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## New Web-OPAC: NDL Catalog through the Internet

In March 2000, the NDL started to provide an online catalog of about 2,000,000 Japanese books and 200,000 foreign books in western languages using the World Wide Web at <http://webopac2.ndl.go.jp/index.html>

The new Web-OPAC covers Japanese books received by the Library from 1948 and foreign books from 1986. As the NDL is the sole depository library in Japan, its collection of Japanese books is the most comprehensive in the country. The database also includes more than 20,000 books on Japan published abroad in various languages.

For users abroad, the Library has prepared a search screen also in English, in which not only Japanese characters but also Roman characters are available for searching the database. However, you need Japanese capability in your computer to display the search result in Japanese.

The books listed in the catalog are available through the NDL international photoduplication and loan services.

### How to search

#### Function Setting

Click "Option" to set up the various functions. Some functions can be set up on the search screen.

#### *\* Select the database*

Select the database of Japanese books or foreign books or both by checking the box left to the name of the database.

#### *\* How to search Japanese books with Roman characters*

When you search Japanese books using Roman characters, check the "Romaji" box on the search screen or click "Option" and select "Convert" on the bottom column. Either [Kunrei or Hepburn romanization](#) can be used. The system automatically converts the search word (s) from Roman characters to Japanese Kana characters when searching.

#### *\* Boolean search*

You can link search conditions between multiple search items or between search words for

the same item.

To link search words for the multiple search items, use the box left below.

To link search words for the same search item, separate the words with a space, and select "And" or "Or" in the box right to each item

### ***\* Sort***

It is possible to sort search results by title, author and publication year.

When you select "Ascending", the results are displayed in alphabetical order (from A to Z in English, from *A* to *M* in Japanese) by title or author, and with the most recent publication date first and the earliest date last. Select "Decending" to display in reverse order.

## **Searching Overview**

Enter search words in the box provided on the screen, then select the [Search] button to conduct the search. Clear the search text from the box at any time by selecting the [Clear] button.

### **Search items**

#### ***\* Title word***

Searches for books that include the entered search word in their title.

The Kana readings of the title, author and publisher of Japanese books are specified with spaces between words in accordance with a fixed rule. If more than one reading is possible, only the single most suitable reading is used. As a result, if the reading specified when searching is different from the reading used in the index, matches in the database may be missed in the search results. If you are unable to find a book you are searching for, please try again using a different kana reading or different item.

- **Example:** toukyou or amerika

#### ***\* Complete title***

Use this search when the full title of the work is known. This results in a forward match search. Appending / after the search word performs an exact match search.

- **Example:**nihonnorekisi or japanesehistory/

#### ***\* Author***

Searches by full name, first name, or last name. When you search by full name enter the name in reverse order.

- **Example:** natsume,soseki **or** shakespeare,william **or** dmitrii

**\* *Publisher***

- **Example:** kodansha **or** koudansha

**\* *Year of Publication***

- **Example:** 1986

**\* *Subject***

You can search the database by subject word in the “NDL Subject Headings”. The List is available only in Japanese.

- **Example:** ukiyoe **or** densikeisanki

For foreign books, approximately 100,000 bibliographic data mainly in English out of 200,000 data are searchable also with LC (Library of Congress) Subject Headings, because they are copy-cataloged from the LC Catalog.

- **Example:** Color prints, Japanese Edo period, 1600–1868

**\* *NDL/NDLC***

Searches by NDC (Nihon Decimal Classification) or NDLC (National Diet Library Classification)

**\* *ISBN***

Searches by the ISBN (International Standard Book Number). Only exact match searching can be used.

- **Example:** 4-87582-286-3 **or** 4875822863

## **Search results**

When the search finds matching data, the list of summary with title, volume, author, publisher, and publishing year is displayed. To go to the full record, click on the name of the book. This screen provides more detail than the list of summary. The NDL call number of the item is shown at the bottom of the record. This number should be used when completing call slips within the NDL, or when requesting the item on interlibrary loan. If no matching data is found, a warning message appears.

Maximum number of items displayed is 200.

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## International Library of Children's Literature opened on May 5

The International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL), a branch library of the NDL, partially opened on May 5 in the Ueno Park, Tokyo. 470 people, including Her Majesty The Empress, Diet members, children, and guests from abroad, attended the opening ceremony of the Library on May 5 (Kodomo no hi – Children's Day, a national holiday in Japan), 2000. The library as a whole is to open in 2002.

The ILCL is the first national library of its kind in Japan. The Library supports the activities of local libraries, providing direct services for children as well as a national center supporting research and study on children's literature.



In addition to the domestic books and documents acquired via legal deposit, the ILCL collects a wide range of literature and related materials from overseas. The limited capacity of the facilities at present means that the bulk of the collection remains housed at the main library of the NDL until the full opening in 2002.

### Composition of the ILCL collection (as of May 2000)

Children's books	Japanese	15,000 vols. (acquired since 1997)
	Overseas	15,000 vols.
Research and reference	Japanese	6,000 vols.
	Overseas	1,000 vols.
Periodicals	Both	650 titles

The ILCL is supported by two digital library functions, the Digital Archives and the Digital Museum. For Digital Archives, the ILCL provides the union catalog database of children's literature (in Japanese only) on the [ILCL website](#). The catalog includes bibliographic data on children's books in the holdings of major libraries in Japan such as the International Institute for Children's Literature, Osaka (IICLO).

Books in the ILCL collection are also searchable through the NDL Web-OPAC. When the searched book is in the ILCL collection, the message "International Library of Children's Literature collection" appears at the top of the display screen.

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications issued a commemorative stamp for the Library's opening (above). The delightful design, full of dreams and hope, shows children

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coming to the ILCL for the pleasure of reading.



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## Selections from the NDL Collection *Nakamura Naigai no Zu (in Sanshibai no Zu)*

<b>Title:</b>	Nakamura Naigai no Zu (in Sanshibai no Zu) Inside and Outside of the Nakamura (Pictures of Three Theaters)
<b>Author:</b>	Utagawa Toyokuni, 3rd (1786–1864)
<b>Imprint:</b>	1817
<b>Description:</b>	Six large size colored block prints
<b>NDL call no.:</b>	Ki-Betsu-2-6-2-4

### Contents:

Kabuki is a Japanese traditional performing art with its origins in the Edo period. Kabuki plays feature historical events, love, murder, vendetta and the like with music and dance. Although in the early years, both men and women acted in Kabuki plays, soon the Tokugawa Shogunate forbade woman to appear on the stage on the ground of immorality. Since then all roles have been played by men.

The Nakamura is a famous Kabuki theater in the Edo period (1603–1867). Since 1714, the number of officially licensed Kabuki theaters in Edo (now Tokyo) was limited to three: Nakamura, Ichimura and Moritaza. The Nakamura was located in Sakaicho in downtown Edo.

"*Nakamura naigai no zu*" is composed of six pictures. 1, 2, 3 show the interior of the Nakamura theater, and 4, 5, 6 are the façade. On the stage, actors are playing "Soga no Taimen (The confrontation of the Soga Brothers and Kudo Suketsune)"





Click on the number to go to the large picture, or click [here](#) for the whole composition.

1. Balconies and the Hanamichi. The Hanamichi is a narrow runway extending through the audience at right angles to the right of the stage. Actors use it to enter and exit to and from the main stage, and it serves as a secondary stage. From the "Hanamichi" the Soga Brothers confront Kudo Suketsune on the main stage. Kudo is the man who killed their father.
2. Main stage. The two characters on the poster upper left read "House Full"
3. The balconies and the pit.
4. Crowd.
5. *Yagura* (small tower) erected on the roof indicates the special status of the officially approved three theaters. A curtain patterned with ginkgo leaves, emblem of the Nakamuraza, surrounds the *Yagura*.
6. *Kido Geisha*, the men wearing red hoods on the stand, call people into the theater imitating the voices of popular actors.





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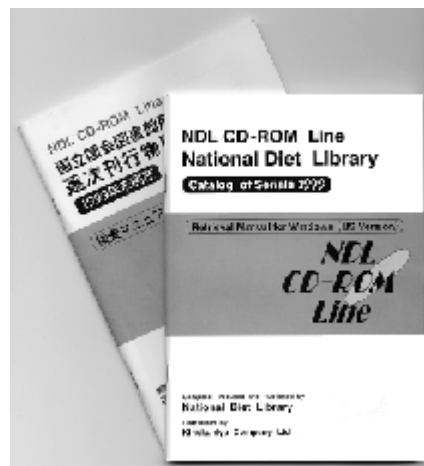
**New Publications from NDL**  
**NDL CD-ROM Line**  
**Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Shozo Chikuji Kankobutsu Mokuroku**  
**1999-Nenmatsu Genzai**  
**(National Diet Library Catalog of Serials 1999)**

*National Diet Library Catalog of Serials 1999* covers periodicals, newspapers, almanacs and annual reports in the NDL serial collection.

As of the end of 1999, the number of the collection, including the Imperial Library archives, reached 156,549 titles, including 106,228 Japanese and foreign titles in Japanese, 3,299 Japanese titles in western languages, and 47,022 foreign titles in western languages. For serials in Chinese and Korean, refer to the "National Diet Library Catalog of Asian Language Serials"

This is the first CD-ROM edition of the Catalog in the UNIMARC CD-ROM format and data search system developed by the NDL. The Library will publish the CD-ROM edition annually and the "JAPAN/MARC Catalog of Serials" in magnetic tape form semi-annually. The printed edition, "National Diet Library Catalog of Japanese Serials" and "National Diet Library Catalog of Foreign Serials" has ceased publication.

The CD-ROM is equipped with two types of search system, for Windows (Japanese version) and for Windows (US version). If you want to use Windows for other languages, install the search system for Windows (US version) according to the US retrieval manual.



The CD-ROM edition is produced by the NDL and distributed by Kinokuniya Co. Ltd.  
ISSN 1345-3742, ISBN 4-87582-559-5  
50,000 yen (domestic price)

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

## National Diet Library Monthly Bulletin

(Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Geppo)

### No. 469, April 2000

- National Diet Library web site revised
- Search in the bibliographic information: Web-OPAC
- Rare Books Image Database
- 41st meeting of the Council on Organization of Materials on Science and Technology
- Seventh forum for libraries participating in the National Union Catalog Network

### No. 468, March 2000

- Services of national libraries in an advanced information society: report of the 19th mutual visit program with the National Library of China, *by NDL delegation to China*
- Web site of the NDL redesigned: enlarging information supply service via the Internet
- Construction of the Kansai-kan (provisional name) of the NDL in progress
- Stamps commemorating Children's Book Day and the opening of the International Library of Children's Literature
- 3rd Preservation and Conservation Training Program

