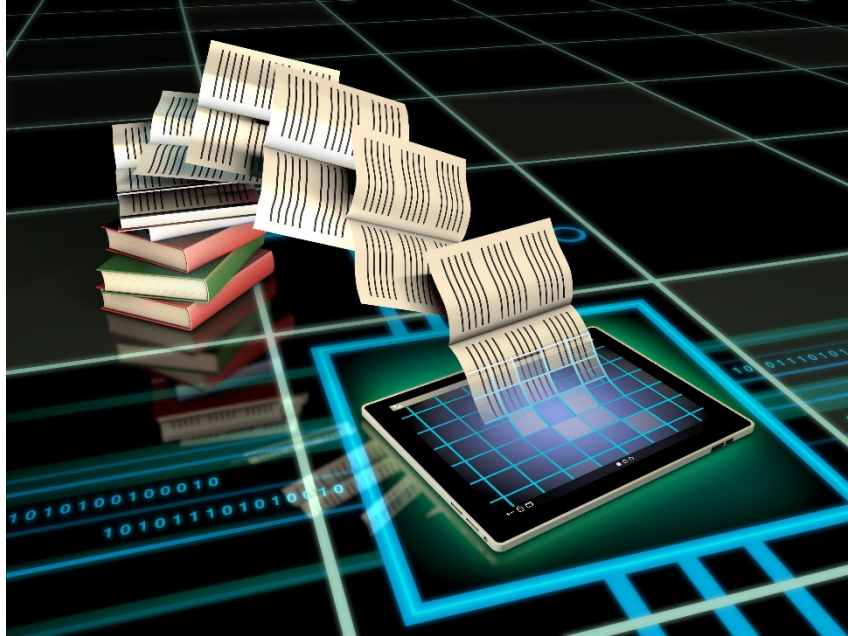


## Events

## Japan–France Forum "Books in the digital era" (French title: *Forum franco-japonais « Livre et numérique »*)



On June 13, 2016, the National Diet Library (NDL) held a Japan–France Forum "Books in the digital era" (*Forum franco-japonais « Livre et numérique »*), in cooperation with the [French Embassy in Japan / Institut français du Japon](#), and focusing on the publishing industry in the two countries and the roles of libraries in the digital era.

Nearly 200 people were in attendance in each session.

Remarks by Sawako HANYU, Ph.D., Librarian of the NDL, opened the symposium which then proceeded according to the program below:

<b>Opening remarks</b> by Sawako HANYU, Ph.D., Librarian of the National Diet Library
<b>Keynote lecture "Books, yesterday and today"</b> by Dr. Takeshi YORO, professor emeritus at the University of Tokyo
<b>Session I "Literature and reading in the digital era: A new format for books, a new way of reading"</b> moderated by Mr. Tomohiko HAYASHI, Asahi Shimbun
Panelists: Mr. Thierry BACCINO, professor at Paris VIII, scientific director of the LUTIN (Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie) Ms. Julie STEPHEN CHENG, artist in residence at the Villa Kujoyama in 2016 Mr. Taiyo FUJII, President of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of Japan Mr. Keiichiro HIRANO, writer Mr. Masanobu ISERI, Director General of the Impress R&D
<b>Session II "Digital books and the roles of libraries: commitment to long-term access and the legal deposit system"</b> moderated by Dr. Yashio UEMURA, professor at Senshu University
Panelists: Mr. Kaoru OMAGARI, Director General, Acquisitions and Bibliography Department, National Diet Library Mr. Shunsaku TAMURA, professor emeritus at Keio University Mr. Toshitaka TANAKA, General Manager of the Digital Division, Shogakukan Inc. Mr. Benoit TULEU, Director of the Legal Deposit Department, Services and Networks Direction, <a href="#">Bibliothèque nationale de France</a> Mr. Éric VIGNE, editor of Éditions Gallimard

**Session III "Economics of the publishing industry in the digital era"** moderated by Mr. Minoru NAKANO, Senior Staff Writer Cultural News Department, Nikkei Inc.

Panelists:

Mr. Jean-Guy BOIN, Director of the [Bureau international de l'édition française](#)

Mr. Luc BOURCIER, Director General of the Izneo

Mr. Tsuguhiko KADOKAWA, President of KADOKAWA, Inc.

Mr. Shin NIINA, President of the Digital Publishing Initiatives Japan

Mr. Masahiro OGA, President of the Japan Book Publishers Association

**Closing remarks** by Mr. Thierry DANA, Ambassador of France to Japan

It was a most valuable opportunity to reflect on the future of books and reading. We would like to express deep

gratitude to the panelists who contributed to fruitful discussion, and all of the people involved.



Materials in Japanese or in French, used for presentations, are available on [the NDL website](#).

Related articles from the National Diet Library Newsletter:

- [International Symposium: Past and Present of Japanese-French Exchanges - from the Collection of National Diet Library and Bibliothèque nationale de France](#) (No.199, April 2015)
- [Ina, a unique institution for preservation, access, research, production and training in the audiovisual domain](#) (No.181, February 2012)

• [Lecture and discussion by Mr. Daniel Teruggi "Ina, a unique institution for preservation, access, research, production and training in the audiovisual domain"](#) (No.180, December 2011)

• [Lecture and Discussion by Dr. Jean-Noël Jeanneney "Internet et la culture: une chance ou un péril?" \(The Internet and culture: opportunity or danger?\)](#) (No.170, December 2009)