

## NDL Database Forum in the Tokyo Main Library and in the Kansai-kan

The National Diet Library (NDL) held the Database Forum both in the Kansai-kan (September 18) and the Tokyo Main Library (October 16). The Database Forum, which has been organized annually since 2006, introduces with demonstrations how to utilize the services available on the NDL website such as the NDL Search and the NDL Digitized Contents. This article gives an outline of the event.

### 1 NDL Database Forum in the Kansai-kan of the NDL (September 18)

On September 18, 2013, the NDL Database Forum was held in the Kansai-kan with 127 people in attendance.

The program of the Database Forum in the Kansai-kan was as follows:

<<Table: Program>>

<< NDL Database Forum in the Kansai-kan of the NDL >>

Part I: Expanded World of Digital Archive

- 1) Materials and databases provided by the NDL
- 2) NDL Digitized Contents
- 3) Historical Recordings Collection (only in Japanese)
- 4) Web Archiving Project (WARP)

Part II: Practical use of the NDL databases

- 1) Let's conduct research using the NDL databases!
- 2) RESEARCH NAVI

Part III: Case Report by Dr. Fumihito Muto, associate professor of the School of Marine Science and Technology, Tokai University

Sturgeons, Paddlefishes, and Tunas: Tracing transition of meaning of a kanji “鮪” by utilizing databases of classical materials.



<< Presentation on the Materials and databases provided by the NDL >>



<< Presentation for the Historical Recordings Collection >>

Participants actively asked how to use the databases in the temporary hands-on area with four computers in the foyer in front of the conference room. The following is a comment from one of participants: “It was a good chance to find many online services of the NDL I do not make full use of. Based on today’s presentation I will try to utilize them.”

After the Database Forum, 60 people with prior applications participated in the Kansai-kan library tour and enjoyed freely looking around the General Collections Room and Asian Resources Room. In addition, those who were interested in the user registration of the NDL could apply for it on the spot.

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Prior to the Database Forum, the “Keihanna Plaza Small Concert in the Kansai-kan 2013” was held at the foyer in front of the conference room, co-hosted by the NDL and the Public Foundation of Kansai Research Institute, and more than 140 people including standees took joy in listening to comfortable music played on marimbas.

※The Keihanna Plaza Small Concert is held every Wednesday from 12:15 to 12:45 in the Atrium Lobby of the Keihanna Plaza located near the Kansai-kan. Young and energetic musicians are giving a new aspect of culture to Keihanna Science City!



<< Keihanna Plaza Small Concert in the Kansai-kan 2013 >>

## 2 NDL Database Forum in the Tokyo Main Library (October 16)

On October 16, in spite of bad weather conditions caused by typhoon No. 26 (WIPHA), 175 people joined in the NDL Database Forum in the Tokyo Main Library.

The program of the Database Forum in the Tokyo Main Library was as follows:

<<Table: Program>>

<< NDL Database Forum in the Tokyo Main Library >>

Part I: Reliable friends to help you search

- 1) NDL Search
- 2) RESEARCH NAVI
- 3) Web NDL Authorities (only in Japanese)

Lecture: Library data and Linked Open Data

Dr. Ikki Ohmukai (associate professor of the Digital Content and Media Sciences Research Division, National Institute of Informatics)

Part II: Expanded World of Digital Archive

- NDL Digitized Contents, NDL Great East Japan Earthquake Archive “HINAGIKU,” etc.

Part III: Search for legislative information and legal materials

- Full-text Database System for the Minutes of the Diet (only in Japanese), Index Database to Japanese Laws, Regulations and Bills (only in Japanese), etc.



<<Presentation for the NDL Digitized Contents>>



<<Introduction for the NDL Great East Japan Earthquake Archive (HINAGIKU)>>

In the Q&A session, there were questions about these topics: transmission to the public and university libraries in Japan of digitized contents of out-of-print items, the WARP, provision of administrative and legislative information of local municipalities, possibility of worldwide networking among databases of laws and regulations, and how long it usually takes for the latest data to be ready in the Full-text Database System for the Minutes of the Diet.



<<Lecture by Dr. Ohmukai>>

Some participants answered the questionnaires after the events, saying that it was fruitful to hear lectures about how to use NDL databases they did not know so far, that it was good to know how to better utilize databases, and that the lecture by Dr. Ohmukai was very interesting.

Also in Tokyo, after the Database Forum, a library tour was carried out for participants with prior application.