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Mission and Objectives 2012-2016

In July 2012, the National Diet Library (NDL) formulated "Mission and Objectives 2012-2016," which replaces the earlier "Vision for the NDL's 60th anniversary."

1 Our 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.

To fulfill this mission, for the period of 2012-2016 we will do our utmost to achieve the following objectives:

2 Objectives 2012-2016

Objective 1: Support to the Diet

We will enhance reliable research and analysis with high expertise on public policy issues and emphasize prompt and precise information services, to provide the Diet with full assistance.

Objective 2: Acquisition and Preservation

We will further improve the legal deposit system and strive to build comprehensive collections of domestic publications; besides print publications, we intend to acquire and preserve a variety of materials/information, both digital and non-digital, as cultural assets.

Objective 3: Information Access

We will prepare universally user-friendly environments and measures, through digitization of materials, improved search methods and others, in response to new information environments, so that our holdings are easily available and sought-after information can be found promptly and precisely.

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Objective 4: Collaboration and Cooperation

We will work together with other institutions, both in Japan and abroad, to expand and make useful our knowledge base and cultural infrastructure.

Objective 5: Archives of the Great East Japan Earthquake

We will continue to develop the Great East Japan Earthquake Archives in order to convey to future generations the records of and the lessons learned from the unprecedented disaster.

Objective 6: Administration

We will conduct our management transparently and efficiently, nurture human resources for advanced services and secure the necessary facilities.

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