

The 32nd Mutual Visit Program between the National Diet Library and the National Library of China



<<NLC delegation and senior officials of the NDL>>

A delegation from the National Library of China (NLC) visited Japan from October 22 to 27, 2013, for the 32nd mutual visit between the National Diet Library (NDL) and the NLC. This program has been held alternately in Japan and China every year since it started in 1981.

Led by Deputy Director Dr. CHEN Li, this year's NLC delegation also included four other members: Ms. LIANG Aimin, Deputy Director, Coordination and Operation Management Division; Ms. ZHANG Jie, Deputy Director, Legislative Reference Service Department; Ms. ZHANG Shuguang, Senior Reference Librarian, Legislative Reference Service Department; and Ms. HAN Hui, Cataloging Section for Oriental Languages, Acquisition and Cataloging Department.

This year's program was as follows:

<<Program>>

- (1) Opening session
Theme: New dimensions of user services
 - Keynote speeches by Dr. CHEN Li (Deputy Director, NLC) and Mr. Yukio IKEMOTO, (Deputy Librarian, NDL)
- (2) Session meeting I
Theme: New trends of legislative information services
 - Reports by Ms. ZHANG Jie (Deputy Director, Legislative Reference Service Department, NLC) and Mr. Takahiro NOGUCHI (Director, Research Cooperation Office, Research Planning Division, Research and Legislative Reference Bureau, NDL)
- (3) Session meeting II
Theme: Acquisition and provision of online publications - current situation and future issues
 - Reports by Ms. ZHANG Shuguang (Senior Reference Librarian, Legislative Reference Service Department, NLC) and Mr. Toru TOYODA (Director General, Acquisitions and Bibliography Department, NDL)

In the opening session, Dr. Chen reported on the recent expansion of the NLC's user services, efforts to improve reference services, and preparations for the opening of the National Museum of Ancient Books and Records in the NLC scheduled for January 2014. Mr. Ikemoto made a presentation on the latest developments in the NDL's user services, focusing on functionality implemented after the renewal of NDL systems and procedures in January 2012. An outline of NDL search, a search portal available since January 2012, was also presented.

In the session meetings, experts from both libraries reported on their recent activities and achievements on the themes of the legislative information services and the acquisition and provision of online publications.



<<Closing Session>>

During the closing session, the two libraries agreed to continue to work together and exchange information on dealing with common challenges.

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