

Guide for Visitors

■ Age limit /18 years or older in principle

*If you are under 18, please ask for an individual consultation.
For details, please refer to the NDL website.

■ Use of materials only in the library (no materials may be taken out)



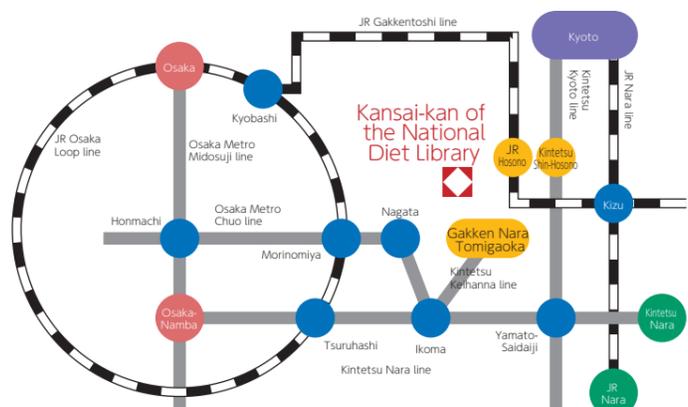
■ Library hours

Opening hours	9:30-18:00	
Reading service	Reading hours	9:30-18:00
	Request for closed stack materials (registered users only)	10:00-17:15
	Inter-site request service (registered users only)	9:30-17:30
Copying service	Same-day photoduplication	9:30-17:00
	Printouts of electronic materials (including microform collections)	9:30-17:00
	Self-service photoduplication	9:30-17:30
	Later date photoduplication (registered users only)	10:00-17:45
Reference service	9:30-18:00	
User registration	9:30-18:00	

■ Library holidays: Sundays, national holidays, year-end and New Year's holidays, 3rd Wednesday of each month (for stocktaking)

Please be aware that National Diet Library facilities are subject to close without prior notice during natural disasters or other public emergencies. Announcements are posted on the NDL website.

Access Map



■ Access by Public Transport

- From "Shin-Hosono Station" on the Kintetsu Kyoto Line or "Hosono Station" on the JR Gakkentoshi Line, take Nara Kotsu Bus 36 (Hikaridai Loop), 56, 58, or 59 (bound for "Gakken-Nara-Tomigaoka Station"), or 46 (bound for "Hikaridai-3-chome") or 47 (bound for "ATR") and get off at the "Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan" stop.
- From "Gakken-Nara-Tomigaoka Station" on the Kintetsu-Keihanna Line, take Nara Kotsu Bus 56 or 59 (bound for "Hosono Station") and get off at the "Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan" stop.

■ Free parking available for about 200 vehicles.

Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library
8-1-3 Seikadai, Seika-cho, Soraku-gun, Kyoto 619-0287
0774-98-1200 (automated voice information service)

■ <https://www.ndl.go.jp/en/kansai/index.html>



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Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library



The Purpose of the Kansai-kan

A library offering large-scale storage and a facility supplying library services in a highly advanced information society.

The Kansai-kan of the NDL was established in April 2002 and opened in October of the same year. It is designed to secure storage space for the long term, to meet the demands for library materials and information in the advanced information society, and to serve as a large-scale research library in the Kansai region. It is located in Kansai Science City (Keihanna Science City), a research complex straddling the borders of Kyoto, Osaka, and Nara Prefectures.

Key Roles of the Kansai-kan

The Kansai-kan of the NDL is tasked with three following key roles.



Providing materials



Library Cooperation Programs



Digital Library Programs



Cafeteria

Curry rice and other Japanese lunch fare are offered.
Open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

General Collections Room
General information books, reference books, dictionaries, and statistics are organized by subject matter and available for use.

Asian Resources Room
Reference books, magazines, and other materials in Asian languages are available for use.

Reading Room



Information desk
Guidance on Asian resources



About the National Diet Library

The National Diet Library (NDL) is the parliamentary library of the National Diet of Japan and was founded in 1948 by the National Diet Library Law, in accordance with Article 130 of the Diet Law, which states in part that "The National Diet Library shall be established in the Diet by a separate law, in order to assist Diet Members in their study and research."

Mission

"The NDL is hereby established as a result of the firm conviction that truth makes us free and with the object of contributing to international peace and the democratization of Japan as promised in our Constitution."
(From the Preamble of the National Diet Library Law)

Role

"The National Diet Library shall collect books and other library materials for the purpose of assisting the members of the National Diet in the performance of their duties and also for the roles of providing certain library services as hereinafter specified for the executive and judicial agencies of the national government and for the people of Japan."
(From Article 2 of the National Diet Library Law)

Network

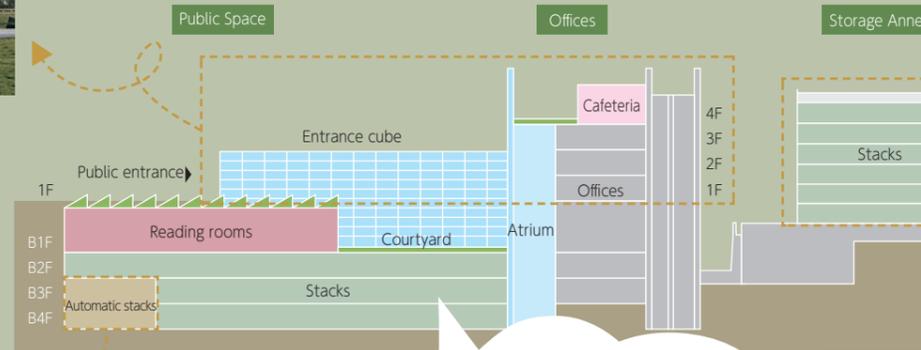


Support to the Diet

Acquisition, cataloging and preservation of materials and information

Providing the public with access to information resources

Cooperation with affiliated institutions



Stacks at the Kansai-kan
① Main building B2F-B4F
② Storage annex

Number of materials
Approximately 19,000,000 items

Ambient environment
Temperature of about 22°C
Humidity of about 55%



Storage Annex



Main Collections

- Foreign periodicals, major Japanese periodicals, science and technology materials, Japanese doctoral dissertations, scientific research reports under grants from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and recorded academic literature
- Major reference books, basic books, bibliographies, catalogs and government publications published in Japan and overseas
- Asian-language and Asia-related materials

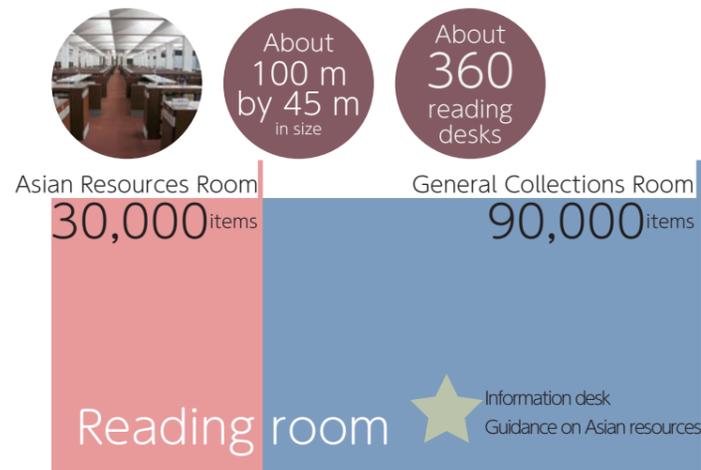
Main Collections in the Tokyo Main Library

- Books, periodicals and digital publications published in Japan collected under the legal deposit system
- Foreign books and periodicals
- Special collections:
Laws and parliamentary documents, Japanese government and international agency documents, old books, modern Japanese political history materials, materials on the Allied occupation of Japan, maps, audiovisual materials



Providing materials

1 On-site Services



About 100 m by 45 m in size

About 360 reading desks

- Access to printed materials from open shelves and digital materials
- Copying of library materials
- Using Study Rooms and Group Study Rooms
- Reference services
Guidance on research methodology, the use of bibliographies and catalogs, and information on related research facilities
- Requests for materials in the closed stacks (User registration required)
- Some of the materials that are held in the Tokyo Main Library and/or the International Library of Children's Literature are available for inter-site request (User registration required)

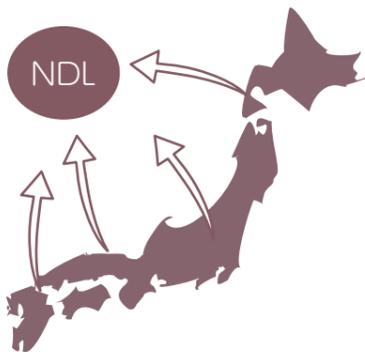
Patrons at the Kansai-kan must be 18 years of age or older to use library services. Identification is required for user registration.

Receiving materials

Requests for browsing



2 Remote Services



The National Diet Library provides the public across Japan with access to materials held in the National Diet Library. The interlibrary loan service for NDL materials is available through nearby libraries and requested items can be read inside the library. Copies of NDL materials can be requested and obtained through nearby libraries. Registered users can directly request copies of library materials via NDL Search.



Library Cooperation Programs

The Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan and the International Library of Children's Literature share responsibility for the library cooperation activities of the NDL. The Tokyo Main Library is responsible for setting policy in this area, and for administering collaboration with foreign libraries (other than the delivery of resources). The Kansai-kan carries out support operations for other libraries (with respect to the National Union Catalog Network, the Collaborative Reference Database Project, studies on library and information science, training and exchange, cooperation with libraries providing services for persons with disabilities, and assigning and managing ISIL (the International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations)) and serves as the access point for the sharing of NDL resources. The International Library of Children's Literature offers support services to school libraries and other institutions involved in juvenile services. The NDL's three facilities are united to further improve activities in support of library cooperation.

1 Cooperative Network Activities

The Kansai-kan handles the planning and administration of the projects for the NDL National Union Catalog Network and the Collaborative Reference Database System available via the internet to promote library cooperation. The databases are also made available to the public.



Collaborative Reference Database System

2 Studies on Library and Information Science

The Kansai-kan stays abreast of trends in library operations and library and information science in Japan and other countries, and keeps other libraries informed through publications and email newsletters. The digital versions of our publications and blogs are provided on our website through the Current Awareness Portal.



Current Awareness Portal

3 Training and Cooperation

The Kansai-kan plans and operates training programs for librarians from Japan and other countries. It carries out in-person group training programs, remote training programs via the internet, and training programs by dispatched NDL staff. Cooperation between related institutions is also promoted through these training sessions.

4 Cooperation with libraries providing services for persons with disabilities

The Kansai-kan provides the Data Transmission Service for Persons with Print Disabilities, making materials in DAISY, text, or other accessible formats created by public libraries available for download on Mina Search (NDL Materials Search for Persons with Disabilities). The Kansai-kan also creates recording data and text data of academic literature in response to requests from libraries.





Digital Library Programs

The NDL's plans for digital information services via the internet are formulated at the Tokyo Main Library. The Digital Library Division of the Kansai-kan is responsible for the development, operation and review of information systems, and the collection, development and delivery of digital library contents. The NDL has used information technology effectively for a variety of digital information services.

1 Digital Library Contents

Digitized books and periodicals held in the NDL are provided via the internet after copyright clearance while those without copyright clearance are provided only within the library buildings. Digitized materials which are still under copyright are available inside the NDL premises. Materials that are out of print or otherwise difficult to obtain are accessible from public libraries and university libraries which have applied for the Digitized Contents Transmission Service for Libraries. The Digitized Contents Transmission Service for Individuals is also available to anyone who is an official registered user of the NDL and who has agreed to the Terms of Service.



NDL Digital Collection



2 Collection and Preservation of Internet Resources

The NDL's Web Archiving Project (WARP) collects content from the websites of the national government, municipal governments, corporations and organizations, public-service corporations, universities, and political parties as well as websites promoting public events and those related to the Great East Japan Earthquake. This archived content can be accessed via the internet from the NDL website, provided that the publisher has granted permission. Online publications defined as corresponding to books or serials(e-books or e-magazines) are also collected and available either via the internet or on the premises at the NDL.



Web Archiving Project (WARP)



Statistics NDL in figures (as of FY2022)

Collections	
Total	46,855,998 items
Books	12,113,354 items
Periodicals and newspapers	20,361,088 items
Microforms	9,167,880 items
Recorded materials	813,300 items
Machine-readable materials(CDs, DVDs, etc.)	182,830 items
Maps	596,759 items
Manuscripts	438,370 items

Number of materials newly acquired in FY2022	
Total	871,292 items
Books	186,646 items
Periodicals and newspapers	446,587 items
Microforms	163,479 items
Recorded materials	11,458 items
Machine-readable materials(CDs, DVDs, etc.)	9,461 items
Maps	3,783 items
Manuscripts	14,385 items

Storage capacity	
●Tokyo Main Library	12,000,000 volumes
●Kansai-kan of the NDL	11,000,000 volumes
●International Library of Children's Literature	1,050,000 volumes

※Storage capacity is calculated based on a book thickness of 3cm. (Storage capacity of the International Library of Children's Literature is calculated based on a book thickness of 2 cm.)
 ※In addition to the Kansai-kan's new 5-million-volume storage annex completed in 2020, future construction of new stacks will eventually increase the Kansai-kan's storage capacity to 20 million volumes.

Services for the public	
Reference services	500,513 cases
Reading services	1,652,421 items
Copying services	1,220,147 cases
On-site users	509,023 people
●Tokyo Main Library	334,626(1,199 per day on average)
●Kansai-kan of the NDL	67,188(241 per day on average)
●International Library of Children's Literature	107,209(377 per day on average)

Collection in the Kansai-kan (as of September 2023, approximate totals)

●Books	In Japanese 3,105,000 items In Western languages 749,000 items	●Science and technology materials	Foreign technical reports 2,648,000 items Foreign doctoral dissertations 478,000 items Foreign academic society papers 205,000 items Conference proceedings in Western languages 103,000 items Japanese and foreign standards 172,000 items
●Serials	Periodicals and newspapers in Japanese 80,500 titles Periodicals and newspapers in Western languages 45,500 titles	●Materials in Asian languages other than Japanese	Books 506,000 items Periodicals and newspapers 9,400 titles
●Scientific research reports under grants from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	169,600 items		
●Domestic doctoral dissertations	602,000 items		

Major Digital Collections (as of October 2023, approximate totals)

●NDL Digital Collection (including materials provided only inside the library)	Japanese Books 1,600,000 items Japanese Periodicals 1,370,000 items Rare books and Old Materials 90,000 items Digitized doctoral Dissertations 280,000 items Japanese Newspapers 110,000 items Official Gazettes 20,000 items Modern Japanese political history materials 15,000 items Maps 2,000 items Audio-visual materials 10,000 items	Materials on the Allied Occupation of Japan 125,000 items Prange Collection 40,000 items Historical Recordings 50,000 items Digitized materials from the collections of other institutes 7,600 items Online periodicals and books 1,520,000 records
		●Web Archiving Project(WARP)-websites 14,000 titles
		●Collaborative Reference Database Project 308,000 cases