, Head of the Reference, Research and Training Department of the NLC, introduced the current activities of the Department. The NLC has been providing reference services via e-mail from 1997 and the number of cases received by the Department is about 300 to 400 a year. In 2001, they started a reference work database system, through which library staff can make various searches by client's name, contents of cases, date of request, and record number. They also provide 2,105 selected web links in four categories (library information science, overseas Chinese studies, domestic & foreign statutes, and governmental sites of various countries) with comments. As for services to the government, they made a subject gateway which can be accessed via governmental leased line. They have started to construct a trial national reference cooperation network to share information resources.

Mr. Osamu Yoshimoto introduced document supply services in the NDL, focusing on current activities, services for China, and future objectives. Only 500,000 people a year visit directly the Library in person. To serve all over the country, the NDL lays emphasis on library cooperation and remote services. There are few requests from China for Japanese documents. But this may be because of the inconvenience of the system, research and

analysis are needed. Remote services requested to the NDL are still mainly lending and document supply. Though the Internet and the electronic library are important tools for document supply, the problem of what is to be served and how remains to be solved.

Mr. Hu Zhicheng, Deputy Head of the Stack Management & Reading Services Department, introduced document supply services in the NLC. Quickness, convenience and quality are the Library's service philosophy. To develop potential needs of remote users, the NLC lays emphasis on public relations. They provide attractive contents on the web such as "Hot Theses and Books Recommendation" (introducing most frequently used books and periodicals of the month) and keep in touch with remote users, for example, by sending greeting cards.

Discussion on the Letter of Intent concerning Exchange and Cooperation between the NDL and the NLC

On September 21 and 28, 2001, the NDL and the NLC discussed the "Letter of Intent concerning Exchange and Cooperation between the National Diet Library and the National Library of China" that was concluded in 1999. About Section 5, acquisition of materials, the NLC introduced the past record of its surrogate acquisition for the NDL. The NDL expressed satisfaction and wanted to expand this cooperative relationship. About Section 4, exchange of materials and document delivery, the NDL suggested an intermediary photoduplication service between the NLC and the NDL. Both agreed to keep discussing this issue including the payment system that was suggested by the NLC.



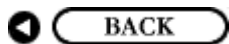
Mr. Ujigo (3rd from right) delivered a congratulatory address at the annual meeting of the China Society for Library Science in Chengdu, Sichuan (09/26/2001)

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Mr. Koch gave a presentation on Subject Gateway

On October 29, 2001, Mr. Traugott Koch, Senior Librarian and Digital Library Scientist at the Development Lab, Technical Knowledge Center of Denmark (DTV) and at NetLab, Lund University Libraries, Sweden, gave a presentation on subject gateway to the staff of the National Diet Library.



Mr. Traugott Koch

Mr. Koch visited Japan to participate in the [“International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications 2001” \(DC-2001\)](#) held in Tokyo. He is a digital library specialist and more than 50 staff from various divisions listened attentively to his presentation, “Cooperating Subject Gateways as an element of a digital library service. Metadata profiling, classification mapping and the Renardus broker”. For the complete contents of the presentation, please see <http://www.lub.lu.se/tk/renardus/tokyo0110.html>

First, he introduced the functions of the subject gateway as one of the important components of a digital library. Subject gateways correspond to traditional library functions. Quality selection, description and cataloging, classification and indexing, annotation and recommendation, searching and browsing in catalogs are the functions that a gateway carries out for digital resources on the net. But subject gateways transcend the limitations of their predecessors by offering catalogs of Internet resources which are not part of locally stored collections, and by integrating mediation, discovery and direct access and retrieval of documents. The importance of subject gateways for libraries is closely connected to the question of the future role of libraries.

Subject gateways are Internet-based discovery services, addressing the shortcomings of the large search engines. They can be developed cheaply and are well suited to cooperation. As an example of subject gateways, he introduced EELS, Engineering E-Library, Sweden <http://eels.lub.lu.se/>. The EELS is one of the oldest gateways. It was created in 1993, it still exists and has been further developed.

In the second part, he outlined the EU funded Renardus <<http://www.renardus.org/>>, a collaborative project that aims to improve academic users' access to a range of exciting Internet-based information services across Europe. The National Library of the Netherlands is coordinator of this project and Denmark, Finland, Sweden, France, the United Kingdom and Germany are participant countries. The Renardus broker is a "meta subject gateway", which allows several subject gateways to be searched at the same time. Through the Renardus, the EELS, mentioned earlier, and other major subject gateways are searchable. An evaluation of a pilot version will be undertaken during fall 2001, and the fully operational service is due to be launched in June 2002.

Objectives of this project are to provide access to distributed, heterogeneous and quality-controlled subject gateways (high quality metadata collections), to cover Europe via a single interface, to achieve cross-search and cross browse, to make a decentralized solution, and to develop and/or define organizational and business models, technical solutions and metadata standards. The Renardus uses Dublin Core Metadata Elements as description rule and the Dewey Decimal Classification for cross-searching and cross browsing between different gateways.

After the presentation, Mr. Koch and the staff of the Electronic Library Development Office had a meeting. Issues discussed at the meeting were the need for metadata application profile, authority control in subject gateways, granularity of resource to describe, and system architecture. Since the National Diet Library also is developing a kind of subject gateway service, it was a meaningful experience to have a meeting with Mr. Koch, a specialist in this field.



Mr. Koch with the staff of the Electronic Library Development Office

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Selections from NDL Collection

Takahashi Collection

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As an economist–book collector, J.M. Keynes (1883–1946) is famous. When he passed away, he bequeathed not only economic books but also almost 7,000 rare books to his alma mater, King’s College, Cambridge University.

Mr. Seishi Takahashi (1933–1991) was also an economist–book collector who left a large amount of books at his relatively early death. He was assistant professor of Hosei University and majored in credit theory. He wrote “Shohin kahei ron (A study on commodity money)” (1972).



I will never forget the day when I visited his old house to see his collection, for his bereaved family wanted to donate it to the National Diet Library. His room was an amazing sight with thousands of Japanese books and over two thousand western books. As I expected, they were chiefly books related to economics. But among them were many rare books and there also was an array of catalogs of Sotheby’s, the famous auctioneer. The NDL accepted 1,129 western books that it did not already have, and put an ownership stamp saying “Previously owned by Mr. Seishi Takahashi” on each book. I heard that other books were donated to some libraries in Okinawa prefecture.

We do not designate these books as a special collection. But we customarily call it the “Takahashi Collection” because of its many rare books. Nearly 250 of the 1,129 books are not economics books but so-called rare books. Their subjects vary: philosophy, religion, history, literature, classical economics and science. Especially 92 volumes of them were hand press book printed before 1830 and 18 volumes are designated as Rare Books and Semi-rare Books of the Library. Mr. Takahashi collected books with attention to the differences of edition and impression; there are the first and second impressions of the first edition of T. Hobbes *Leviathan*.



First impression of the first edition of *Leviathan*



Second impression of the first edition of *Leviathan*

Rare Books

- Euclides *Elementa geometriæ* (Venice, 1482)
- H. Languet *Vindiciae contra tyrannos* (Edimburgi, 1579)

Semi-rare Books

- F. Bacon *Instauratio magna...*(Londini, 1620)
- T. Hobbes *Leviathan* (London, 1651)
- A. Smith *An inquiry into the nature and causes of the wealth of nations* (London, 1776)
- T. R. Malthus *An essay on the principle of population* (London, 1798)

etc.



Jenner *An inquiry into the causes and effects of the variolae vaccinae...*(1798)

18th century first editions:

- G. Berkeley *A treatise concerning the principles of human knowledge* (Dublin, 1710)
- J. Swift *Travels into several remote nations...*(London, 1726)
- C. Montesquieu *De l'esprit des loix* (Genève, 1748)
- R. Cantillon *Essai sur la nature du commerce en général* (Londres, 1755)

etc.

19th century hand press books:

- K. F. Gauss *Disquisitiones arithmeticae* (Lipsiae, 1801)
- J. Keats *Endymion* (London, 1818)
- J.S. de Sismondi *Nouveau principes d'économie politique* (Paris, 1819)
- G. W. F. Hegel *Grundlinien der Philosophie des Rechts* (Berlin, 1821)

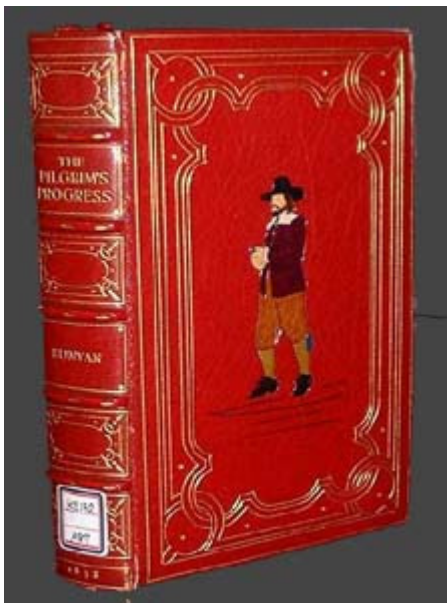
etc.

Others (first edition):

- C. Dickens *A Christmas carol in prose* (London, 1843)
- S. Freud *Die Traumdeutung* (Leipzig und Wien, 1900)
- R. Luxemburg *Die Akkumulation des Kapitals* (Berlin, 1913–21)
- M. Heidegger *Sein und Zeit* (Halle, 1927)

etc.

Bunyan *The Pilgrims progress* (2nd ed., 1838)



There are many first editions of famous works in his collection. He also collected various editions of not only works of economists such as D. Ricardo, J. S. Mill and J.M. Keynes but also the plays of Ibsen and the works of George Orwell. We can perceive his taste from these books.



New Publications from NDL **Denshi joho jidai no zenkoku shoshi sabisu:** **dai ikkai shoshi chousei renraku kaigi kirokushu**

Denshi joho jidai no zenkoku shoshi sabisu: dai ikkai shoshi chousei renraku kaigi kirokushu (National Bibliographic Services in the Electronic Information age : The 1st Conference on Bibliographic Control) / edited by National Diet Library. 1st ed. Tokyo : Japan Library Association, 2001. 76 p ; 21 cm. ISBN: 4-8204-0116-5
(Text in Japanese)

We held the first conference on bibliographic control in November 2000 and this is a report on it.

Bibliographic control is an important project of the bibliographic data department of the National Diet Library. For us, the first objective of bibliographic control is to standardize the way of making and providing bibliographic data in Japan. To fulfill this objective, we organized the Conference on Bibliographic Control in Japan. For abstract of the first conference, please also see the *National Diet Library Monthly Bulletin* No. 478, January 2001 (Japanese only).

Contents of this report are:

Lectures

- Trends in cataloging rules and revision of the NCR87R by *Prof. Haruki Nagata, Univ. of Library and Information Science*
- National bibliographic service in the electronic information age by *Prof. Shuichi Ueda, Keio Univ.*

Reports from the NDL

- NDL challenges on electronic resources
- NDL new policy of providing national bibliography

Questions and Answers

Comments on matters that changed after the conference have been added.

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