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# The International Library of Children's Literature

## Preparation for the opening is in progress

*The National Diet Library established the Planning Office of the International Library of Children's Literature in January 1997. Its work is to prepare for the opening of the International Library of Children's Literature (tentative name) including deciding on the details of services and developing collections and digital library systems.*

### Schedule

To make the old building of Ueno Branch Library, which will be used for the International Library of Children's Literature, more suitable facilities for new services, we start to remodel it one part after another from fiscal 1997. Now we are working together with Mr. Ando, architect for the basic plan of remodeling. The International Library of Children's Literature will develop its services in step with the progress of remodeling. In 2000 the new library will be open partly to the public. At this stage we will set up the museum of children's books which both of children and grown-ups can visit to enjoy and also offer some fundamental services to the visitors and remote users including children. Thereafter it will proceed to improve and extend its services as a national center of children's literature in stages.

### Development of the digital library system

According to the report of the "Investigation Committee for Establishing a Facility for the Use of Children's Literature in the NDL", digital library system is essential for propelling this project. And the NDL has been engaged on the project for the digital library of children's literature as a part of the development of digital library model of the NDL.

Pilot systems were developed with a revised budget for fiscal 1995. In 1996 they were improved and ready to be used experimentally. These systems will be ac-

cessed on a homepage of the International Library of Children's Literature that will be open in the near future.

### Union catalog system of juvenile literature and cooperation with related organizations

For the purpose of promoting cooperative activities among related organizations, we have held so far two meetings of related special organizations for children's literature. We are planning to develop a union catalog system that makes it possible to retrieve juvenile literature collections held by the NDL and such organizations as the International Institute for Children's Literature Osaka and the Tokyo Metropolitan Hibiya Library. In addition to these organizations the Kanagawa Museum of Modern Literature and the Museum of Modern Japanese Literature joined to discuss this union catalog system at the second meeting held in last August.

### Collections

To make the International Library of Children's Literature an information center for children's books, we started to acquire a wide range of materials including a variety of reference books and children's books published abroad in addition to those issued in Japan that have been already acquired by the NDL.



## Electronic media room opened

*Electronic media including CD-ROM has been offered in the Special Materials Room and CD-ROMs of foreign periodicals in Reading Room 3. From August 1, 1997, Reading Room 3 became an electronic media room and Microcopy Center, and at all the seats in the room personal computers can be used. We would like to introduce an outline of the services mainly of the electronic media room.*

## Outline of the electronic media room

Electronic media can be divided roughly into two types, online and packaged. The electronic media accessible in the room is the latter. We also started a print-out service at the beginning of this December.

CD-ROM databases that can be accessed in the room are the following four kinds:

- Indexes, abstracts and articles from foreign periodicals in business, social sciences and general fields
- Citation indexes from foreign periodicals
- *Japanese Periodical Index* of the National Diet Library
- Abstracts of doctoral dissertations of foreign countries

## System

Two servers and 16 clients are connected to each other through LAN. CD-ROM changers are controlled by the servers.

Readers consult databases on CD-ROM themselves with a guidebook. Readers will in future also be able to give orders themselves to a computer to print out.

## Contents of CD-ROM

- Indexes and full-text images
- Three kinds of CD-ROM databases can be accessed: economic, management, business; general; social sciences. They contain indexing to articles from approximately 3,000 periodicals, and images from about 900 titles.

Users can search by typing words in a title of an article, selecting a certain periodical from a list of periodicals recorded in the database, and so on.

### · Citation indexes

A citation index consists of a list of materials that were cited in other materials made public later and a list of materials that certain materials cited. Data from 1991 to 1996 of SSCI (Social Sciences Citation Index) and A&HCI (Arts & Humanities Citation Index), which are representative ones, can be accessed.

Readers can search by typing words in a title of an article, subjects and authors, the same way as they search periodical indexes.

### · *Japanese Periodical Index* of the NDL

Contains indexing to articles from about 5,500 titles of Japanese periodicals held by the NDL and now approximately 1.5 million articles are indexed from the periodicals published after 1985. This CD-ROM is available on the market. Readers can make a search by keywords such as words in a title, authors, a title of a periodical, subjects and date.

### · Abstracts of doctoral dissertations of foreign countries

Dissertation Abstracts is a search tool as important as abstracts and indexes of periodicals. It contains doctoral dissertations since 1861. Some original dissertations in the science and technology field are available in the Science and Technology Materials Room in the NDL.



# Compilation of the Fifty Years' History of the NDL

the coming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Diet Library

To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Diet Library in 1998, a variety of plans are underway. Compilation of the "Fifty Years' History of the National

Diet Library" is one of them. A compilation committee was organized in the summer of 1996, and since then we have discussed many compilation policies, items

and so on that will describe 50 years of the NDL well. The purpose of the "Fifty Years' History" is to take a bird's-eye view of 50 years of the NDL, while the "Thirty Years' History of the National Diet Library" put emphasis on the systems and constitution of the library up to 1977.

After the "Thirty Years' History" was brought out, the environment surrounding libraries has changed drastically. Inside the library, many things have been changing, too. For example, the JAPAN/MARC Council was established in 1978 and the departmental system of the library was reorganized on a large scale in 1986. Automation in processing and development of databases altered the modality of bibliographic information services thereafter. The more services for non-visitors are emphasized, the more services to domestic libraries became important. Other than the above, a new idea that preservation and use of materials are not necessarily incompatible was introduced, services to the Diet members were reorganized in response to the changing needs for information, and reference service and document supply service began to be paid more

attention. The changes in various phases are now in progress.

In describing the activities of the 20 years since 1978, the compilation committee is perfectly agreed that we should see these activities in terms of "offering services". The writers were also asked to write articles from this point of view.

It is one of disadvantages compared to the time of editing the "Thirty Years' History" that there are no NDL staff members who have personally experienced 50 years, as staff have to retire at the age of 60. Therefore it is a valuable and priceless experience to know the changes of the work and the ways of thinking and to feel the atmosphere of bygone days through hearings of former members of staff.

Energetic activities may be needed now to make a new era of the NDL while it is also required to take over the inheritance. The compilation of the "Fifty Years' History" is sure to help, for to look back into the past has been the way of seeking the road to the future since the days of Si-ma Qian and Herodotos.

## <Guide>

# NDL International Services

## International Interlibrary Loan Service

The National Diet Library lends books from its collections to overseas libraries and research institutions, not to individuals, though the materials that can be lent are restricted to rather narrow categories. The following are not available for loan:

- \* Rare and precious materials, deposited documents, reference books, pamphlets, serial publications, audio/visual records, and microforms
- \* Materials difficult to transfer, and materials liable to loss or damage
- \* Materials which the Librarian considers it improper to lend

The number of volumes to be lent is ten or fewer including unreturned volumes, and the period of loan is a maximum of one month exclusive of the time required for transportation.

Libraries that wish to borrow materials are requested to fill in the form, NDL Request Form for Loan/Photoduplication, and forward it to the following address:

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## Visit to a Special Library <6>

# Das Informationszentrum / die Bibliothek des Goethe-Instituts Tokyo

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What is the Goethe-Institut?

The Goethe-Institut is a worldwide, non-profit organization promoting the German language and culture. About 145 Goethe-Institutes in over 75 countries offer German courses, carry out cultural programmes, provide information about Germany and promote the exchange of information and knowledge about Germany and the host country. Interested individuals in the host countries are provided with up-to-date information on Germany and German culture in multi-media information centers.

### The worldwide network of the Goethe-Institut's information centers

According to the demands of the host-countries, the libraries' collections in the information centers worldwide differ and emphasize different fields of interest. For selection and cataloging of the new materials, each information center gets information and lists of new German titles from the headquarters in Munich, Germany, as well as cataloging data. It selects its own materials according to its needs and demands. In order to offer as wide a range of information and material as possible worldwide, the information centers of the



Goethe-Institut are connected by a listserv via e-mail to serve an internal research community. Also, the information center at the Goethe-Institut's headquarters serves as a kind of clearing center for requests from the colleagues worldwide.

### The Goethe-Institut in Japan

There are two Goethe-Institut located in Japan, in Tokyo and Kansai, with two information centers in Tokyo and Kyoto. They were originally founded in 1958 and 1956.

### The Goethe-Institut's information center in Tokyo

The information center / library in Tokyo is located at the German Cultural Center in Akasaka. It offers a spacious, light and pleasant atmosphere for those who come to read, study, ask for information, use and check out books and other media. The whole collection, including videos, journals, newspapers, CDs, CD-ROMs, cassettes, slides, teaching materials, books, reference materials and online internet research, is open to the general public, who can freely research, read, watch videos and check out the materials offered. More than 2000 visitors per month use the facili-

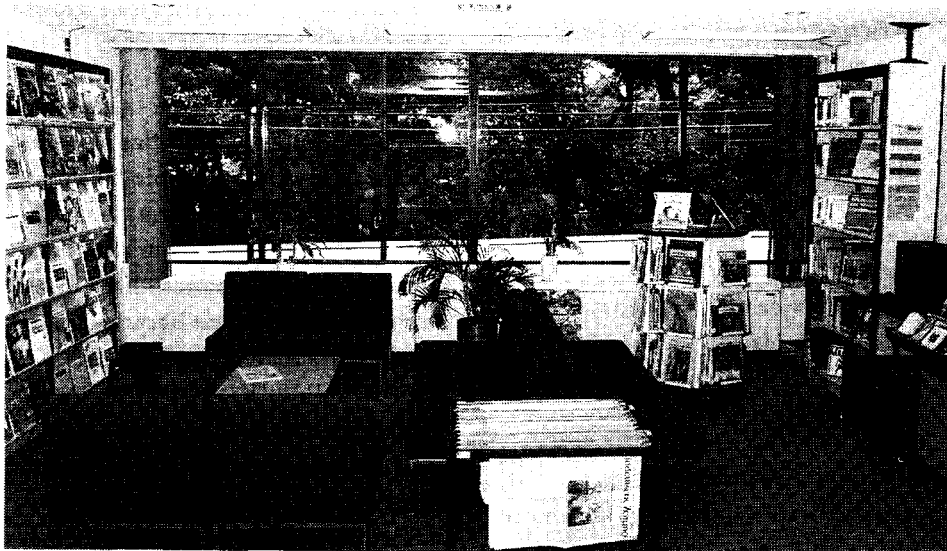


ties, not counting the requests by phone, e-mail or letter.

## The collection

The library's collection focuses on information about present-day Germany. It puts emphasis on German literature and language, philosophy, arts, geography and history and politics, economics and social sciences. There is also a collection of teaching and learning materials for German as a foreign language as well as children's books. The collection covers more than 20,000 items and is permanently kept up-to-date. Materials are offered in German in principle, but as most users are Japanese who often do not know the German language, but are looking for information concerning Germany, translations in Japanese or information about Germany in Japanese is also available. Books may be checked out for 4 weeks, CDs, videos, cassettes and slides for two weeks. Extensions of the loan period are possible by phone, e-mail, letter. Reservations for special media are also possible.

The access of the online catalogue is possible via the homepage of the information center (<http://www.goethe.de/os/tok/deibib.htm>). Although the whole collection is not yet accessible through the internet, all new German acquisitions since 1993 may be accessed as well as the whole video collection plus other collections of the Goethe-Institut's li-



braries worldwide. In the near future the Japanese titles will also be found online. At the moment the staff works on putting the whole collection retrospectively into the online catalogue; the cataloging software is the German Allegro.

### *Journals and Newspapers:*

The Goethe-Institut library subscribes to 10 daily or weekly German newspapers. They come by air and are kept for 3 months. Some of the newspapers are also available as CD-ROM. There are about 100 German journals available, covering all fields of interest. Except for the latest issues, they also may be checked out.

### *Videos:*

The information center provides about 1000 videotapes presenting documentaries about German culture, history, and society, as well as feature films. The videos are in the German original without subtitles, most of them in the NTSC-format and may be either checked out or watched at in the library.

### *CDs and cassettes:*

The CD-collection provides modern music including jazz, rock, pop songs as well as new types of music such as techno, hiphop and punk. The cassettes feature spoken German texts: radio plays, speeches or recorded books, and may be used in the library or at home.

## Reference Service

As the main task is to provide and help find information needed about Germany, the library staff works in different ways:

1. The three librarians use the printed reference material which is in the library: The collection maintains a large section of newest reference materials such as encyclopedias, directories, biographical and bibliographical materials, as well as dictionaries in a wide variety.
2. CD-ROM: About 50 different CD-ROM titles offer brand-new information on various fields of interest, newspapers in full-text help find information on up-to-date matters. The CD-ROMs are all



in German and may be used by the visitors at the library; printing is possible.

3. To answer the requests, the librarians may also refer to more appropriate sources in Germany or Japan for specialist researches. The Goethe-Institut library also tries to support the exchange between the Japanese and German librarians and to spread information about librarianship between the two countries.

4. Online: The internet offers more and more accurate, up-to-date and extensive information about German topics and has become a very important part in the research work at the library.

The homepage of the Goethe-Institut Tokyo offers information about the institution and what is going on: (<http://www.goethe.de/os/tok/deibib.htm>). It also presents more and more information about certain topics prepared especially for the internet and offered in German, Japanese or English.

### Cyber-Café

Eight terminals in the cyber-café may be used free of charge to look for Germany-related homepages and information via internet and the worldwide web for those who are interested in web surfing. The information center offers introductory courses on how to get around in the cyber world, where to find interesting information about Germany and how to search the library catalogues of German libraries. Introductory courses are also offered for using the library and information center and for searching in CD-ROM-databases.

### Services

As requests become more and more specific and the expectations for accurate and fast information grow, the library at the moment tries to emphasize more than ever the special needs of its target groups. This is noticed not only in the collection, which is specializing according to their demands. The library also tries to offer different services in order to actively intensify the cooperation between the Goethe-Institut and the li-

braries in Japan and to increase knowledge of the German book scene:

1. Touring book exhibition: a book collection consisting of 200 titles presents different aspects of the topic "Ecology." The books and some information panels plus a catalogue with an annotated bibliography in Japanese have been touring round different libraries in Japan for more than a year already.

2. In so-called "book performances" (Buchpremiere) new Japanese translations of German books are presented and discussed together with the translator and publisher. (see more information and the next date at the homepage <http://www.goethe.de/os/tok/deibib.htm>)

3. Book exhibition: 50 books which have been recognized as outstanding by the German "Stiftung Buchkunst" will be seen in Tokyo. (see the homepage for more information)

4. Info: the information center / library publishes a Japanese newsletter twice

a year to give information about new titles, services, news.

5. Library information exchange: the staff tries to intensify the dialogue and exchange with their partners at Japanese libraries. It supports, for example, librarians with German book collections.

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## Statistics

# The NDL Figures FY 1996

The National Diet Library comprises the Main Library (Administrative Department, Research and Legislative Reference Bureau, Acquisitions Department, Books Department, Serials Department, Special Materials Department, Library Cooperation Department and Detached Library in the Diet), the Ueno Branch Library, the Toyo Bunko (Oriental Library) and the 35 Branch Libraries in the executive and judicial agencies. The NDL has been regularly collecting statistics on its operation, which is carried in the Annual Report (unfortunately, only in Japanese). Here you will see the situations of our FY 1996 services (April 1996~March 1997) according to the above-mentioned statistical data (the figures are as of March 31, 1997).

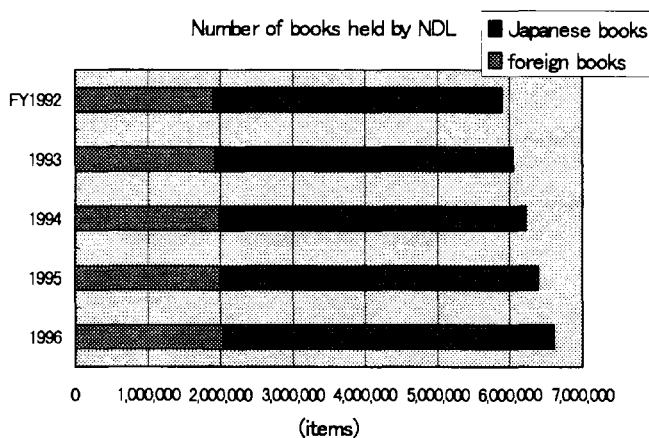
## <Collections>

The NDL has been trying to develop its collections by means of legal deposit, purchase, international exchange and donation so that it can serve the Diet, executive and judicial agencies and the general public.

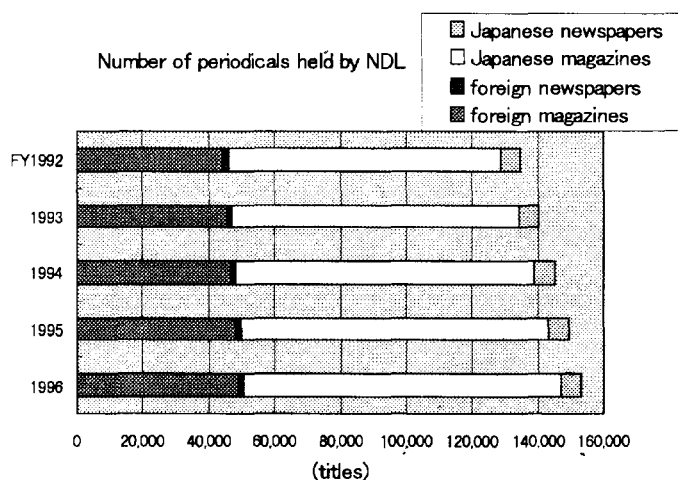
At the end of FY1996, the NDL had 6,599,963 books (4,559,844 were domestic and 2,040,119 foreign) and 153,434 titles of serials (96,388 domestic magazines, 6,519 domestic newspapers, 49,089 foreign magazines, and 1,438 foreign newspa-

pers). Figure 1 shows that both domestic books and serials are increasing rapidly these few years, especially when focusing on serials, the increase of domestic magazines is quite acute.

The NDL had 233,655 reels of microfilms, 5,987,105 microfiches, 419,301 phonographic records, 3,688 optical discs and 389,663 maps.



<Fig.1-1>



<Fig.1-2>

# <Services for the Diet members>

The services for the Diet members are offered mainly by the Detached Library in the Diet as well as the Research and Legislative Reference Bureau with the cooperation of other departments. The services include general library services such as book loan, photoduplication and also various research services. The Research and Legislative Reference Bureau carries out research activities on subjects ranging from politics and economics to social systems at home and abroad mostly in response to requests from the Diet members. It also analyzes and evaluates bills. Bill drafting is another statutory assignment of the Bureau.

54 were "analysis", and 4,140 were "materials (specified by clients)". Figure 2 shows the number of inquiries of each kind.

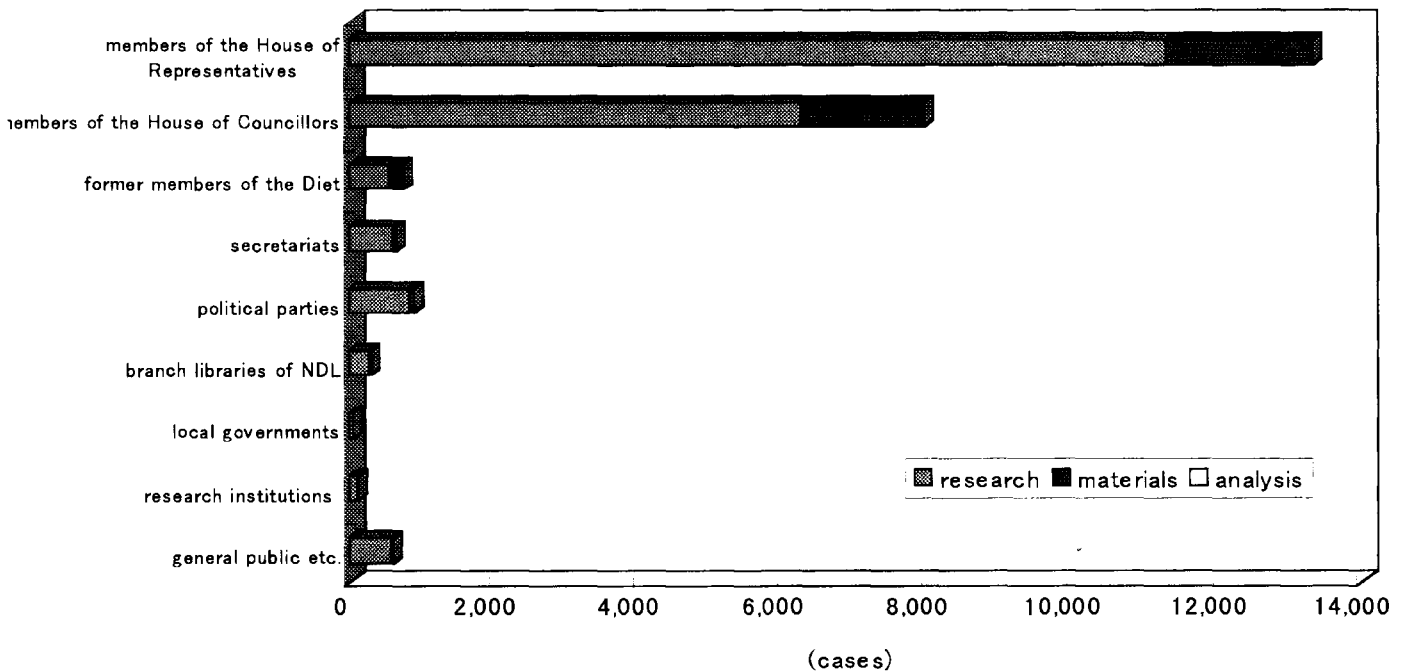
How were the answers given to the clients? 2,410 were "oral answers" including participating in meetings, 20,215 were "materials" such as book loans or photoduplications, and 1,990 were "by writing", for instance, research reports.

Figure 3 shows the recent changes over three years.

In FY1996 the Bureau handled 24,615 inquiries (4,080 more than in the previous year), of which 20,421 were "research."

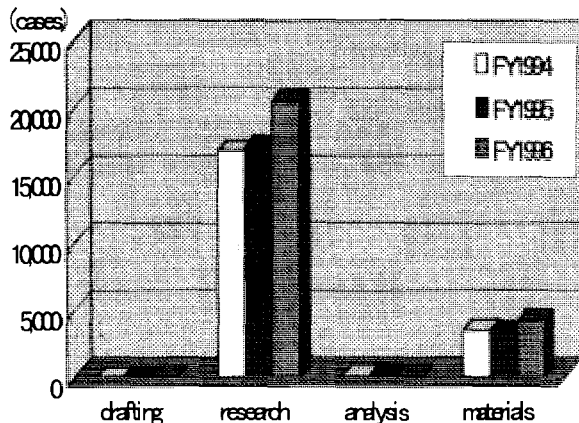
Research service

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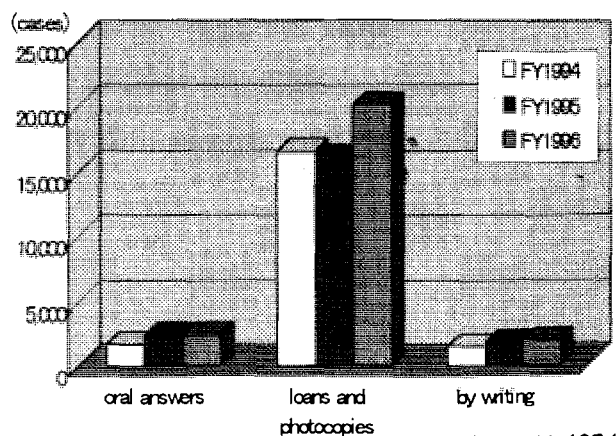
<Fig.3-1>

Changes in research services for the Diet members in three years



<Fig.3-2>

Changes in forms of response in three years



## <Services to the executive and judicial agencies>

The NDL also serves the executive and judicial agencies, mainly through its 35 branch libraries located in each ministry and the Supreme Court. The main library, especially its Library Cooperation Department, offers interlibrary loan and reference services.

Concerning branch libraries, the total number of users amounted to 732,860 (for 34 libraries) while 193,066 inquiries were answered (for 33) and 459,417 materials were loaned (for 34).

## <Services to the general public>

The main library, the Ueno Branch Library and the Oriental Library all offer services to the general public. The NDL has two kinds of services, one for direct users and the other for remote users. For the former, it offers such services as circulation, photoduplication and reference and for the latter, its focuses are on mail-ordered photoduplication, telephone/mail (or fax) reference and interlibrary loans, including foreign libraries.

### Circulation

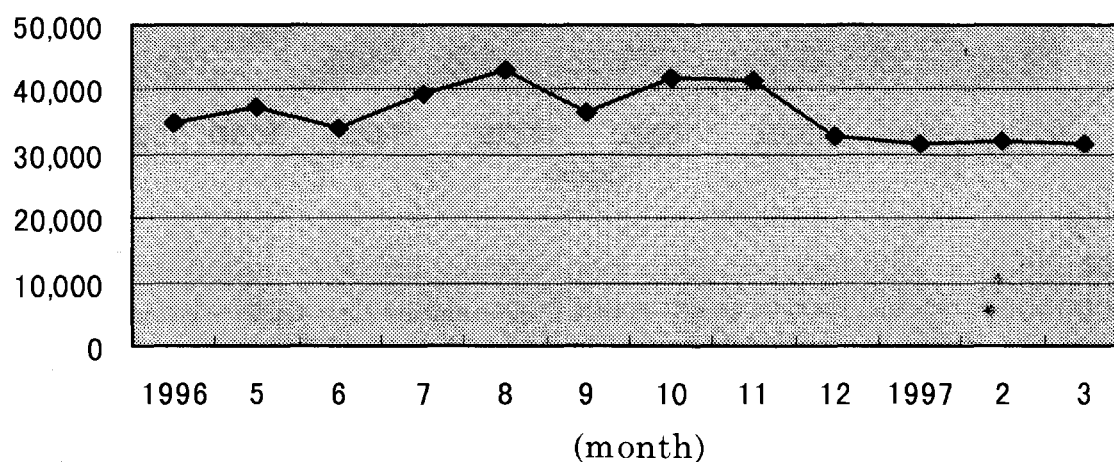
In FY 1996 436,136 people used the main library, that is, on average, 1,888 per day (231 opening days). Figure 4 shows the change of the number of users; August was the busiest month (43,118 people, 2,910 per day).

In FY1996 the number of materials circulated were 1,793,515, of which 413,716 were handled by the book counter, 921,276 by the magazine counter, and 458,523 in various materials rooms. As is shown in Figure 5, magazines were the most frequently used materials of all, occupying about half of all circulation.

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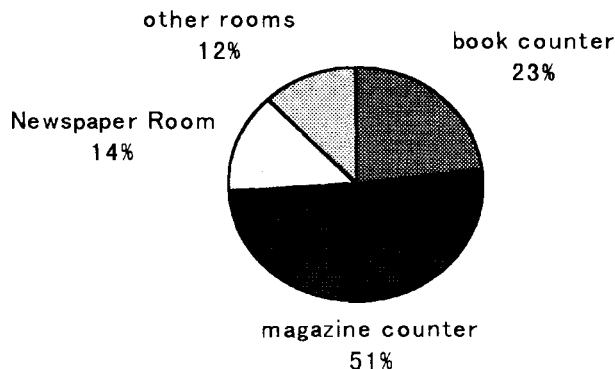
Number of users who visited the NDL in FY1996

(Number of users)



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Percentages of materials handled by each counter

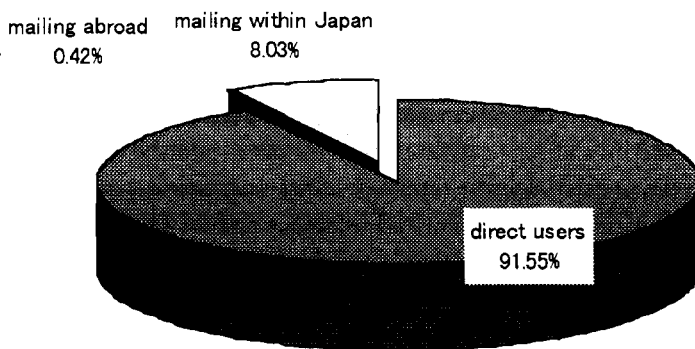


### Photoduplication

The NDL's photoduplication services are divided into two categories; for direct users and remote users. In FY 1996 the main library offered 289,691 direct services and 26,748 remote services including for foreign users (see Figure 6). Figure 7 shows the past five-year change. The total number of FY1996 is about 1.25 times as large as that of FY1992 and remote services for domestic users are steadily increasing. In FY1996 direct user services increased dramatically.

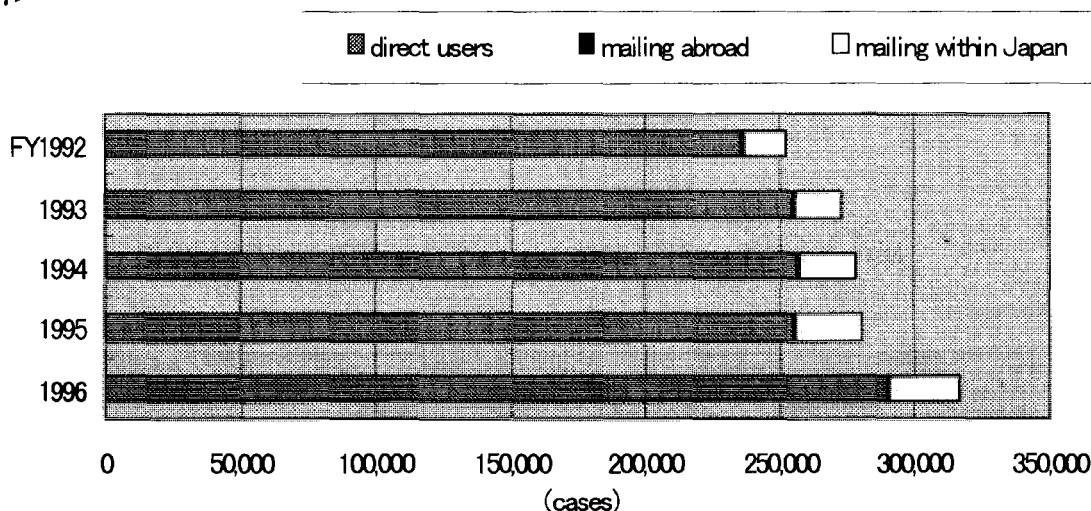
<Fig.6>

Photoduplication services in FY1996



<Fig.7>

Changes in photoduplication services



### Reference

In the main library two reference counters as well as each materials room offer reference services for direct users. In FY1996 the number of enquiries from direct users were 184,241 (1,341 more than in the previous year).

The figures for reference services for remote users, who en-

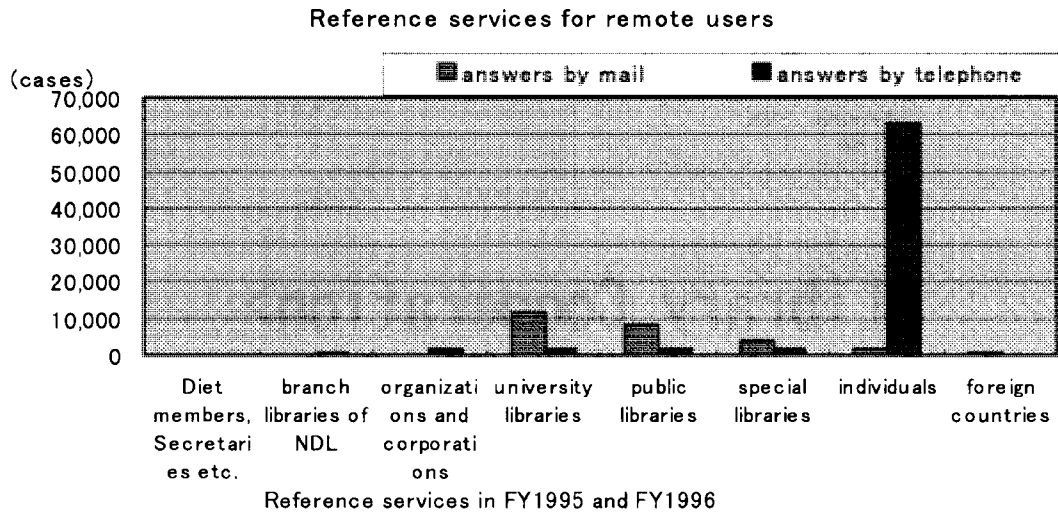
quire and are answered by telephone or mail, are shown in figure 8. In FY 1996 the NDL answered 69,840 telephone enquiries (8,895 fewer than in FY1995), in which 71%(6% more than in FY1995) were about its holdings, that is, whether it has a certain book or not; 19% (4% fewer) were asking how to use the library. By mail the NDL received 25,663 enqui-

ries, of which 23,307 were from other libraries, reflecting its policy to put priority on enquiries through other libraries rather than those directly from individuals.

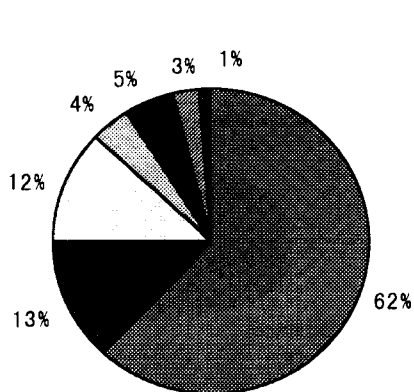
※ Figure 8 shows only a few users relating to the Diet because the services to the Diet are basically offered by the Research and Legislative Reference Bureau as already mentioned.

Figure 9 shows the details of mail enquiries, compared with FY1995.

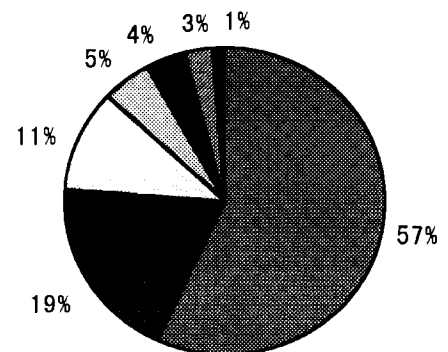
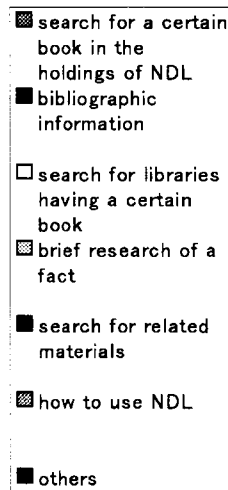
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Reference services in FY1995 and FY1996



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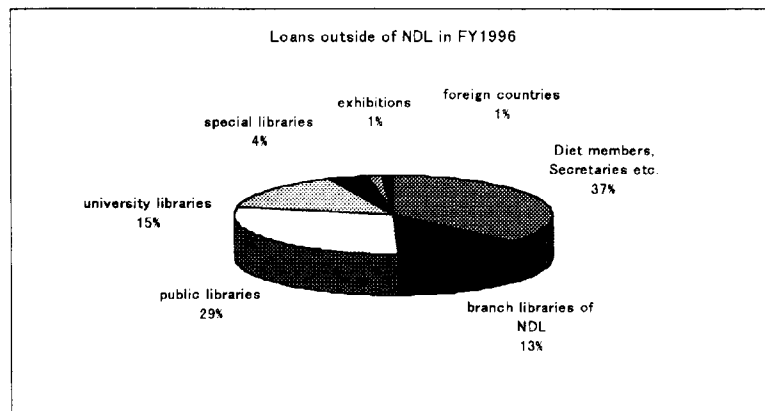
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## Loans

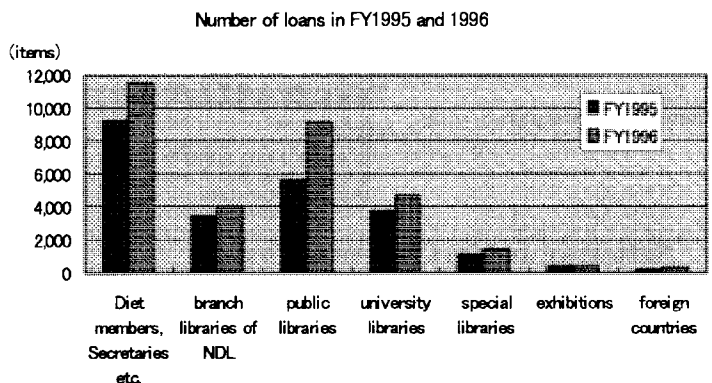
The NDL offers interlibrary loan services for the users who cannot come to the library. The number of items loaned during FY1996, including interlibrary loans and others totaled 31,425 (33% increase over FY1995). Figure 10 shows the percentage of each kind of user. Loans to domestic libraries occupy 48% of the whole. Those to the foreign libraries were 1%; 313 items to 71 libraries in 27 countries.

Figure 11 shows the number of books loaned to each kind of user, compared with FY1995. The number for the Diet members does not include loans from the Detached Library in the Diet.

<Fig.10>



<Fig.11>



## <Library Cooperation>

Library Cooperation is one of the important tasks of the NDL and it offers such services as photoduplication, reference and loans to both domestic and foreign organizations.

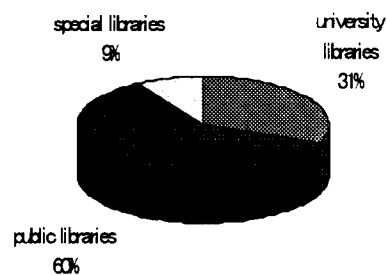
In FY 1996, under this scheme, it carried out 61,678 photoduplication services, 23,307 mail references, 4,758 telephone references, and 15,124 loans.

Figure 12 shows the percentage of each kind of library for mail reference services (university libraries occupy 50% of users). Figure 13 shows that for loan services (public libraries are 60%).

Figure 14 shows the recent five-year change in the number of items loaned to each kind of library. Generally speaking, the percentage of public libraries is going up while that of university libraries is down.

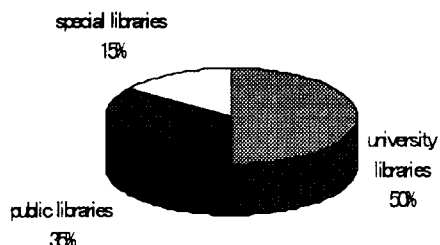
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Interlibrary loans in FY1996



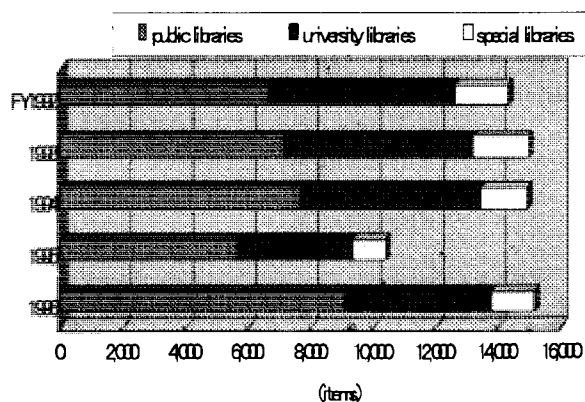
<Fig.12>

Reference services by mail in FY1996



<Fig.14>

Changes in number of interlibrary loans



# *New Publications from NDL*

## *Hozon Kankyo o totonoeru = Preparing for Preservation Environment; Against Severe Climate and Various Disasters*

Compiled by the National Diet Library, and published by the Japan Library Association October 1997. 187 p. 21 cm. ISBN: 4-8204-9718-9. Available at ¥2,000. Lecture part in English and Japanese.

Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Preservation (Asia and Oceania Region) held by the National Diet Library and the Japan Foundation Asia Center on November 18, 1996 in the National Diet Library.

Includes seven lectures on the theme "Preparing for Preservation Environment : against Severe Climate and Various Disasters" given by invited lecturers from Australia, China, India, Korea, Mongolia, Vietnam and Japan.

The NDL held this international symposium in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the PAC (Preservation and Conservation) core program in IFLA, and to play its part as the IFLA/PAC Regional Center for Asia.

## *Kaigo hoken mondai kanren bunken ichiran (Chosa siryo 97-1) = Bibliography on Public Care Insurance (The Research Material Series 97-1)*

Compiled by the Research and Legislative Reference Bureau, and published in July 1997. 163 p. 21 cm. ISBN: 4-87582-503-X. Available at ¥3,500 from Kinokuniya Co., Ltd.

Contains bibliographic data of Japanese materials related to public care insurance in the world. The contents are divided into two parts: "public care insurance in Japan" and "public care insurance in foreign countries", and arranged in order of their publication dates within each part. A chronological table of domestic reports, propositions, opinions and so on, and an author index are also attached at the end.

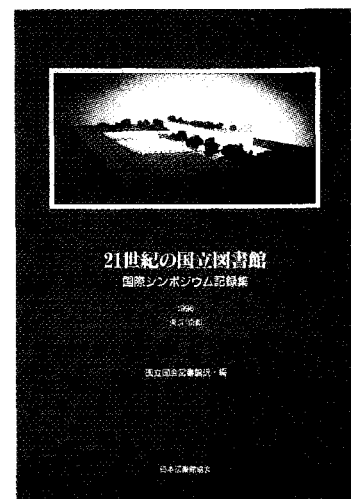
## *Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan Nenpo Heisei 8 nen-do = Annual Report of the National Diet Library April 1, 1996 ~ March 31, 1997*

Compiled by the Administrative Department. 210 p. 21 cm. ISSN: 0385-325X. Available at ¥4,310 from Kinokuniya Co., Ltd. Only in Japanese.

It reports diverse activities the NDL engaged in FY1996 in 11 chapters. Chapters related to electronic library projects, the National Diet Library Kansai-kan (tentative name) project and the International Library of Children's Literature (also tentative) are newly added from this year. Numerous statistics and table are also attached.

## *21 seiki no kokuritsu toshokan -Kokusai sinpojium kirokushu- = International Symposium "National Libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"*

Compiled by the National Diet Library, and published in October 1997. 8,214 p. 30 cm. ISBN: 4-8204-9715-4. Available at ¥2,300 from the Japan Library Association.



This is the proceedings of the International Symposium "National Libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" held by the National Diet Library in Tokyo and Kyoto in March 1996. Representatives of national libraries in Norway, Australia, China, France, Korea, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States participated and had lively discussion mainly on present situation and future of national libraries and the NDL Kansai-kan (tentative name) project.

The proceedings contain keynote speeches and reports from some countries in both Japanese and English, and Q&A in Japanese at two places.

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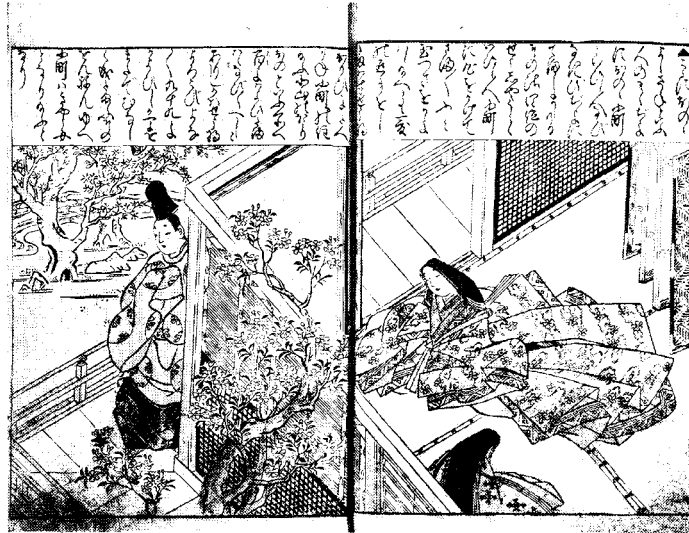
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## Yamato Ezukushi

(call number:WA32-15)



This is an illustrated book of block prints by Hishikawa Moronobu, an *ukiyo*e artist.

1 volume. 21 leaves. 26.8 x 18.3 cm. Single-line borders all round (23.5 x 16.6 cm). Vermilion front cover. Imprint on the back of the folio 21: Edo, Urokogataya, Enpo 8 (1680). In good condition in spite of having had a lot of colors applied after printing.

It consists of 20 double-page illustrations. The upper 5cm of the page is for text and each illustration occupies the lower part. It contains stories, histories and legends since old times, such as *Heike Monogatari*, *Ise Monogatari* and *Genji Monogatari*. Thus the materials for the book are not those of the day, but it mainly portrays characters like his other illustrated books.

There are only a few copies of Enpo 8 edition held by libraries. In Japan Tenri Central Library of the Tenri University and Tohoku University Library possess the copies. Copies of Jokyo 3 (1686) edition are in the Toyo (Oriental) Library, and Ota Memorial Museum of Art.

This book has seals of ownership of Hayashi Tadamasu, a picture dealer, Henry Vever, a jeweller and an *ukiyo*e collector, Émile Javal and two unidentified persons. Hayashi Tadamasu worked actively in Paris and Vever was an acquaintance of his. The book is in a catalogue of a collection of Vever compiled by Jack Hillier. Regarding the unidentified, one is a seal that was used by Utagawa school artists (a school of *ukiyo*e artists), so the book should once have been possessed by a person related with Utagawa school.

