

The National Coordinating Committee on Japanese Library Resources is a standing committee which represents the community of Japanese librarians and scholars in North America. The NCC's mission is to mobilize library resources related to Japan toward the long-range goal of creating a comprehensive system of ready access to Japanese information throughout North America. Membership in the NCC is open to nominations and suggestions are always welcome.

### *Multi-Volume Set Project:*

The objective of this project is to strengthen Japanese research resources in American university libraries by supporting the purchase of expensive multi-volume sets in the Japanese language. The related goals are to utilize finite book funds most effectively, to ensure that valuable materials are available in at least one library, and to increase access to Japanese research materials by rationalizing expenses on a national basis. The project is funded by the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission. Any library in the United States which is willing and able to meet the commitments of free interlibrary loan, 25% of the purchase price plus postage, and timely full cataloging into a national database, is eligible to apply for support.

Clarified guidelines and application forms have been mailed to all library members of the Committee on East Asian Libraries of the Association for Asian Studies and posted on two electronic bulletin boards, EAST LIB and EAMEMNET. Additional forms are available directly from NCC. Applications must be postmarked by January 15, 1994.

The first year Pilot Project (1992-93) supported the purchase of the following twelve sets, which are available to users in other institutions by interlibrary loan:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Institution</i>
<i>Chôsen-shi: fukkôkuban</i>	St. John's University
<i>Gaimushô kohyôshô</i>	University of Michigan
<i>Hosa Bunko shozô Ozaki Kyûya Korekushon</i>	Indiana University
<i>Kei-chôshû: Taishô Shôwa</i>	UC--San Diego
<i>Kokusai chôsa izen Nihon jinkô tokeishû</i>	Indiana University
<i>Meiji fujin mondai bunken shûsei</i>	UC--Los Angeles
<i>Nihon kindai kyôiku shiryô taikai</i>	Indiana University
<i>Nihon senryô Sugamo Purizun shiryô</i>	Harvard-Yenching Library
<i>Saigoku bushidan kankei shiryôshû</i>	UC--Santa Barbara
<i>Seron chôsa hôkokusho</i>	UC--San Diego
<i>Tenmei haishoshû</i>	University of Pennsylvania
<i>Tsûshô isan</i>	University of Pittsburgh

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*Retrospective Conversion Subcommittee:*

The Subcommittee has commissioned a report, prepared by Diane Perushek of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Sachiko Morrell, Washington University, on which it will base a national recon project. It will be contacting librarians at institutions nation-wide to invite participation. Grant proposals for external funding will be prepared during the coming months. The NCC will be glad to hear from libraries interested in participating.

*Subcommittee on Electronic Information Resources:*

A grant was received from the Commission to fund a coordinated effort by the ARL and NCC to "help Japanese studies librarians clarify the strategic choices facing libraries that administer Japanese studies collections, to gain practical experience with electronic technologies and to test different approaches to information access and provision." The Task Force members are: Michael Albin, Maureen Donovan, Yuki Ishimatsu, Yasuko Matsudo, Jutta Reed-Scott, George Soete, and Kristina Troost; consultants are Scott Edward Harrison and Hideyuki Morimoto. The Subcommittee has developed three pilot projects and intends to eventually bring all three projects under one larger goal.

- (1). Available and future electronic technology that supports institutional resource sharing
- (2). Access to Japanese databases including NACSIS-IR
- (3). Strategic planning training on Japanese electronic information for librarians and administrators

*Additional Plans*

The NCC is planning a project to act as a clearinghouse for the distribution of duplicate copies of material from Japanese National Universities to Japanese research institutions in the U.S. The NCC has also assisted in arranging, with Japan Foundation funding, for the distribution of *Japan-U.S. Collaboration in Enhancing International Access to Scholarly Information: Looking Toward the 21st Century*, the Proceedings of the Fifth Japan-U.S. Conference on Library and Information Science in Higher Education, which was held in Tokyo, Japan, October 6-9, 1993.

*Current Membership:*

Michael Albin, Library of Congress representative; Stephen J. Anderson, University of Virginia (*term expires December 31, 1993*); Jack Cain, ISM (formerly UTLAS); Amy V. Heinrich, Chair/ Columbia University; Hideo Kaneko, Yale (*term expires December 31, 1993*); Sharon Minichiello, NEAC representative/ University of Hawaii; Eizaburo Okuizumi, CEAL representative/ University of Chicago; J. Thomas Rimer, American Advisory Committee to the Japan Foundation representative/ University of Pittsburgh; Tamiyo Togasaki, International House of Japan/ liaison to Japan; Duane Webster, Association of Research Libraries representative (*term expires December 31, 1993*); Samuel H. Yamashita, Pomona College; Eiji Yutani, University of California--San Diego.

Additional Subcommittees include the Japan Foundation Library Support Program Advisory Subcommittee and the Serials Subcommittee; two CEAL task forces, on Interlibrary Loan and on the Training and Recruitment of Librarians, work with the NCC as well.

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The Nominating Subcommittee of the NCC is composed of Amy V. Heinrich, Chair; Hideo Kaneko; and J. Thomas Rimer. All are willing and eager to hear from people with recommendations for membership in subcommittees, task forces, and the NCC.

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