

**The North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library  
Resources  
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**Report from the Chair of the Digital Resources Coordinating Committee**

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I am so sorry for not being able to participate in the meeting this time. Because family related difficulties happened last year, I could not execute many of the plans I made for last year. But I will complete the plan before my term ends in June.

**Petition to Nikkei**

1. With generous supports from my colleagues in Boston, we were able to gather a large number of signatures (398) from librarians for the petition that I listed problems in Nikkei database contract. This petition is quite useful to the NY office Nikkei representatives who are sympathetic to us to negotiate some conditions with their Tokyo Head Quarter.
2. I plan to prepare the similar petitions for other vendors and distribute to librarians at the AAS meeting.

**DRC webpage**

1. Right after the September meeting, Brigid and I worked on improving the DRC website—we arrange to include past reports in the page, and the “memo to the vendors” become available from different parts of the NCC website (I am still receiving positive comments about that memo.)
2. We are in process of arranging to put up a practical bulletin board in our DRC page, so that people can write in.
3. The notes from the Ad Hoc meeting on September 1, 2006 was translated by Tokiko and published in the NCC News Letter, so I will get permission from Tokiko to put this on the DRC web site as several people requested this.

**Revising the DRC Memo to the vendor**

1. Following a suggestion from Toshie Marra at UCLA, I have been working on the revision of the DRC Memo to the vendor. Please contact me if you have any suggestions to omit or include into the memo ([tste@loc.gov](mailto:tste@loc.gov)).
2. One of the points to be included in the memo is that to ask vendors not to create databases requires special “plug-ins.” For example, Asahi’s Kikuzo II requires it. \*However, this problem is not limited to Japanese databases vendors. We have the same problems with vendors from the US and Europe as well.

## **NCC Open Session Plan in Atlanta**

1. I will not spend very much time for my report at the DRC open session, instead I will organize the following meeting:

Another Ad-Hoc meeting with vendors

- i. We will have an open session with three to four commercial vendors and one or two government vendors. I have already invited them to participate in the session. I received confirmation from three commercial vendors and one government vendor.
  - ii. The session is structured to have a very short presentation of each vendor (1 or 2 minutes each) and Q&A from the audience to these vendors. -- I will chair the session.
  - iii. This format will help the vendors to be able to here voices of the users directly as well as from other vendors.
2. Introduction of the next DRC Chair: In this session, I will introduce the next DRC Chair at this session with my short statement/request that I will prepare. Ms. Yokota-Carter will present her ambition and plans there.