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The NCC Sets New Priorities for the Next Decade

In March, the NCC brought together 102 library and information specialists from North America, Japan, and Western Europe to discuss Japanese collection development, faculty research needs, librarian training, and access to Japanese material, at a conference just prior to the 2000 Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in San Diego.



At the Year 2000 Conference (from left to right): Eric Gangloff, Amy Heinrich, Stephen Miller, Vickey Bestor, and Kris Troost.

Founded as a joint effort of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission and the Japan Foundation in 1991, the NCC's mission is to coordinate cooperative collection development in North America and to help develop strategies for resource sharing. During the past decade the NCC has become a key international organization building collaborations among North American libraries, information providers, and Japanese institutions. The Year 2000 Conference sought the advice of librarians, scholars, and other specialists in the field to help the NCC set its agenda for the next decade. Major funding for the Year 2000 Conference was provided by the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, with additional support made possible by the AAU/ARL Global Resources Project.

A number of new projects were proposed at the Year 2000 Conference. One of the first to take shape is **EASy Help**, a pilot project testing a prototype for an electronic help desk for CJK users. A collaborative

project with CEAL, the Council on East Asian Libraries of the AAS, the project is headed by Gail King of Brigham Young University. Using a web-based test pilot, a small group of faculty from a broad range of disciplines and areal specialties are posing CJK reference questions to a small group of East Asian Studies librarians who have volunteered to provide answers in their particular areas of expertise. Growing out of efforts to improve service to faculty and staff at smaller institutions and those working without access to professional Asian Studies librarians, it is hoped that EASy Help will eventually expand to serve the broad East Asian scholarly community. (For more on EASy Help, see page 5.) The interim results of the pilot project will be presented in a Poster Session at the Chicago AAS meeting in March 2001, to be chaired by Sharon

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JOIN THE NCC ANNUAL MEETING AT ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

The **NCC's Annual Meeting**, held in conjunction with the meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, will take place in the Price Auditorium of the Art Institute of Chicago on Wednesday, March 21st from 1 to 3 p.m. Complimentary admission to the Art Institute will be provided for those who attend the NCC Annual Meeting, all are welcome.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, guided tours with Art Institute Curators will be scheduled for those who pre-register, on a first come basis. Attendees who do not register may tour the exhibitions on their own.

To register for a guided tour please e-mail Vickey Bestor <vl13@cornell.edu>.

The Art Institute is not far from the Sheraton Chicago, where the AAS Meeting will take place. On foot, it takes about 20 minutes, a brief shared taxi ride is the recommended means, or it can be reached by buses 3, 145, 147, or 151 going South on Michigan Avenue, one block from the hotel. For further information on the Art Institute of Chicago, its outstanding collection, strong in Western painting throughout history, as well as in Decorative arts, Asian art, and Textiles, please visit their web site at: **www.artic.edu**.

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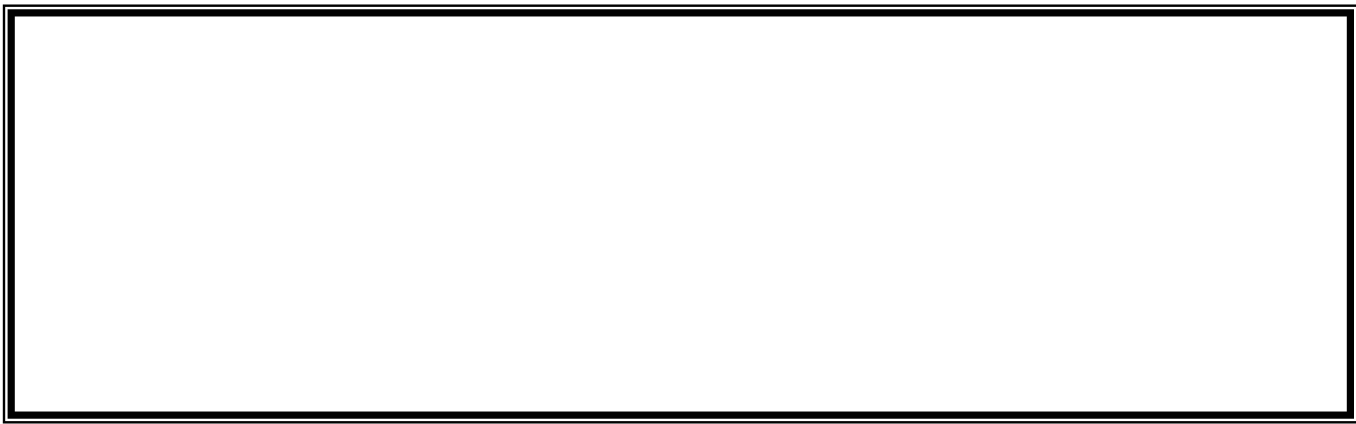
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Domier of the University of Massachusetts, Friday, March 23rd, from 10:45 to 12:45.

Since 1997, the NCC and the AAU/ARL Global Resources Project have been developing pilot projects for **international interlibrary loan and electronic document delivery**. Two pilot projects have been established between 35 North American libraries and counterparts in Japan. The first, a very successful program with Waseda University Libraries, has become the model for a subsequent project with Japan's Association of National University Libraries (ANUL). An evaluation of the ANUL pilot project has begun and will be the focus of a bi-national meeting in Tokyo in January 2001. (See related story by Mary Jackson, page 8.)



Vickey Bestor, Ikuro Sasakawa, and Kris Troost (left to right)

Recent technological innovations enabling the electronic transmission of text and documents present great opportunities and challenges to Asian scholars. **Issues of copyright** and the flow of information between North America and Japan have become a growing area of concern. Our countries face decisions about the use and transmission of electronic materials that will greatly impact how scholars conduct research in a globally-connected environment and will dictate how libraries provide access to researchers. To date, these innovations have resulted in differing interpretations of copyright law in Japan, the US, and elsewhere. The NCC is working with other interested organizations to express its concern for improving the flow of scholarly information among researchers worldwide through broader and more uniform interpretations of copyright as applied to electronic materials.

Since the NCC's founding, advancing cooperative collection development has been a top priority. The **NCC's Multi-Volume Sets Project (MVS)**, currently co-chaired by Yasuko Makino of Princeton University and Stephen Miller of the University of Colorado and funded by the Japan-US Friendship Commission, is currently seeking applications for 2001 MVS grants. To assist applicants and to further publicize the program, a sample of a successful MVS application and a complete list of funded sets is now available on the NCC's website. To further improve MVS, a program review has been initiated. As the final phase of that review, Professor Patricia Steinhoff of the University of Hawaii will conduct a survey on faculty satisfaction and solicit suggestions for new directions. (See MVS update, page 11.)

Additionally, to **broaden collaboration**, the NCC is working closely with the **Library of Congress** to develop new ways to expand cooperative collection development. An **NCC Canadian Advisory Group** has been established to identify priorities, build new networks for collaboration, and to help raise funds for Canadian collections.

The Union List of Japanese Serials and Newspapers (ULJSN) is a major joint initiative of the NCC and the **Association for Research Libraries**, supervised by ARL's Japan Resources Project. In July, a review session was held in Washington at ARL headquarters to evaluate progress on the Union List. The first phase of the Union List is available at <http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/ULJS/index.html> and is currently administered by Ohio State University. Future directions for the project are being planned, pending the availability of funding.

Japan Foundation-National Diet Library Training Program Selects Naomi Kotake, Ellen Hammond, and Jack Howard for 2001 Program

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The NCC is happy to congratulate the US and Canadian recipients of the 2001 Japan Foundation-National Diet Librarian Training Fellowships. The three recipients are each highly experienced Japanese Studies Librarians who have already contributed importantly to efforts to collaboratively develop Japanese language collections, to share information, and to broaden networks of cooperation among North American research libraries. The highly specialized training each will receive in the intensive three week Japan Foundation-NDL Program will greatly benefit the field of Japanese studies, expanding their ability to serve users in their own libraries and internationally. The 2001 recipients, Naomi Kotake, Ellen Hammond, and Jack Howard, each bring to the program a depth of experience and a variety of perspectives.

Naomi Kotake is a Japan bibliographer/cataloger at Stanford's Hoover East Asian Collection (EAC), which has particular strengths in the collection of 20th-century social sciences materials. She has been at the EAC for almost ten years, where her responsibilities include collection development, reference services, and cataloging. She is a member of the NCC's Japan Foundation Library Support Advisory Committee, and has been elected to a three year term on the NCC board, beginning in January 2001. Naomi also has an interest in children's literature and has been volunteering to help the Santa Clara County Library select children's books for the past several years.

Ellen Hammond, Japanese Studies Librarian at the University of Iowa, came to Iowa in 1998 after sixteen years in Japan. While in Japan she worked in both academic and corporate libraries and taught history at a university near Tokyo. Her graduate work was in library science and Japanese history. She is currently in charge of Iowa's Japanese collection and teaches a course on "Research in Japanese Studies." She is interested in rethinking the teaching of area studies bibliography courses. Ellen chairs the NCC's

International Task Force on Consortial Licensing which builds upon recommendations made at the NCC's Year 2000 Conference in March and is a member of the NCC's Japan Foundation Library Support Advisory Committee.

Jack Howard is the Asian Studies Librarian at the Royal Ontario Museum of Art, where he oversees their extensive library on Asian art history, architecture, and archeology, with particular responsibilities for Japanese art history reference. He has been at the ROM for 23 years. In addition to his work at ROM he works a few hours a week at the University of Toronto's Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library as Japanese Reference Librarian. Jack is a member of the NCC's Canadian Advisory Group and the CEAL Committee on Library Technology. He is also a storyteller, specializing in the legends and folktales of Japan, Korea, and China.

The 2001 JF-NDL Fellows will spend three weeks in Japan undergoing an intensive training program covering all facets of advanced Japanese language librarianship with particular focus on new and emerging technologies for information sharing. In addition to workshops and hands-on training, the group will make site-visits to major libraries, archives, and special collections both in Tokyo and in the Kansai. The program, now in its fifth and final year, is an unparalleled opportunity for North American librarians to meet leaders in the library and information field in Japan and to develop close contacts with peer librarians from many other countries. The combination of training, site-visits, and networking opportunities have made this a highly successful program that has produced an important ripple effect of benefits felt throughout the field. Past Fellows are among the leaders in the Japanese studies library and information fields and the expertise they gained on the Japan Foundation-National Diet Library Training Program continues to greatly benefit Japanese Studies in North America. (See page 10 for details on the NCC Survey of Training Needs.)



EASy Help: THE EAST ASIAN SCHOLARS ELECTRONIC HELP DESK



The East Asian Scholars Electronic Help Desk (EASyHelp), a joint project of the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC) and the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) of the Association for Asian Studies, will begin a six month trial in November 2000. Following the lead of the Virtual Reference Desk and services such as AskAsia, this pilot project attempts to support the needs of isolated faculty and librarians through a cooperative network of specialist librarians and by applying new technologies.

Increasingly, the teaching of East Asian Studies has moved beyond the small group of programs at major research universities that were the centers of East Asian research throughout much of the last century. East Asian courses are now taught in many fields and at colleges and universities in all parts of North America. Most faculty teaching such courses in those institutions were trained in the major centers where they had access to significant library collections and to professionally trained East Asian Studies Librarians. In their new positions it is difficult for them to continue their research, to remain in touch with colleagues and resources in Japan, to provide up to date information to their students, and to effectively provide outreach to their communities. In addition, recent technological advances have created huge bodies of resources that even many established scholars are unfamiliar with. Many scholars require reference assistance to gain access to these new materials whether they are in major centers or in institutions without professional East Asian Studies librarians.

The NCC's Year 2000 Conference identified as priorities the provision of better service to scholars working in isolation, the support of non-specialist librarians serving East Asian studies scholars, and the training of faculty in new and emerging technologies that use e-mail, the web, electronic document delivery, and the growing range of databases. EASy Help is an important step in advancing all of these objectives. EASy Help operates on a web-based platform responding to e-mailed requests for digital reference services. During the

trial period, a group of volunteer faculty and librarians have agreed to ask and answer an equitable number of questions that cannot be handled locally. Members of the project task force are also developing a series of brief written and electronic guides on the ordering of books from Asia, the range of options for document delivery, methods for configuring personal computers to send and receive vernacular text over the Internet, and providing information on access to major sites and links of use to scholars in the field of East Asian studies and to the students they teach.

The project is not intended to replace traditional library services, but to provide a network of support for individuals and institutions that would otherwise be left without specialized library service. To further demonstrate the value of such a system to the broad universe of research libraries in North America, the volunteer group recruited for the pilot phase includes a number of faculty-librarian pairs from the same institution. These pairs consist of a scholar with a geographical specialty different from the East Asian librarian at their institution. The aim is to demonstrate that such collaborations can ease the work load on library staff by freeing them from questions in a secondary subject area while also better serving their own faculty by giving them access to librarians who are not only specialists in their geographical area but may also be expert in the specific topic of their research.

Among other important questions to be addressed by the pilot program are the economics of sharing resources and services, standards of quality in service (accuracy, verifiability, and timeliness), and the use of technology to allow new models of institutional cooperation. Information about the service and guides will be publicly available on the EASy Help website, while log-in access to the reference service will maintain privacy and confidentiality.

Preliminary findings on the EASy Help pilot project will be presented in a poster session at the AAS Meeting in March 2001 (Area #6: Interarea, Library,

***Don't miss the
poster session
reviewing this
project:
Friday,
March 23
10:45-12:45***

and Teaching, Panel #64: Posters, March 23rd (Friday) 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.). The session will provide an opportunity for members of the East Asian scholarly community to offer feedback and suggestions for the future expansion of the program to a larger audience. The long term goal of the project is to launch a full version of the EASy Help service that will be available to East Asian Scholars throughout North America. Once the pilot project has run and the full evaluation is completed sources of funding will be sought to support its full implementation.

The faculty who have volunteered to pose questions for the pilot project are: Donald Clark (Korean Historian, Trinity University), Laurel Cornell (Japanese Sociology and Landscape Architecture, University of Indiana), Julie Davis (Japanese Art History, Oberlin), Suzanne Gottschang (Chinese Anthropology, Smith), Sally Hastings (Japanese History, Purdue), Stephen Miller (Japanese Literature, University of Colorado), Beth Notar (Chinese/East Asian History, Trinity College), Mark Peterson (Korean History, Brigham Young University) and Andre Schmid (Korean/East Asian History, University of Toronto).

Librarians who have volunteered to participate in the pilot project are: Sharon Domier (University of Massachusetts), Katsuko Hotelling (Arizona State University), Shu Yong Jiang (Art Institute of Chicago), Joy Kim (University of Southern California), Gail King (Brigham Young University), Thomas Hsueh-po Lee (University of Indiana), Haruko Nakamura (Washington University St. Louis), Zhijia Shen (University of Colorado Boulder), and Yunah Sung (Cleveland Museum of Art).

The EASy Help Task Force is chaired by Gail King (Brigham Young University), and Sharon Domier (University of Massachusetts) coordinates the production of training guides and organized the Poster Session. The other task force members are Maureen Donovan (Ohio State University), Thomas Hahn (University of Wisconsin), Shu Yong Jiang (Art Institute of Chicago), Izumi Koide (International House of Japan), Hideyuki Morimoto, (University of California at Berkeley), and Laura Wong (Library of Congress and Johns Hopkins University). Tai-loi Ma (University of Hong Kong) serves as a consultant to the project. Questions regarding the EASy Help project should be directed toward Gail King <gail_king@byu.edu>, and questions on the development of training and on-line reference guides to Sharon Domier <sdomier@library.umass.edu>.

People in the field

The NCC welcomes new Director General, **Fumitomo Horiuchi**, and Assistant Director, **Masaki Hirano**, to the Japan Foundation New York Office. With Mr. Horiuchi's arrival the NCC also bids farewell to outgoing Director General **Masaya Usuda**. The NCC and its board members look forward to working closely with both Mr. Horiuchi and Mr. Hirano on initiatives of mutual interest to the NCC and the Japan Foundation during their terms in the US. Mr. Hirano and Japan Foundation colleague Laura Potter were at the NCC's September board meeting in New York City.

Hearty congratulations to Margaret and Jim Mihori on the birth of their daughter Marisa Yuki Noelani on October 17th (Margaret's birthday) at 5:54 PM. Many happy returns of the day to both Margaret and Marisa. Margaret will return in early 2001 to her position as Assistant Director of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission where she serves as the NCC's contact at the Commission.

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EASy Help to be Part of New Incubator Program

The NCC/CEAL EASy Help pilot has secured approval to use Incubator, a new reference software developed by the Virtual Reference Desk project for receiving, routing, and answering questions via the Internet. The VRD Incubator software and VRD technical support will allow configuration of an EASy Help site that is easy to use, maintain, and expand. Incubator is designed with systems for routing, log-in, and profiling, while insuring confidentiality and privacy. The EASy Help pilot will be the first project to use the software in actual electronic reference work. EASy Help's experience with Incubator will help guide future developments and enhancements of the software and will serve as a model for specialized academic reference services elsewhere.

The Virtual Reference Desk project is located at Syracuse University and is administered by the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information and Technology with funding from the U.S. Department of Education and support from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

NCC Project Updates

Japan Art Catalog Project

The Japan Art Catalog Project (JAC), established in 1996, is a collaboration between the NCC and the Japan Association for Cultural Exchange (ACE Japan). The project collects exhibition and collection catalogs published in Japan and makes them available to users in the US at the Freer Gallery of Art in Washington DC and through inter-library loan. Reiko Yoshimura, assistant librarian at the Freer, coordinates the program. To date 3,476 catalogs have been received from 453 Japanese museums and collections. JAC catalog records are available through the RLIN and OCLC databases, the Freer Library's web catalog (<http://www.sackler-freer-library.si.edu>), and via the catalog of ACE Japan at <http://www.acejapan.or.jp/artg/acl/index.html>. The NCC coordinates a parallel exchange that sends catalogs to ACE Japan's library in Tokyo. Future directions of the JAC project will be the subject of discussions with ACE Japan in January during a trip to Japan by NCC director, Vickey Bestor and past and current chairs, Kristina Troost and Sachie Noguchi.

Consortial Licensing Task Force

A new NCC Task Force on Consortial Licensing was commissioned at the NCC's fall meeting. The Task Force mission is to facilitate access to the databases most useful for North American users by clarifying contract and use issues and working to reduce the cost of access. The task force is currently surveying East Asian libraries in North America about their use of Japanese fee-based online databases. It is hoped that some Japanese vendors will be receptive to the type of consortial licenses that have allowed many university libraries in the U.S. and Canada to achieve cost savings. A parallel project coordinated by Kuniko McVey of Harvard University is exploring the licensing of Asahi Shimbun's Digital News Archives. Colleagues in both Japan and Western Europe have expressed interest in these projects and are following them closely.

Consortial Licensing Task Force members are John Campbell (University of Michigan), Makiko Miwa (Epoch Research Corporation), Sanae Isozumi (University of San Diego), Lynne Kutsukake (University of Toronto), Tokiko Bazzell (University of Hawaii), and Keiko Okuhara (University of Pittsburgh). Ellen Hammond, (University of Iowa) chairs the task force. Eddy Harrison (University of Washington) is acting as an advisor.

*(see page 11 for an update on the
Multi-Volume Sets Project)*

AAU/ARL/NCC Japan Journal Access Project

Mary E. Jackson, Project Coordinator

The AAU/ARL/NCC Japan Journal Access Project seeks to expand access to research materials published in Japan and to coordinate Japanese collection development activities in North American libraries. The North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC) is a key co-sponsor of the Japan Project, one of the AAU/ARL Global Resources Program projects. The Japan Project now includes 35 member libraries in the United States and Canada. Activities of the Japan Project have focused on developing a union list of Japanese serials and newspapers, and improving document delivery between libraries in Japan and North America.

Union List of Japanese Serials and Newspapers

The Union List of Japanese Serials and Newspapers (ULJSN) has evolved into one of the centerpieces of the Japan Journal Access Project. The Union List is part of the East Asian Libraries Cooperative Japanese Journal Information Web, a web site developed by the Ohio State University (OSU) Libraries Japanese Collection for the Japan Journal Access Project. The web site and Union List have been maintained and coordinated by Maureen Donovan, OSU's Japanese Studies Librarian. Funding has been provided by OSU, the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, Honda R + D Americas, Inc., the NCC, and the Japan Journal Access Project.

The goal of the Union List is to include all Japanese serial and newspaper titles held by North American libraries. Libraries have contributed their holdings in a variety of formats: tape loading, file transfer, and downloading from individual library catalogs. Since the Union List was established in 1997, the Union List Coordinator has been challenged to find a timely and cost-effective method of obtaining and adding titles and holdings.

In early 2000, the Japan Journal Access Project was awarded a grant from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission (JUSFC) to hold a planning meeting to review progress on the Union List of Japanese Serials and Newspapers and identify strategies to complete the addition of titles and holdings. The meeting was held on July 20, 2000 at the ARL office in Washington, DC. The dozen invited participants concluded that the Union List could be a valuable tool for cooperative collection development activities, but the Union List as currently maintained by Ohio State University Libraries was not sustainable in its current form. Ohio State staff agreed to stabilize the union list and complete the addition of titles and holdings from the 1992 printed union list prepared by Yasuko Makino

Obituary



Professor Hiroshi Inose, Director General of the National Institute for Informatics (NII) died unexpectedly on the evening of October 11th, 2000. He was 73 years old. A graduate of the School of Engineering of the University of Tokyo, he began his career working in the field of electronics. He eventually returned to the University of Tokyo where he served as a faculty member in their engineering school until his retirement in 1986. That same year he became Director General of the newly founded National Center of Science Information Systems (NACSIS), which is the predecessor of the NII. He became Director General of NII in April 2000 when the organization was formed.

Many colleagues in the Japanese studies library and information field have worked closely with Professor Inose over the years, he has been a great resource and friend to international library and information cooperation. He will be greatly missed.

and Mihoko Miki and the several tapes that has been sent to OSU from individual libraries. The Japan Project extends its appreciation and thanks to the editors for their willingness to permit the Project to use their printed list to expand the titles and holdings included in the web-based Union List.

In early October, Maureen Donovan reported that the revised edition includes 8,323 titles and 31,956 holdings. The previous edition included 5,936 titles and 8,196 holdings. The Union List was not designed to be an online database, and thus the reference to editions. OSU staff have reorganized how data are formatted; now bibliographic and holdings information are incorporated into a single XML record, with each element of data appropriately tagged. This revised structure will permit the data to migrate to another platform or into a database.

At the July meeting, participants concluded that the Union List includes three distinct components: the server on which the Union List is run, the database or files of titles and holdings, and the intellectual management of those titles and holdings. OSU signaled its interest in having the Union List move to another site but has agreed to keep the server running until a new home is found. The Japan Project is exploring options for housing the server and database/files, as well as the intellectual management of the data.

The Japan Project will also issue a call to Project participants to see if they are willing to commit to maintaining five titles. This may be the first real step of the long-unrealized desire for a collaborative collection development initiative.

Waseda Document Delivery Project

Now in its second year, the Waseda Document Delivery Project continues to attract members of the Japan Project interested in obtaining materials held by Waseda University Library in Tokyo. Limited to Project participants, nearly two-thirds of the 35 Project participants use the OCLC ILL system to order books and articles from Waseda. Payment of ILL fees is made via OCLC's ILL Fee Management (IFM) Service. Articles are sent and received via Ariel and books and other non-returnables are sent via

expedited commercial carriers. The volume of activity is high on both sides. As of May 2000, 109 requests submitted by Waseda were filled by the North American participants; Waseda filled 114 requests for the North American participants. Although the goal was not for an even exchange, an "equilibrium of exchange" has been reached.

ANUL Document Delivery Project

A document delivery project between five Japanese public universities (members of the Association of National University Libraries, ANUL), NACSIS (now known as the National Institute for Informatics, NII), and ten U.S. research libraries (members of the Japan Project) was begun in July 1999 and was initially targeted for a nine-month test. The project is limited to non-returnable copies of journal articles and book chapters. Requests are emailed and articles are sent electronically. Japanese participants use the EPICWIN software to scan and send articles to Ariel workstations in the U.S. libraries and U.S. libraries use Ariel to scan articles which are sent to an email address.

The project was extended to the end of 2000 and expanded to include seven additional North American research libraries. The test was expanded and extended because of the low volume of requests sent by the North American participants. As of May 2000, the six Japanese participants send a total of 284 requests to U.S. participants. Of that, 186, or 65%, were filled. Quite a different picture emerges for requests sent from the initial ten U.S. participants: seven requests sent, and only three filled (a 45% fill rate). A formal evaluation of the project will be completed by December 2000. A late-January 2001 meeting in Tokyo will permit leaders from both sides to assess the project's effectiveness.

An article on the history and development of the AAU/ARL/NCC Japan Journal Access Project will be published in an upcoming special issue of *Library HiTech* (v. 18, no. 3, 2000, pp. 224-233) that features the reports on all of the projects of the AAU/ARL Global Resources Program. For additional information on the Japan Project, contact Mary E. Jackson at <mary@arl.org> or 202 296-2296.

News from the Library of Congress

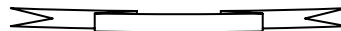
Helen Poe, Director Asian Division, Library of Congress

For the third year, the Asian Division has organized the visit of the Japanese Rare Books Project team, headed by Professor Kenji Watanabe of Rikkyo University. The team consisted of eight scholars with expertise in history, literature and religion, and 11 graduate assistants from various academic institutions in Japan. Together they completed preparation of data sheets with brief bibliographic and subject information in Japanese on books in the Library's collection written and published in pre-Meiji Japan.

A senior cataloger on LC's Japanese Cataloging Team not only compiled its Japanese-language internal document regarding rare book cataloging, entitled "Edoki Kanpon Shahon no Katarogu," but has also been enhancing, for input in RLIN, worksheet data prepared by the visiting scholars. An English-language version of the guidelines is scheduled for completion and release in spring 2002.

The subcommittee on Japanese Rare Book Cataloging Guidelines of CEAL's Committee on Japanese Materials is planning to compile a brief list of questions and comments related to cataloging of older Japanese materials to assist LC's Japanese

Cataloging Team in compilation of the English guidelines. Those who wish to offer suggestions and comments on the project should write to: Toshie Marra, UCLA East Asian Library, 21617 YRL, Box 951575, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1575, Tel: (310) 825-2765, Fax: (310) 206-4960, Email: <tmarra@library.ucla.edu>.



The Library also reports that since the closing of the **Japan Documentation Center** on March 31, 2000, LC's Japanese Section staff have filled all JDC requests despite an uneven pattern of demands. LC foresees no difficulty in continuing to serve that demand.

For further information about the Library of Congress's Asian resources, visit their website at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/asian>.

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NCC Survey of Training Needs Receives Large Response

During October 2000 the NCC conducted a survey of Japanese studies librarians in North America. Those surveyed included both librarians who concentrate on Japanese materials and those with multiple subject responsibilities that include Japan. A greater than 50% response rate of those asked to respond was received.

The survey was prompted by the selection of the fifth and final cohort of participants in the Japan Foundation-National Diet Library Training Program (see related story on page 4). The survey is part of the NCC's effort to help document the cumulative benefit of the JF-NDL program to the field, to understand the need for similar training to that offered by the JF-NDL program, and to determine what other kinds of training are in demand. The results of the survey will be made available to interested organizations in Japan and North America and a full report will be published in the next NCC Newsletter.

NCC Canadian Advisory Group Formed

Tsuneharu Gonnami, East Asian Librarian at the University of British Columbia, has agreed to chair the new NCC Canadian Advisory Group composed of Japanese studies librarians from throughout Canada. The group will advise the NCC on Canadian priorities for cooperative collection development, consortial licensing, and will help identify future sources of funding for such efforts in Canada. The NCC is committed to continuing to work to solicit sources of funding for Japanese collections in Canada and looks forward to working closely with the Canadian Advisory Group.

Visit the NCC's web site at

<http://purl.oclc.org/NET/ncc/index.htm>

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Get All the Details on the NCC's 2000-2001 Multi-Volume Sets Competition

**Deadline:
January 12, 2001**

Visit the MVS Web Page:
[http://www.lib.duke.edu/ias/eac/ncc/
reports.htm#MVSReport](http://www.lib.duke.edu/ias/eac/ncc/reports.htm#MVSReport)

to find
a downloadable application form
a sample of a successful MVS application
a list of sets previously selected
a list of sets applied for, but not chosen

The Multi-Volume Sets Project

The Multi-Volume Sets Project has been an important effort of the NCC's since its founding nearly ten years ago. Some of the most important materials for Japanese studies are published as expensive multi-volume sets that lend themselves to inclusion in coordinated collection development programs. Through the MVS project, the NCC aims to insure that important but costly Japanese research resources are held by at least one U.S. university library. To avoid duplication of expensive resources, to broaden accessibility of the materials through prompt cataloging into a national database, and to provide for interlibrary loan without charges to the requesting library, MVS offers grants to qualified libraries that will house and circulate them.

Cost-sharing is an important component of the MVS project, which requires libraries to contribute 25% to 50% of the purchase price as well as the shipping and handling costs. To receive the full 75% MVS grant no other sets can be circulating in the US. Because of growing demand for funding, the Committee will determine the level of funding to be received by those applications where fewer than two copies exist in the US. Prior to

application, a thorough search of the national databases is required of applicants, which will be cross-checked by the MVS committee to insure that requests fill gaps in the national collection.

To strengthen MVS, a review of the program was recommended at the Year 2000 Conference. That review is under the direction of past MVS co-chair Rob Britt, and includes surveys of borrowing rates and of librarian opinions, both conducted by Professor Patricia G. Steinhoff, University of Hawaii. The results of the review will be completed before the end of 2000 and discussed at the NCC's January meeting in Seattle.

The MVS Committee represents both scholars and librarians of Japanese Studies and will meet in late February to select new sets for inclusion in the MVS national collection. For further information about MVS please contact co-chairs Yasuko Makino of Princeton University <ymakino@Princeton.edu> or Stephen Miller of the University of Colorado <smiller@spot.colorado.edu>, or committee members Kazuko Sakaguchi, Harvard University, William Hauser, University of Rochester, or Keiko Yokota-Carter of the University of Washington.

Web Sites of Note

NCC Website

[http://purl.oclc.org/NET/ncc/
index.htm](http://purl.oclc.org/NET/ncc/index.htm)

Japan-US Friendship Commission

www.jusfc.gov

Japan Foundation, New York

www.jfnny.org/jfnny

Union List of Japanese Serials and Newspapers

[http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/
ULJS/index.html](http://pears.lib.ohio-state.edu/ULJS/index.html)

Freer Library's web catalog to locate JAC catalogs

[http://www.sackler-freer-
library.si.edu](http://www.sackler-freer-library.si.edu)

Council on East Asian Libraries

<http://purl.oclc.org/net/ceal>

Art Institute of Chicago

www.artic.edu



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CEAL Meetings

Monday March 19th through
Saturday March 24, 2001

NCC Annual Meeting

Wednesday March 21st, 2001
(see story on page 1)

Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting

March 21-25, 2001

CEAL Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, March 22nd, 6:30 pm

AAS Poster Session -- EASy Help:

***East Asian Scholars
Electronic Help Desk Pilot
Project***

Friday, March 23rd, 10:45 to 12:45
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