



2.5 million data added to the NDL-OPAC

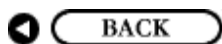
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In May 2004, 2.5 million bibliographic data were added to the [NDL-OPAC](#). Now you can search for the materials listed below that were formerly unavailable via the OPAC.

Collections	Round number of data
Reports under the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbukagaku-sho kagaku kenkyuhi hojokin kenkyu seika hokokusho)	120,000
Western books cataloged before 1985 including the holdings of the former Imperial Library	390,000
Publications of the United Nations and other international organizations	23,000
Microforms of documents issued by the U.S. Government Printing Office	150,000
Japanese old materials	35,000
Ashihara Collection (Materials on chanson, ballet, circus and others formerly owned by Mr. Eiryō Ashihara)	68,000
Standards and technical reports (INIS reports, NASA reports, papers of academic societies and associations, foreign doctoral dissertations published by UMI Dissertation Services, etc)	1,720,000

As a result of this data addition, the number of the bibliographic data available via the NDL-OPAC reached 13 million (including 6.1 million data of the Japanese Periodicals Index), and now the major part of the bibliographic data that used to be searchable only on-site within the NDL can be searched via the Internet. We will continue this retrospective conversion. In addition, search functions of the NDL-OPAC have also been improved. Happy searching!





Remodeling of the Tokyo Main Library

Opening of the Collections Corner in the Humanities Room

On June 8, 2004, the Collections Corner was established in the Humanities Room (2nd floor, Main Building of the Tokyo Main Library). For details, please see [Humanities Room](#).

Refurbishment of the Electronic Resources Room

The Electronic Resources Room, which had been separated into two according to the information providing media, was combined and refurbished in February 2004. As a result, this room provides access to most of the digital publications held by the NDL regardless of subject, excluding some digital publications available only in specific special materials rooms for contractual reasons. More titles of electronic journals are now available, and PC terminals will be increased to 47, from most of which users can request printouts.

Digital information available in the Electronic Resources Room:

- More than 10,000 titles of electronic journals (to be increased to approximately 15,000 titles by October 2004)
- Online digital information resources such as BL-inside web, Web of Science and JOIS – Offline digital publication acquired by the NDL through legal deposit
- Digitized NDL collections (e.g. CD-ROM edition of the books published in the early Showa period, and the Digital Library of the Meiji era)

Renovation of the Audio-Visual Materials Room

The Audio-Visual Materials Room was renovated and started its services in April 2004 (1st floor, Annex Building of the Tokyo Main Library).

The Audio-Visual Materials Room has 290,000 phonographic records and 180,000 CDs, most of which have been deposited by 24 member companies of the Recording Industry Association of Japan since 1949, and 20,000 visual media such as DVDs and VHS videos acquired since 2000, the year in which the National Diet Library Law was revised to include offline digital publications in the scope of the legal deposit system.

With the renovation of the Audio-Visual Materials Room, in addition to increasing the number of search terminals and players, we integrated searching tools which had been separated according to media and constructed a database for searching audio-visual materials received by the NDL up to December 2002. (Newer materials can be searched on the NDL-OPAC.) This database also includes information (titles, artists, release years, etc.) of CDs and visual materials released but not held in the NDL.

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Complete version of the “Birth of the Constitution of Japan” launched

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The complete version of the electronic exhibition “Birth of the Constitution of Japan” was made available on this year’s Constitution Day, May 3, on the National Diet Library (NDL) website (<http://www.ndl.go.jp/constitution/e/index.html>). The initial version had been launched a year before.

Features of the new version are as follows:

Substantial additions to the exhibits

More than 80 documents, mainly materials related to the Allied Powers, were newly added to the exhibition. Together with the documents already introduced in the exhibition, you can see 180 documents in total concerning the formulation of the Constitution.

“Outline” and “Documents with Commentaries” sections revised

In the “[Outline](#),” explanations of the moves of the Allied Powers, which had a great influence on the formulation of the new Constitution, were added. In the “[Documents with Commentaries](#),” commentaries were revised or added for the new exhibits.

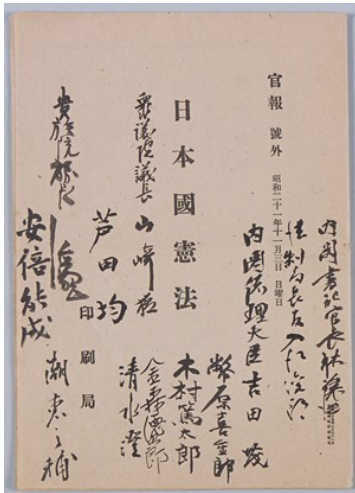
New sections: “Main Issues” and “Archives”

“[Main Issues](#)” takes up issues such as the renunciation of war and the bicameral system, and describes the background and arguments of that time that resulted in the provisions in the Constitution. “[Archives](#)” contains documents with substantial contents that help us understand the process of the formulation of the Constitution.

The electronic exhibition “Birth of the Constitution of Japan” will be useful for various purposes such as Diet deliberation, study of constitutional history, and school classes. We hope you will visit this exhibition and enjoy its new design and contents.

To mark the completion of the exhibition, we held a round-table talk with Professor Shoichi Koseki, Constitutional historian and Professor of Dokkyo University, Dr. Kenneth J. Ruoff, Assistant Professor and Director of the Center for Japanese Studies, Portland State University, as guests and Mr. Katsutoshi Takami, Senior Specialist of the Research and Legislative Reference Bureau, NDL, as supervisor of the exhibition. A report of the talk will be featured in a coming issue of NDL Monthly Bulletin.

Minister of State Mr. Kanamori explaining to the House of Representatives the reason for the proposal to revise the Imperial Constitution (July 1, 1946)



Constitution of Japan,
November 3, 1946



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NDL budget for fiscal 2004

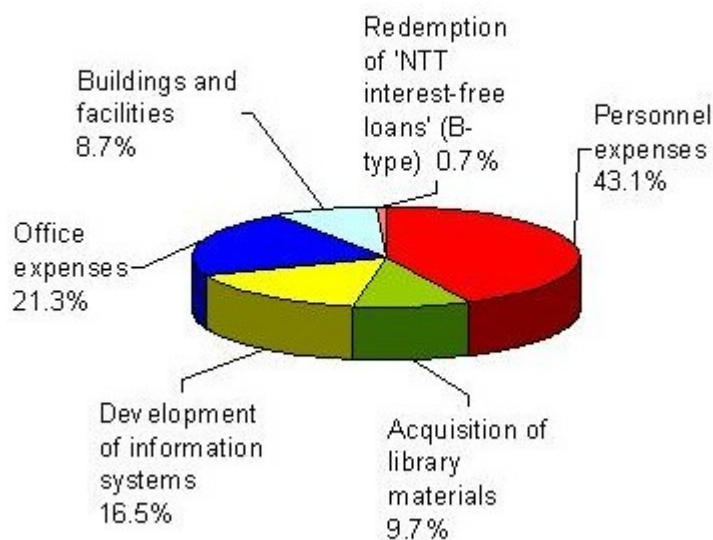
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The fiscal 2004 budget bill passed the National Diet on March 26, 2004. The total amount of the initial budget appropriated for the NDL is 24,068,816,000 yen for FY2004 (April 2004 – March 2005), an increase of some 0.2 billion yen compared with the previous year's budget.

The composition of the total budget is:

- Personnel expenses: 43.1% (42.2% in FY2003)
- Acquisition of library materials: 9.7% (9.6%)
- Development of information systems: 16.5% (17.1%)
- Office expenses: 21.3% (21.4%)
- Building and facilities: 8.7% (9.7%)
- Redemption of 'NTT interest-free loans' (B-type): 0.7% (none)

Distribution of Budget by Category



Major expenditures of the FY2004 budget are as follows:

1. Reframing the services of the Tokyo Main Library

(1) Relocation of the reading rooms and offices

Following the transfer of part of the library materials and operations from the Tokyo Main Library to the Kansai-kan in conjunction with the Kansai-kan's opening, the relocation of the library collections, reading rooms and offices has been under way according to the three-year plan for FY2002–2004. About 160 million yen was approved for FY2004.

(2) Extension of the opening days and hours

From October 2004, following the completion of the renovation work, the opening days and

hours of the Tokyo Main Library will be extended. Approximately 190 million yen was allocated for outsourcing operations and the lighting and heating expenses for the extended hours.

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2. Building the infrastructure of the Electronic Library Service

(1) Development of the Electronic Library Infrastructure System

In order to enable the Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan and the International Library of Children's Literature to operate and provide services in an integrated way, the Electronic Library Infrastructure System has been developed since FY1998. In FY2004 about 3 billion yen was approved as the expenses for developing a new circulation control system for on-site users and other subsystems.

(2) Construction of digital contents

Since FY2000 the NDL has been gradually increasing the digital contents for the Electronic Library Services. For FY2004, about 160 million yen was allocated for the digitization of Japanese books published in the Meiji Era and other projects.

(3) Expansion of electronic journals

In order to provide even more speedy services on science and technology information, about 230 million yen was approved to expand the electronic journal collections of the Tokyo Main Library and the Kansai-kan.

(4) Construction of the full-text database for the minute of the Imperial Diet

As expenses for the construction of the above database, about 50 million yen was approved.

3. Buildings and facilities

(1) Renovation of the Tokyo Main Library

Approximately 920 million yen was allocated for the renovation of facilities of the Tokyo Main Library. It has been under way in conjunction with the reframing of services since FY2002. The reading rooms and offices are being renovated and the information network infrastructure of the Tokyo Main Library will be improved.

(2) Other renovation work at the Tokyo Main Library

As expenses for the other renovation work, the following were budgeted: approximately 380 million yen for the renovation of the disaster prevention system; 30 million yen for the preparation work for the renewal of the stack fire extinguishers; 110 million yen for the renovation of the Annex's book conveyor system.

(3) Land acquisition cost for Phase 2 construction of the Kansai-kan

For the land acquisition stated above, which has been undertaken since FY2002, about 560 million yen was allocated.

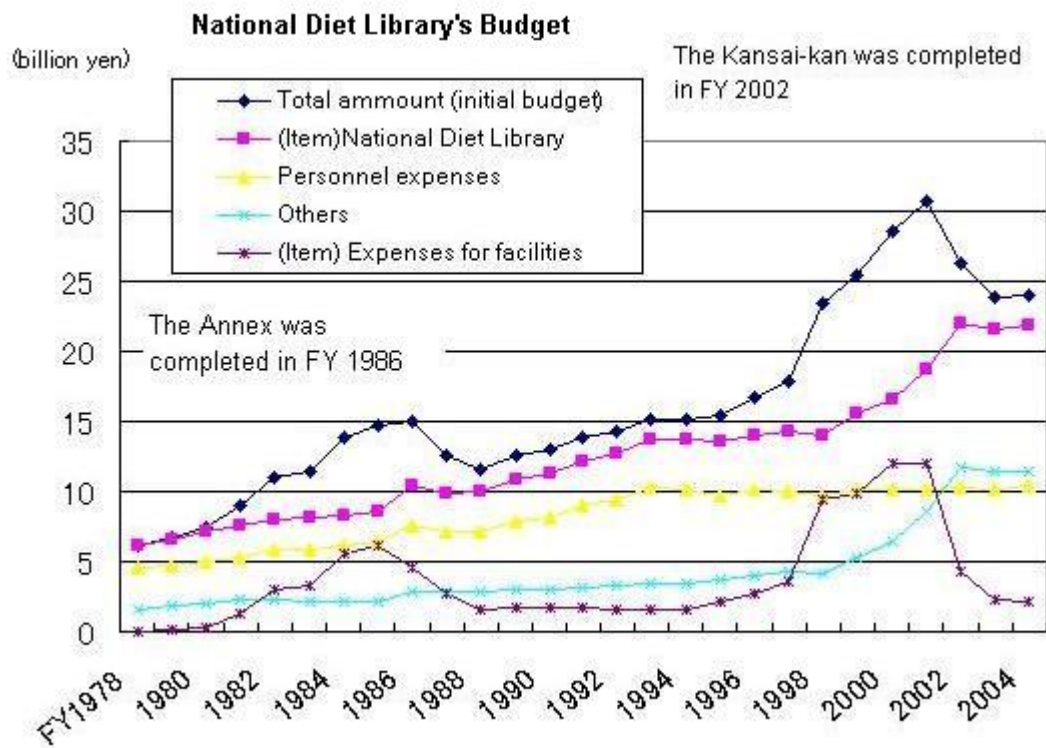
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Amounts of National Diet Library's FY2004 Expenditure Budget

(1,000 yen)

(Item) National Diet Library	21,808,474
▪ Personnel costs	10,370,855
▪ Regular office expenses	400,768
▪ Library operations	758,780
▪ Office automation	3,970,899
▪ Acquisition of library materials	861,146
▪ Legislative research	343,340
▪ Editing and printing of basic bibliographies	31,655
▪ Acquisition of materials related to the U.S. Occupation of Japan	80,464
▪ Preservation of library materials	109,584
▪ Extra office expenses	196,135
▪ Library services for the blind	29,576
▪ Acquisition of materials related to Japanese Immigrants	10,696
▪ International Library of Children's Literature operation	683,674
▪ Annex of the Tokyo Main Library administration and maintenance	592,005
▪ Kansai-kan operation	2,167,447
▪ Administration of Full-text Database System for Minutes of the Diet	85,204
▪ Relocation of library materials, reading rooms and offices in the Tokyo Main Library	160,084
▪ Acquisition of science and technology materials	956,152
(Item) Expenses for facilities	2,095,837
▪ Land acquisition cost for the Kansai-kan	556,243
▪ Expenses for the renovation of the Tokyo Main Library	916,838
▪ Expenses for the renovation of the disaster prevention system	384,127
▪ Expenses for the renovation of the Annex's book conveyer system	107,783
▪ Expenses for the preparation work for the renewal of the stack fire extinguisher	30,551

•Expenses for the Tokyo Main Library facilities	100,295
(Item) Redemption of 'NTT interest-free loans' (B-type)	164,505
Total	24,068,816



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Selections from NDL Collection

NDL Collection designated as important cultural properties

Moromori-ki, the diary of an aristocrat in the 14th century held by the NDL, had its cultural importance acknowledged by the Cultural Affairs Council on March 19, 2004. Taking this opportunity, here we introduce five materials from the NDL collections designated as important cultural properties by the Japanese government.

Tendaisan ki

(designated as important cultural property in 1955)

Title:	Tendaisan ki (in Japanese) Tian Tai Shan ji (in Chinese)
Author:	Xu Lingfu (Tang Dynasty China)
Date:	11–12 c
Description:	1 book, 25.5 x 15.5cm.

A geographical description of the Chinese holy mountain, Tendaisan (Tian Tai Shan in Chinese), written during the Tang dynasty (618 – 907). The NDL holds the only surviving handwritten copy, which was thought to date from around the 11–12th century. It is introduced in the 111th issue of the NDL Newsletter. Please click [here](#) for detailed bibliographic notes.



NDL call no. <WA1-2>

Seikai

(designated as important cultural property in 1956)

Title:	Seikai
Editor:	Shaosi



NDL call no. <WA1-3>

Date:	ca. 1034–37
Description:	3 volumes, 3 books, 28.2 x 17.2 cm

Digital images of all the pages are available [here](#) (Japanese only).

A character dictionary printed some time between 1034 and 1037 under the Baisong Dynasty (960–1125) in China. No copy survived in that country.

The elegant character style is a feature of the prints of that period. 2,568 characters that had been used in China as family names since ancient times are classified and arranged according to 170 radicals. Following the characters, their origins, renowned figures of that name, documents in which the character appears, and their pronunciations are listed. Antemortem names of past emperors of the Baisong Dynasty are not written in complete form, but lack the finishing stroke. From these characters and from the preface written in 1035 by Shaosi, the editor, the publication year was estimated. The exlibris stamps suggest that this material was brought to Japan via Korea.

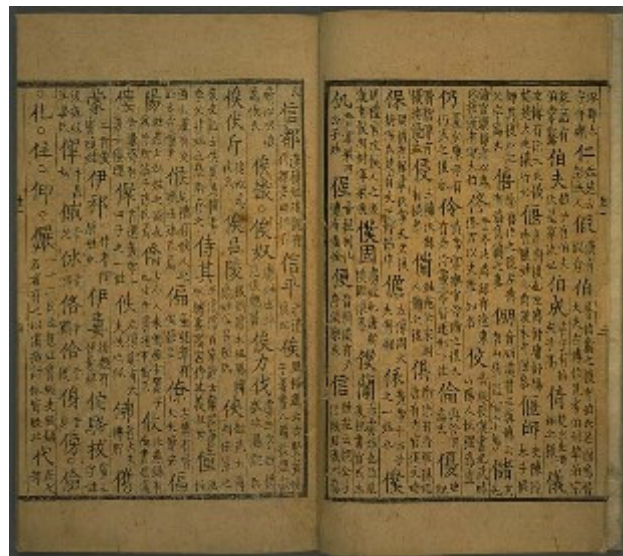


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characters listed, from volume 1

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Mansai Jugo Nikki

(designated as important cultural property in 1956)



NDL call no. <WA1-1>

Digital images of all the scrolls are available from [here](#)
(Japanese only).

Title:	Mansai Jugo Nikki
Author:	Mansai (1378-1435)
Date:	1411-22
Description:	11 scrolls, 32.0 cm. in height

[\[Full scroll \(Diary\)\]](#)

[\[Full scroll \(Calendar\)\]](#)

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The diary of Mansai, an abbot of the Daigo Temple in the early Muromachi Period (14-15 c.). This material is introduced in the 107th issue of the NDL Newsletter. Please click [here](#) for detailed information.

Mei zukushi

(designated as important cultural property in 1968)





NDL call no. <WA1-4>

Title:	Mei zukushi
Date:	1423
Description:	1 book, 27.5 x 21.0cm

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The fourth paragraph from the right describes
the sword of Awataguchi Toshiro
Yoshimitsu.

Digital images of all the pages are available
[here](#) (Japanese only).

The oldest Japanese sword book in existence. It is thought to be a handwritten copy of a work of the late Kamakura Period (1192–1333): the text includes reference to the year 1316, and the imprint shows that the copy was completed in 1423.

The lineage of master–apprentice relationships from the Jindai (ca.7 c.) to the late Kamakura period is traced in the book and swordsmiths of the day are listed. In the section titled “Kokon shokoku kaji no mei (literally, “inscription on swords of all ages and countries”),” 52 distinguished swordmakers are introduced. Especially about 42 swordsmiths including Awataguchi Toshiro Yoshimitsu and Nakajiro Kunimasa of Yamato, the forms of nakago (tang) of their works are illustrated in the upper part of the pages, and below are written the smith’s name, the region, his school, date, and the features of his works.

The title “Mei-zukushi” is taken from the word which appears in the page 9-cho-ura (latter half of the 9th sheet). There are 45 sheets in total excluding blank pages. Temporary binding in Japanese style. As it was once possessed by the Kanchi-in, the foremost of the small temples belonging to Toji temple in Kyoto, the book was also called “Kanchi-in-bon Mei-zukushi.”

The NDL purchased this material in 1910.

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Moromori-ki

(designated as important cultural property in 2004)



NDL call no. <WA27-1

Title:	Moromori-ki
Author:	Nakahara Moromori (?-?)
Date:	1339-74
Discription:	64 scrolls, 30.3cm in height

A diary of Nakahara Moromori, an aristocrat in the 14th century. From 1336 to 1392, the Japanese imperial family was divided into the Northern Dynasty and the Southern Dynasty and sporadic conflicts arose. The author served the Northern Dynasty as an official responsible for drafting official documents and recording events.

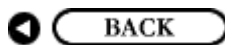
The major part of the diary describes how the author's father and brother lived in that difficult time, and how political ceremonies and public matters were handled in the Northern Dynasty. Reflecting the political and social confusion, it contains detailed records on the negotiation process between the two dynasties, as well as other significant information on political and military affairs of the 14th century. It also reveals the lives and customs of the aristocrats of those days.

The Imperial Library (a predecessor of the NDL, called "Tokyo Shojakukan" at that time) acquired Moromori-ki from Ishikawa prefecture in 1876. The NDL took it over when the Imperial Library ceased to exist. As a part of the repair work while in the possession of the Imperial Library, the diary was recompiled in 64 scrolls (originally compiled in 53 scrolls). The diary is written in the blank spaces and margins of letters and on the backs of calendars.

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Selected list of articles from NDL periodicals (Text in Japanese)

National Diet Library Monthly Bulletin (Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Geppo)

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- National Diet Library Digital Library Medium Term Plan for 2004
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- Use rate of acid-free paper reaches 90%: Result of the 17th pH test on newly-acquired materials
- Report of the 16th forum on preservation: Disaster and information networks: building networks in Japan to share information on disaster-affected materials
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- What's bibliographic control? (8) "Uniform number" of materials

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remote users since the opening of the Kansai-kan

- Present and future of the Collaborative Reference Database System [related article](#)
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- 8th Preservation and Conservation Training Program
- Imaginary creatures in the records (Enchanting world of books – Guide to regular exhibitions, 7) [related webpage \(Japanese only\)](#)

