



## **NDL Vision 2004 and the Digital Library Medium Term Plan**

The NDL recently released two important documents: NDL Vision 2004, and the National Diet Library Digital Library Medium Term Plan. They will be guidelines for our organization in the years to come.

### **NDL Vision 2004**

The NDL worked out its "NDL Vision 2004" in January 2004, which confirms its mission and roles, and clarifies four priority areas as follows:

#### **Mission and Roles**

The National Diet Library plays the following roles based on "the firm conviction that truth makes us free and with the object of contributing to international peace and the democratization of Japan as promised in our Constitution" (Preamble of the National Diet Library Law) :

- Collects products of the intellectual activities of Japanese people on a broad scale, from printed materials to digital information, and constructs information resources as the common property of the people of Japan.
  - Assists the legislative activities of the Diet by providing research and analysis services, and information on national political issues.
- Provides library services and guarantees access to information resources from now into the future to the executive and judicial branch and to the people of Japan.

#### **Priority Areas**

1. Enhancement of legislative support function: to raise the level of research services for the Diet.
2. Creation of digital archives: to store and provide national heritage as digital information.
3. Improvement of access to information resources: to guarantee free and equal access to the public.
4. Promotion of cooperation: to strengthen ties with domestic and overseas libraries and related institutions so as to promote sharing and distribution of information resources; to foster library professionals and contribute to developing library and information services.

To give substance to the Vision, the NDL introduced an evaluation system this fiscal year. With emphasis on the four priority areas, the organization as a whole and all the departments set their own objectives and service standards, then developed operational plans to achieve them. The performance will be reviewed periodically, and the objectives for the next fiscal year will be redefined based on the achievements of the previous year. The results of the evaluation will be published in the annual report and on the NDL website.

For more information on the Vision and the new evaluation system, please refer to: [NDL Vision](#)

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## **National Diet Library Digital Library Medium Term Plan 2004**

To give concrete shape to one of the above-mentioned priority areas "Creation of digital archives," the NDL formulated the NDL Digital Library Medium Term Plan 2004 in February 2004.

The plan specifies the objectives of the NDL digital library services as follows:

### **Objectives of Digital Library Service**

1. Creation of digital archives
2. Expansion of information on information resources
3. Digital archive portal functions

The NDL is now developing technical, legal and systematic frameworks to put the plan into action.

For more information on the Plan, please refer to: [Electronic Library Projects](#)

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## Electronic exhibitions "Portraits of Modern Japanese Historical Figures" and "Incunabula – Dawn of Western Printing – " launched

This summer, two electronic exhibitions "Portraits of Modern Japanese Historical Figures" and "Incunabula – Dawn of Western Printing – " are newly launched on the NDL website\*.

\*At present, some contents are available in Japanese only. Further expansion of the English pages is now under consideration.

### "Portraits of Modern Japanese Historical Figure"

For a long time, portraits have attracted many viewers with their unique charm. "[Portraits of Modern Japanese Historical Figures](#)" presents portrait photographs of approximately two hundred statesmen, government officials, military officers, businessmen, and others who had an impact on constructing modern Japanese society. The people portrayed in these photographs range from famous persons such as the first Prime Minister, Ito Hirobumi (1841–1909), down to "persons of the moment" who have been forgotten with the passage of time. The portraits included in this exhibition have been selected from the photographic publications owned by the NDL. Each photograph is displayed with a brief biography that will help you to find out about the subject's life and work.



**Saigo, Takamori (1827-1877)**  
**Statesman: Leader of the Meiji Restoration**

Source : *Kinsei Meishi Shashin*  
vol.1  
b&w ; 27.0x21.0 cm

Ogino, Ginko (1851-1913)

Doctor, Pharmacist, etc.:

Japan's first woman doctor

Source : *Kindai Meishi no Omokage* vol.1

b&w ; 11.1x8.1 cm

## "Incunabula - Dawn of Western Printing -"



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In the world of books, the word Incunabula refers to books that were printed using metal type up to the year 1500. "[Incunabula – Dawn of Western Printing –](#)" presents very precious materials produced in the age of the birth of Western printing. This exhibition consists of 13 incunabula and 55 incunabula leaves selected from the NDL Incunabula collection. An outline "What are incunabula?" and lists of "GfT Fonts" (facsimile of fonts that incunabula printers used) are included. To introduce the world of Incunabula and Western printing in depth, we provide several columns that explain the backgrounds and characteristics of Incunabula. A glossary, a chronological table and bibliographical references are also available.



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The National Diet Library owns many precious materials. [The NDL Gallery](#), a series of electronic exhibitions, introduces these materials worldwide in digital format via our website. Please visit and enjoy our electronic exhibitions.

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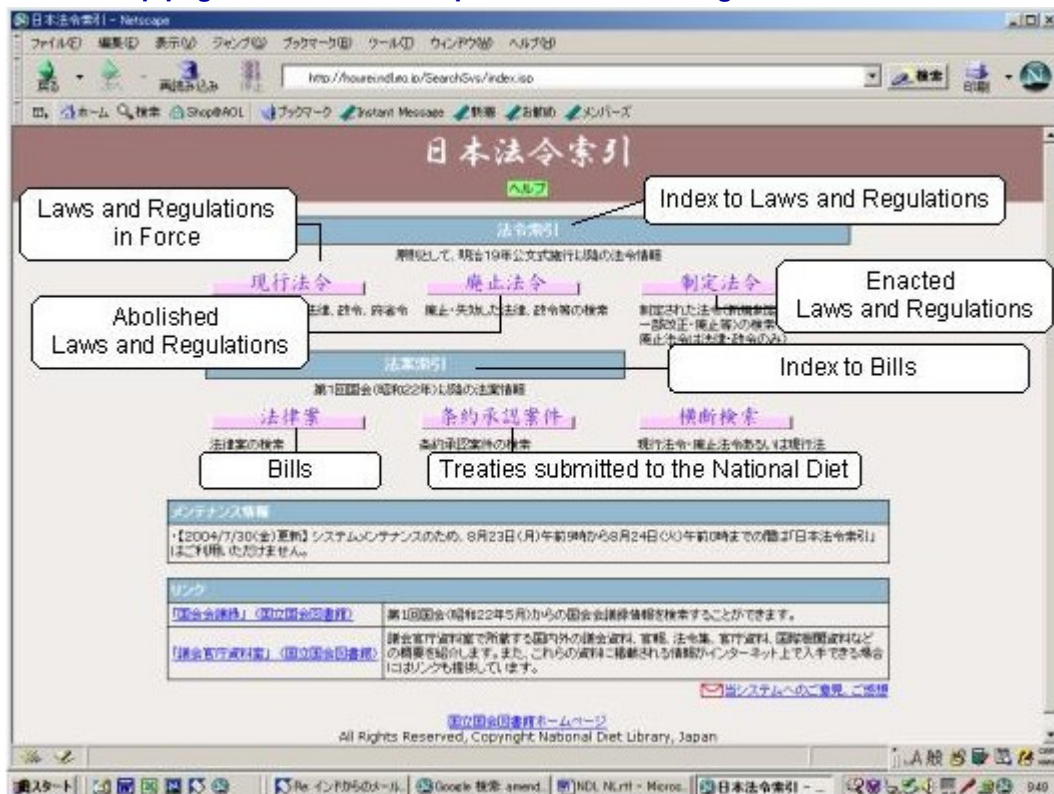
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## Research and Legislative Reference Bureau resources available on the website (in Japanese)

**Index to Japanese Laws and Regulations Database** <http://hourei.ndl.go.jp>

Using this Index, you can search the names (not full text) of Japanese laws and regulations promulgated in and after 1886 and bills submitted to the National Diet since 1947. It also provides a list of the years when a law was amended, the course of the Diet's deliberations and links to the minutes.

Top page of the Index to Japanese Laws and Regulations Database



Data included in the Index to Japanese Laws and Regulations

Index to Laws and Regulations	
<b>Laws and Regulations in Force</b>	9,393 laws, cabinet orders and ministerial ordinances in effect. Data include history of amendments.
<b>Abolished Laws and Regulations</b>	14,613 laws and cabinet and imperial orders abolished in and after 1886. Each law has a list of the years it was amended and abolished.
	75,384 laws and orders enacted in and after 1886 including those

<b>Enacted Laws and Regulations</b>	<p>subjected to partial amendments.</p> <p>* Note: Most of the orders enacted before WWII are omitted to make the data compilation easier.</p>
<b>Index to Bills</b>	
Bills and treaties submitted to the National Diet for its approval in and after May 1947.	

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## Publications of the Research and Legislative Reference Bureau

You can see the PDF version of the following periodicals and leaflets published by the Research and Legislative Reference Bureau as reference materials for the Diet's deliberation.

**Reference** [http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/data/publication/reference\\_index.html](http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/data/publication/reference_index.html)

A monthly bulletin of research papers with commentary and analysis on topics closely related to the national political issues

**ISSUE BRIEF** [http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/data/publication/issue\\_index.html](http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/data/publication/issue_index.html)

Leaflets explaining a topic selected from national political issues of major concern (irregular)

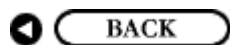
**Foreign Legislation** [http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/data/publication/legislation\\_index.html](http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/data/publication/legislation_index.html)

A quarterly periodical carrying Japanese translations of foreign laws with background information and legislation trends in other countries

**Research Material Series** [http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/data/publication/document\\_index.html](http://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/data/publication/document_index.html)

Investigative reports and other information on specific themes (irregular)

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## NDL Monthly Bulletin and Annual Report now available on the web

The two publications that show the current activities of the National Diet Library are now available on the web (Japanese only).

### ***National Diet Library Monthly Bulletin* (Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Geppo)**

This is a public relations magazine that introduces the activities and services of the NDL in various ways. The online version is provided in PDF format.

- Full-text: No. 517 (April 2004) -
- List of content: No. 424 (July 1996) - No. 516 (March 2004)

### ***National Diet Library Annual Report* (Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Nenpo)**

Every year the NDL submits an annual report on its operations and financial condition to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the House of Councillors. *The National Diet Library Annual Report* shows the year's activities of the library including basic statistics and laws related to the NDL. The online version is provided in PDF format.

- Full-text: *National Diet Library Annual Report FY2002* -







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Selections from NDL Collection

## Clapp Collection

Verner W. Clapp



Verner W. Clapp (1901-1972)

[\[Click to see Clapp's biography\]](#)

Verner W. Clapp was an American librarian who contributed to the foundation of the National Diet Library (NDL) right after World War II. He was remembered by many Japanese for his passionate devotion to the job, his warm-hearted sense of humor and his sincere modesty toward his Japanese colleagues even though his stay in Japan was only a little less than two months. After his death, the NDL received Verner Clapp's books and other materials related to library studies as a donation from Mrs. Dorothy Clapp. In doing this she was carrying out the wishes of Clapp, who always expressed his gratitude for having been involved in the foundation of the NDL. The collection has been named "Clapp Collection" to honor his achievements.

### Collection

After the collection was received by the NDL in 1973, it was open to the public in the Library and Information Science Materials Room until the Room was abolished in 2002. After a 2-year closing, the collection has been made available again in the Collection Corner of the Humanities Room since June 2004, with other special collections such as the Nunokawa Collection and the Ashihara Collection.

The Clapp Collection consists of 343 books and 256 leaflets whose themes are all related to library matters -- abstracting, bibliography, biography, cataloging, copyright, documentation, education, history, libraries, management, microform, paper, preservation, research, technical information and UNESCO. Many of the materials in the collection have Verner Clapp's signature and date on the flyleaf. There is even a book which has his memo attached with adhesive tape. The collection helps us to understand Verner Clapp's broad interests and depth of knowledge in the field. The collection also must be a basis of the sources for his numerous writings on a wide range of topics.

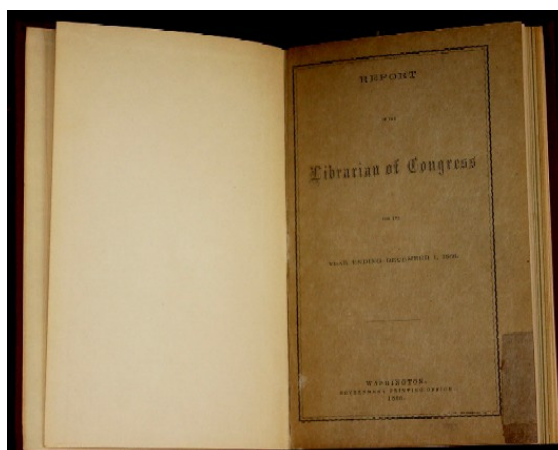
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The following are a few examples from the collection.

**Library of Congress publications**



<b>Title:</b>	Annual report of the Librarian of Congress ...
<b>Publisher:</b>	Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.
<b>Date:</b>	1866–1970
<b>NDL call no.:</b>	UL231–3



1866 edition

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Verner Clapp worked for the Library of Congress (LC) of the U.S. for 33 years (1922–1956), eventually becoming Chief Associate Librarian, next to the top. The complete set of LC annual reports in Clapp Collection started from the 1866 edition, which was made by the then Librarian of Congress, Ainsworth Rand Spofford, who transformed LC into an institution of national significance. The 1866 annual report is only 5 pages long while the 1970 report has 169 pages. The reports show that the accessions to the library were only 7,251 volumes during the year 1866, which increased to 1,426,609 volumes during the year 1970. The Clapp Collection contains many other LC publications, most of which were published while Verner Clapp was in office.

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### Council on Library Resources

<b>Title:</b>	The state of the library art
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<b>Publisher:</b>	Graduate School of Library Services, Rutgers, the State University, N.J.
<b>Date:</b>	1960–1961
<b>Description:</b>	5 volumes, 9 books
<b>NDL call no.:</b>	call no. varies for each book

This is the work that the Council on Library Resources (CLR) helped to create while Verner Clapp was its first president. When CLR was founded in 1956, it needed to overview the state of the art in the library field, and decided to give a grant to Rutgers University to compile this series. Verner Clapp's name is included in the advisory committee of this publication. This is a good source to look at to see the work of librarians of those days.

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### Verner Clapp's writings

<b>Title:</b>	Copyright : A librarian's view
<b>Author:</b>	Verner W. Clapp. Prepared for the National Advisory Commission on Libraries
<b>Publisher:</b>	Copyright Committee, Association of Research Libraries, Washington, D.C.
<b>Date:</b>	1968
<b>NDL call no.:</b>	AU-464-6

The Clapp Collection contains many of Verner Clapp's writings, including preprints. This is one of Verner Clapp's most significant works. Verner Clapp participated in the initial revision of the Copyright Act. His views as a librarian are still valid and relevant in this age of digital information.

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### Catalog

All the materials in the Clapp Collection have been cataloged and can be searched in the Clapp Collection's card catalog located in the Humanities Room. It can also be searched on the NDL OPAC, though the OPAC does not include information on which titles belong to the Clapp Collection.

### The U.S. Library Mission to Japan

It was only 6 months after Verner Clapp became Chief Associate Librarian at the Library of Congress that he was requested to chair the U.S. Library Mission to Japan in 1947. The Mission's role was to advise on the foundation of Japan's parliamentary library. Charles Harvey Brown, then honorary Librarian of Iowa State University, accompanied him to Japan. The two men arrived in Japan on December 14, 1947. They worked together with their Japanese counterparts to prepare a draft of the National Diet Library Law. The Mission's passionate and sincere attitude, willingly giving up the Christmas and New Year holidays, moved Japanese officials and members of the Diet, and made the difficult task of creating a library literally from scratch much easier.

The National Diet Library Law passed the Diet on February 4, 1948, by unanimous vote with acclaim. All the members present in the Chamber also applauded Verner Clapp and Charles

Brown, who were sitting in the gallery, in recognition of their generous advice and tireless efforts.

In 1968, about 20 years after the Law passed the Diet, when the new building of the NDL (the present main building of the Tokyo Main Library) was completed, Verner Clapp and his wife were invited to the opening ceremony in recognition of his contribution to the NDL. He is said to have been overjoyed to see the great progress made by the library that he had helped come into existence 20 years earlier. He was decorated with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star (Kun-Nito Zuihosho) by the government of Japan, which became one of his most cherished honors among many professional awards.

Verner Clapp's distinguished service to librarianship is vast. However, he was said to have been most proud of his leading role in the founding of the NDL. His kind and deep affection for the NDL is crystallized in the Clapp Collection.

[▶ Biography of Verner W. Clapp\(1901-1972\)](#)

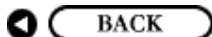
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## Publications from NDL in fiscal 2003

Here we introduce publications from NDL in FY2003 (except regular publications such as catalogs and bibliographies):

JAPAN/MARC Manual; Authorities 1st ed./ edited by National Diet Library. Tokyo: Japan Library Association, 2003. 187 p ; 26cm. ISBN 4-8204-0319-2

2,000 yen

\* "JAPAN/MARC Manual; Monographs & Serials 1st ed." was published in 2002.

(ISBN 4-8204-0225-0)

Nettowakukei denshi syuppanbutsu no shoshi chousei: dai sankai shoshi chousei renraku kaigi kirokushu (Bibliographic control of Online Publications; Current State of Metadata: The 3rd Conference on Bibliographic Control) / edited by National Diet Library. 1st ed. Tokyo : Japan Library Association, 2003. 128 p ; 21 cm. ISBN: 4-87582-586-21,200 yen

Toshokan shinseiki: Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Kansai-kan kaikan kinen shinpoziumu kiroku shu (The New Century of Libraries: Commemorative Symposium of the Opening of the Kansai-kan)/ edited by Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library. 1st ed. Tokyo : Japan Library Association, 2003. 131 p ; 26 cm. ISBN: 4-8204-0313-3

1,500 yen

Above four publications are available from: Nihon Toshokan Kyokai (Japan Library Association)  
1-11-14 Shinkawa, Chuo-ku,  
Tokyo 104-0033 JAPAN  
Tel: +81-3-3523-0812  
Fax: +81-3-3523-0841

Bunka shisan to shite no Webu Joho: webu akaibingu ni kansuru kokusai shinpoziumu kiroku shu (Web resources as cultural heritage)/ edited by National Diet Library. 1st ed. Tokyo: National Diet Library, 2003. 138p ; 30cm.

ISBN: 4-87582-584-6

1,575 yen

This publication is available from: Shuppan Nyusu sha  
2-40-7 Kandajinbocho, Chiyoda-ku,  
Tokyo 101-0051 JAPAN  
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Fax: +81-3-3261-6817



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

## National Diet Library Monthly Bulletin

(Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Geppo)

If you click the volume number of each issue, you can read the full-text of NDL Monthly Bulletin (no.517-). The text is provided in PDF format\* (Japanese only).

\*To see the full-text (PDF), you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader (free download). Click [here](#) to download. ([Adobe Website](#))

### [No. 521, August 2004](#) [PDF Format, 3.03MB]

- [New service procedures at the Tokyo Main Library after the completion of it remodeling in October 2004](#)
  - Materials recently designated as rare and semi-rare books: Report of the 35th committee on the designation of rare books
    - Japanese and Chinese Books
    - Newspapers and Magazines
    - Western Books
  - Conference with directors of prefectural and major municipal libraries in fiscal 2004
    - Special Collection "Nunokawa Collection"
      - <Announcements>
    - Digital exhibition "Incunabula -Dawn of Western Printing-" now available on the NDL website [related article](#)
    - Call for participating libraries as test users of the Reference Information System
      - Tokyo Main Library's New Calendar: opening hours and library holidays
      - Call for participation in the user questionnaire survey via the Internet
- What's bibliographic control? (9) National bibliographies are the mirrors of the nation's culture?

### [No. 520, July 2004](#) [PDF Format, 2.88MB]

- Digital exhibition "Birth of the Constitution of Japan": Overview of the site [related article](#)
- Digital exhibition "Birth of the Constitution of Japan": its significance: a view of a Constitutional historian (diskussion) [related article](#)

- <Announcement>
  - “Records of the Adjutant General’s Office: World War II Operations Reports” now available to the public
  - Digital exhibition “Portraits of Modern Japanese Historical Figures” now available on the NDL website [related article](#)
    - Addition of titles to the “Digital Library from the Meiji Era”
    - Searching for copyright holders of books published in the Meiji Era
- “NDL Vision 2004” and introduction of the evaluation system [related article](#)
  - Service standards for FY2004
    - Legal Deposit System Council 11th meeting
      - <Invitation>
    - Training program on digitization FY2004
      - <Announcement>
  - “National Diet Library Monthly Bulletin” is now available on the NDL website [related article](#)
    - Call for participation in the user questionnaire survey via the Internet
- Scenes of fireworks (Enchanting world of books – Guide to regular exhibitions, 8) [related webpage \(Japanese only\)](#)

