

## **Report on the Digital Resources Committee to the Board members of the North America Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources**

Submitted by Chair of the Digital Resources Committee: Keiko Yokota-Carter

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### I. New members from July, 2008.

Chair: Keiko Yokota-Carter, University of Washington

Members:

Michiko Ito (incumbent), University of Kansas  
Kiyoyo Pipher (incumbent), Library of Congress  
Tomoko Bialock (new), University of Southern California  
Setsuko Noguchi (new), University of Illinois  
Fabiano Rocha (new), University of Toronto (Canadian representative)  
Ron Loftus (new), Willamette University, (Faculty representative)  
Professor of Japanese Language and East Asian History

Adviser:

Egami Toshinori, International Research Center for Japanese Studies  
(Japanese representative)

### II. Condition of the Japanese electronic databases

#### 1. Available commercial databases:

##### **Nikkei telecom 21**

There are three types of Nikkei Telecom 21 products.

- a. Fixed rate and unlimited use on Nikkei 4 newspapers (manual login)
- b. Fixed rate and unlimited use on Nikkei 4 newspapers (IP access)
- c. Pay-per use for regular Nikkei Telecom 21 with other newspapers and Nikkei magazines.

They are preparing for the questionnaires to set up a new product of the regular Nikkei Telecom 21 with limited use.

##### **Magazineplus** (agent: Kinokuniya)

##### **Japan Knowledge** (agent: Kinokuniya, JPTC)

They require libraries to belong to an existing formal consortium, such as GWLA, to subscribe with the group rate. This has prevented some libraries without the formal Affiliation from subscribing to Japan Knowledge, or put financial burden on them. Ms. Noguchi is working on this issue with the Kinokuniya, the agent of the NetAdvance, to make their regulation more flexible.

**Databases by Yagi Shoten included in Japan Knowledge**

Group rate is not available.

**KIKUZO VISUAL II** (Asahi shinbun database) (agent: Kinokuniya)

They offer flexible grouping to subscribe it with the group rate.

**Okinawa Times online database** (agent: JPTC) English contract available

2. Not available yet, but the vendors are preparing for the English license to sell as products:

**Koseisha Zasshi kiji sakuin shusei (Meiji - present)** (agent: Maruzen)

**Littel Navigator** (agent: Kinokuniya)

3. Databases that is difficult to subscribe:

**Cinii**

**Oya Soichi bunko online database**

III. Projects and concerns

1. Digital workshop was suggested prior to the CEAL. No further discussion.
2. Concerns:  
How much DRC can share the information about the commercial products in public, such as eastlib mailing list ?

How much DRC can outreach to small libraries without Japanese Studies Librarians ?