

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.

NCC on the World Wide Web

A project resulting from work of the Task Force on Japanese Electronic Resources, initiated by NCC and the Association of Research Libraries in 1993 with funding from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, supports a new electronic information service for East Asian library resources. The Project for Japanese Library Resource Sharing has now received funding from the Commission which, together with a grant from the Department of Education's Library Technology and Cooperation Program, has already resulted in the creation of the East Asian Libraries' Cooperative World Wide Web Server, administered at the Ohio State University Libraries. Other university libraries besides Ohio State which will soon be receiving workstations for inputting information about resources in their collections are: 1) JUSFC-funded: UC-Berkeley, Columbia, Duke, MIT; 2) DOE-funded: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin. During the initial phase when this project is being established, we will be using the following addresses (URLs):

<http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu>

<http://dragon.lib.ohio-state.edu>

More details about the projects, including texts of the grant proposals, lists of project participants and other administrative information are now posted at the first address. We are also beginning to add subject information, a process which will accelerate once the workstations are deployed at the participating libraries. Please be patient as we get started. We invite comments and suggestions as we find our way, using this new technology, to enhance remote access to research materials (both print and electronic) on Japan and promote efficiencies in the management of Japanese research collections through resource sharing.

Once the computer installation is complete we expect to have about 17 GB of storage available initially and will be inviting Japanese studies specialists in all fields to consider using this resource for their electronic publishing needs. Demonstrations will be held during the Association for Asian Studies annual conference at a booth in the exhibit hall, which will feature both the WWW project and NCC's other activities.

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International Interlibrary Loan

As part of its concern with improving access to Japanese research materials for researchers and students in the United States, the NCC has been looking into international ILL resources. In the spring, member Yasuko Matsudo spoke with M. Hirano, of the International Cooperation Division of the National Diet Library in Tokyo, who showed her an article in the *NDL Newsletter*, No. 92 (March 1994), on its international ILL service--available since 1960--with guidelines

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we are encouraged to use it, although it is expensive: books borrowed through ILL must be returned by registered air mail, for example, and there is a transfer fee (¥1,500 if payment is by banker's transfer; ¥3,900 by bank draft) above the cost of duplication for photocopies or microfiche/microfilm copies. Requests for fuller information and guidelines should be sent to:

Library Cooperation Department
National Diet Library
Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo 100, JAPAN

Notice of Collection

The following information is excerpted from the Houston Academy of Medicine - Texas Medical Center Library's newsletter *Library Lines* VIII (November-December 1994)1:2.

Since 1986, the Harris County Medical Archive has housed manuscript collections from nineteen former Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (ABCC) members. The collection contains over 120 cubic feet of records consisting of diaries, correspondence, reports, manuscripts, charts, maps, books and photographs. In addition there are over 4000 photographic materials, i.e. prints, negative, slides, contact sheets. . . . Those interested in the ABCC Collections should contact: Margaret A. Irwin, Special Collections Librarian, at the Library's Historical Research Center (713/795-4200 ext. 141).
e-mail: Margaret@library.tmc.edu

Call for Participants

The Nominating Committee of the NCC is composed of Karl Kahler, incoming NCC Chair; Sharon Minichiello, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Eizaburo Okuizumi, University of Chicago. All are willing and eager to hear from people with recommendations for membership in subcommittees, task forces, and the NCC. The following projects are either already underway or in advanced planning, and additional participation is welcome.

Multi-Volume Set Project
Database Subcommittee
Japan Foundation Library Support Program Advisory Subcommittee
Serials Subcommittee
Librarian Training and Recruitment
Art Exhibitions Catalog Project

Change of Chair

On January 1, 1995, Karl Kahler will become the Chair of the NCC, replacing Amy V. Heinrich. Karl's address is:

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Fuller information on all the projects and activities of the NCC is available in the September-October 1994 Meeting Report, to be published in the *Bulletin of the Committee on East Asian Libraries*.
