Since the last NCC meeting 23-27 October 2009 at the University of Arizona, several Library of Congress projects reported at that meeting were successfully completed. The updates of these projects together with other significant activities are reported below.

**LC Library Services activities**

**World Digital Library**

Partners in the World Digital Library (WDL) including a representative from the National Diet Library, Japan (NDL) met in Washington, DC, on June 22-23, 2010 to explore the expansion and enhancement of the website of world cultural treasures in digital form. The participants sought to identify important documents and collections from those countries that should be added to the WDL, and to identify the personnel and infrastructural needs those nations need to fulfill to participate in national and international digital library projects. The WDL now has 94 partners from 60 countries. More than 10 million users from every nation in the world have visited the WDL, [www.wdl.org](http://www.wdl.org) since its launch in April 2009.

**5th China-North American Library Conference**

The National Library of China, the Library Society of China and the Library of Congress co-hosted the 5th China-North American Library Conference in Beijing on September 9-11, 2010. Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian and Peter Young, Chief of Asian Division participated in the conference and its planning as members of the North American Organizing Committee. The purpose of the conference is to enhance mutual exchanges, strengthen digital sharing, and meet the challenges that both the Chinese and American libraries face in this field. The theme for the 5th conference, “Sharing Digital Resources: Challenges and Opportunities,” was divided into five principal sub-themes: 1) resource sharing policies and perspectives, 2) infrastructure and repository technology, 3) research data sharing, 4) digital preservation methods, and 5) shared digital access, retrieval, and use.
Asian Division activities

Cooperative digital project

The Library of Congress and the National Diet Library, Japan (NDL) signed a multi-year cooperative agreement on July 6, 2010, to start digitizing several Japanese collections at LC. The two libraries will make available digital data of selected pre- and during World War II Japanese materials from the Japanese Collection including censored published/unpublished materials from the Interior Ministry, the Japanese Imperial Army and Navy materials, and pre-WWII serial publications. Under the agreement, NDL will cover the costs of digitizing these rare Japanese materials.

The project is another instance of collaboration between Japanese institutions and LC in which the Asian Division has played an important part in the negotiation process. The previous project in which the Asian Division played such a role took place in 2005-2007 with the International Center for Japanese Studies, Japan (Nichibunken). Under that project, approximately 2,000 Japanese wood-block prints from the Prints and Photographs Collection, four rare Japanese illustrated manuscript books (Nara Ehon) from the Muromachi through mid-Edo periods (mid 14th Century -- mid 18th Century), and a rare complete set of the Tale of Genji (1654) from LC’s Japanese Collection were scanned and made available digitally through both the LC and Nichibunken websites.

Public lecture and book display

The Asian Division and the Embassy of Japan co-hosted a public lecture and book display to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first Japanese diplomatic mission to Washington D.C. in 1860 at the Library of Congress on May 21, 2010. Dr. Akira Iriye, Professor of American history at Harvard University and Dr. Ronald Toby, Professor of East Asian language and culture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign discussed the events of the 1860 diplomatic mission of 77 samurai to the U.S. from Japan. Dr. Michael Auslin, the director of Japan Studies at the American Enterprise Institute moderated the discussion.

The book display featured 米利堅航海略図 Meriken Kōkai Nikki Ryakuzu [Journal and sketches of the voyage to America], [1860], a manuscript book featuring hand-drawn copies of an eyewitness sketch made by a member of the Japanese diplomatic mission; 航米日録 Kobei Nichiroku [Chronicle of the voyager to America], [1860], a travelogue recorded by a member of the mission; and a poem “THE ERRAND-BEARERS...” (New York Times, June 27, 1860) that Walt Whitman wrote after seeing the Japanese Ambassadors in a parade on Broadway in New York.
**Florence Tan Moeson Fellowship**

Asian Division hosted two Florence Tan Moeson (FTM) Fellows 2010 in Japanese studies: Dr. Dylan McGee (State University of New York at New Paltz), and Kazuko Hioki, (University of Kentucky). Both fellows delivered a talk: Dr. McGee, “Akinari’s Imaginary Osaka: Mapping Cultural Circles through the Early Work of Ueda Akinari (1734-1809)” on May 25, 2010 and Hioki, “Japanese Books of Edo Period (1603-1867)” on June 15, 2010. The FTM Research Fellowship awards $14,000 each year for a period of 10 years to support research projects making use of the Asian Division’s Reading Room and the Library’s extensive Asian collections. The grants are awarded upon demonstration of need through a competitive process. The deadline for the 2011 application is September 30, 2010.

**Future exhibition and symposium**

The Asian Division will open an exhibition entitled “The Japanese Collection at the Library of Congress: Past, Present, and Future” to mark the 80th anniversary of the Library systematically building research and scholarly resources on Japan, from September 20 through October 16, 2010. The exhibits illustrate the challenges the Library has met in the past in building its collections and its commitment to continue to address the new challenges of the present and the future. In conjunction with the display, a public symposium of the same title will be held on September 21, 2010. The speakers are: Dr. Kakugyo Chiku, Kanazawa Institute of Technology, Ellen Hammond, Curator of the East Asia Library at Yale University, Dr. Manabu Yokoyama, Notre Dame Seishin University.

**New acquisition**

Asian Division acquired several multi-volume sets of Japanese material including the following titles with special funding during FY2010.

*Dainihon Ishin Shiryo Kohon Maikuroban Shusei* 大日本維新資料集成 [Manuscripts on Meiji Restoration]. 860 microfilm reels of the manuscripts published between 1913 and 1925 for a total of 4,217 volumes.


Manshukoku Suppan Muroku 満州国出版目録 [Catalog of South Manchurian Railways Company’s Publications]. 12 v.


Publications and presentations
