

Lecture by Mr. Roly Keating, Chief Executive of the British Library:
"Living Knowledge: The British Library's Future Vision"

On June 2, 2015, a lecture by Mr. Roly Keating, Chief Executive of the [British Library](http://www.bl.uk) (BL), "Living Knowledge: The British Library's Future Vision" was held in the Tokyo Main Library of the National Diet Library (NDL). Nearly 300 people were in attendance.



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Lecture by: Mr. Roly Keating, Chief Executive, British Library



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LIVING KNOWLEDGE:
THE BRITISH LIBRARY'S FUTURE VISION

2015 年 6 月 2 日 (火) 14:00-16:40

会場：国立国会図書館 東京本館 新館講堂

キーティング館長へのインタビュー

聞き手：田村俊作 慶應義塾大学名誉教授

Interviewer:
Prof. Emer.
Shunsaku
Tamura
(Keio University)

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<<Poster for the lecture meeting>>

The lecture meeting opened with remarks by Mr. Noritada Otaki, Librarian of the NDL, and then proceeded according to the program below.

<<Program>>

Opening address by Mr. Noritada Otaki, Librarian of the NDL

Part I: Lecture by Mr. Roly Keating, Chief Executive of the BL: "Living Knowledge: The British Library's Future Vision"

Part II: Question and Answer Session with Prof. Emer. Shunsaku Tamura (Keio University), as interviewer

Closing address by Mr. Mitsuaki Amino, Deputy Librarian of the NDL

After a quick introduction of the BL, Mr. Keating provided an overview of the vision "[Living Knowledge: The British Library 2015-2023](#)" which was set out in anticipation of its 50th anniversary in 2023, based on the six purposes: Custodianship; Research; Business; Culture; Learning and International, and he explained how to enhance its contribution to the community. The video presentation shown during his lecture is available [here \(link to YouTube\)](#).



<<Mr. Keating>>

Mr. Keating said "Living Knowledge" describes a Library that will have transformed itself in response to profound changes in technology, research and information services. It is an ambitious prospectus for growth and continued development, aiming to be the most open, creative and innovative institution of its kind in the world.

After the lecture, a Question and Answer Session was conducted with the interviewer Prof. Emer. Shunsaku Tamura (Keio University). Mr. Keating answered a wide range of questions from the floor, including how to collaborate with other deposit libraries in the UK, cooperation with universities to collect and provide research data, business support services in collaboration with public libraries, how to make use of its intellectual resource in school education, international cooperation with initiatives such as [Europeana](#), and the BL's contribution to the London Olympic games.



<<Q&A session>>

Some participants answered the questionnaires after the event, saying that the British Library's new vision was very attractive and it would be informative also for libraries in Japan, and that the interview-style Question and Answer session encouraged deep discussion.

Next year will be the final year of the NDL's [Mission and Objectives 2012-2016](#). This experience will be a great help to set up a new vision of the NDL.

Materials distributed at the symposium are available on the [NDL website](#).

Related articles from the National Diet Library Newsletter:

- [Recent NDL events with experts from abroad](#) (No. 148, April 2006)
- [Lecture on services developed by the British Library to support entrepreneurs and small business development](#) (No. 166, Apr. 2009)
- [Lecture on preservation and conservation by Ms. Deborah Novotny](#) (No. 177, April 2011)

Related contents from the NDL website:

- "Library Service and e-Strategy": International Symposium at the Kansai-kan commemorating its 10th anniversary ([Japanese website](#)) ([English website](#))