

Librarian Professional Development Committee Report to the NCC Council

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Post-JSIST Update:

There has been no activity within LPDC since the meeting with the Japanese partners in July 2008, except for a number of communications with the Japan Foundation regarding a prospective proposal for such a training program.

Tenri Workshop Update:

As reported previously, the participants in the Tenri Antiquarian Materials Workshop for Overseas Japanese Studies Librarians (Tenri Workshop) formed a group, OJAMASG (Overseas Japanese Antiquarian Materials Study Group) and Keiko Suzuki, LPDC member became a member of the steering committee which will maintain the Group's homepage (<http://www.jlgweb.org.uk/ojamasg/introduction.html>). All North American participants have been busy contributing to the Group's projects: a directory of the holding of Group members' institutions including antiquarian (printed books, manuscripts, prints) materials and access to their bibliographical information; and the publication of the Yōreishū 用例, examples of wording used for cataloging antiquarian books following the system outlined in the Chikuhakuen Collection of Tenri Central Library.

LPDC Co-chair, Noguchi, a member of the Tenri Workshop Committee, completed the report on Year 2 to the Japan Foundation including distribution of the Japan Foundation's fund. NCC again acted as the bursar for funds from the Japan Foundation earmarked for US participants. The Committee also prepared the fund proposal for Year 3 submitted to the Japan Foundation by the UK Japan Library Group. NCC again wrote a support letter for the funding proposal.

Other:

The Committee may explore an idea of creating an on-line study group for junior Japanese studies librarians.

The idea is taken from a self-formed study group by junior academic librarians in Japan. They meet regularly to study and present on select issues and bring guest speakers for professional development. While it is not possible for the Japanese studies librarians in North America to meet in person regularly, we may be able to take advantage of online communication media such as Blogs and Social Networking Software.

This idea is in a very exploratory stage and it is yet even unsure what the LPDC's involvement might be. However, some LPDC members will explore the feasibility of this idea and report back to the NCC in the future.

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