

3 Cooperating with Asian Information Resource Organizations

— To Promote the Efficient Use of Asia-related Information Resources —

The Asian Resources Room actively cooperates with Asian information resource organizations in order to promote the efficient use of Asia-related information resources.

Training Programs on Asian Resources

Training programs are available for librarians, researchers, graduate students, officials from central ministries, agencies, and local governments, and other specialists. The goal of our training programs is to improve skills and promote collaboration among those who provide and use Asia-related information resources.

[Recent Topics]

- Government information in Southeast Asian countries—focusing on research in Japanese and English (co-hosted with the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE))
- Researching Chinese legislative and government information and statistics (co-hosted with the IDE)



A Look at a Training Program

Meetings with Asian Information Resource Organizations

The Asian Resources Room holds meetings with Asian information resource organizations to contribute to the enhancement of Asia-related information resources and to facilitate their distribution throughout Japan. Interested organizations and researchers meet to present case reports and exchange opinions on ambitious initiatives.

[Recent Topics]

- The role of libraries in helping university instructors make effective use of Asia-related information resources
- The role of libraries in providing access to information resources for future research on East Asia



A Look at a Meeting

Guidance and Information Exchange Meetings

The Asian Resources Room provides on-site guidance for researchers, students, and graduate students at the Kansai-kan and at other organizations, provides guidance for joint use of resources with university libraries, and hosts information exchange meetings on compiling bibliographies in Asian languages.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any requests.

Visitor Information

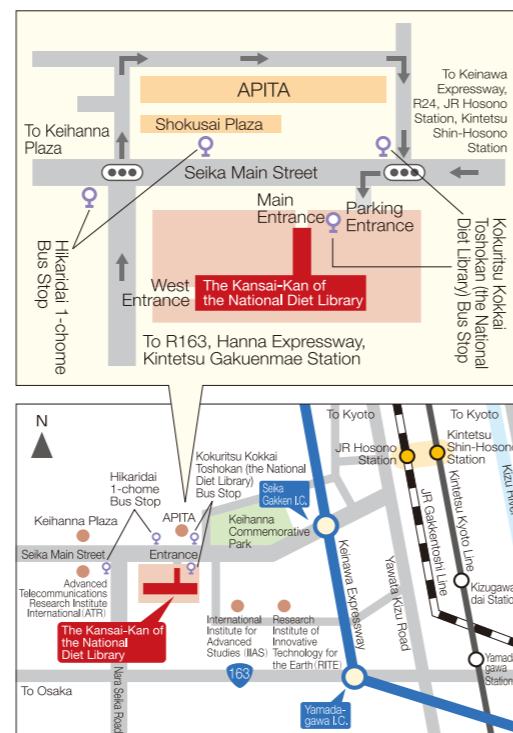
- Age Limit** / Visitors must be 18 years or older, in principle.
* Please contact the Asian Resources Room for visitors who are under 18 years of age.
- Hours** / 9:30~18:00
- Closed** / Sundays, national and public holidays, the third Wednesday of every month (closed for processing and shelving of materials), and at year-end and the start of the new year.

[By Public Transportation]

- Take the Nara Kotsu bus from either (1) Shin-Hosono Station via the Kintetsu Kyoto Line, or (2) from Hosono Station via the JR Gakkentoshi Line
- Take the Nara Kotsu bus from Gakken-Nara-Tomigaoka Station via the Kintetsu Keihanna Line
Get off at the "Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan" (about 10-15 minutes)

[By Car (Free parking available)]

- Via the Keinawa Expressway Seika Gakken Interchange, go west along Seika-odori Street
- Via National Route 163, head north on Prefectural Route 52 (the Nara-Seika Line)



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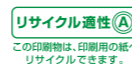
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Asian Resources Room Homepage <https://mavi.ndl.go.jp/asia/entry/about-en.php>



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Asian Resources Room

at the Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library

Since opening in 1948, the National Diet Library (NDL) has dedicated a specialized room for materials related to Asia. With the opening of the Kansai-kan in 2002, the NDL established the Asian Resources Room to expand its Asia-related information resources and services.

The Asian Resources Room collects and provides information resources on East Asia, South-east Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa.

Along with providing library services that enable a large number of patrons to access and use highly reliable information accurately and efficiently, the Asian Resources Room also actively cooperates with Asian information resource organizations and provides information on how to make efficient use of Asia-related information resources.

The Three Functions of the Asian Resources Room

- 1 Providing Library Services
- 2 Providing Information about Making Efficient Use of Asia-related Information Resources
- 3 Cooperating with Asian Information Resource Organizations



1 Providing Library Services

— A Major Hub for Asia-related Information Resources —

Boasting preeminent library holdings, the Asian Resources Room provides a range of services rooted in a wide variety of Asian language materials and materials about Asia written in Japanese and European languages.

Asian Resources Room Materials (as of the end of December 2019)

1. Books			2. Periodicals	
Unit: volumes (approximate) / % (percent by language)			Unit: periodicals (approximate) Numbers in parentheses (): ongoing titles	
Chinese language	365,000	74.7	Chinese language	4,440 (2,020)
Korean language	51,500	10.5	Korean language	3,000 (1,180)
Other East Asian languages	900	0.2	Other Asian languages	950 (330)
Southeast Asian languages	34,200	7.0		
South Asian languages	2,000	0.4		
Central Asian languages	1,100	0.2		
Middle Eastern and North African languages	8,800	1.8		
Western languages	25,100	5.1		

* In addition, Japanese language books and periodicals useful for research are also available.
 ** Chinese and Korean classics, official gazettes, statutes, maps of Asian countries and regions are housed in the Tokyo Main Library, and children's books from various Asian countries and regions are housed in the International Library of Children's Literature.

4. Major Asia-related Databases

- CNKI (China National Knowledge Infrastructure) / Over 11,000 Chinese academic journals and over 600 newspapers
- KISS (Koreanstudies Information Service System) / Over 3,000 Korean academic journals
- DBpia / Over 2,000 Korean academic journals
- Dacheng Old Journals Full Text Database: Over 6,800 journals published from late Qing Dynasty to 1949.
- *Siku Quanshu* (Wenyuange Edition): Approximately 3,500 classical Chinese works totaling 80,000 volumes

Collections Search

Most of the materials in the Asian Resources Room, as well as major material groups (books, periodical articles, etc.) in the National Diet Library, can be searched using NDL Online (<https://ndlonline.ndl.go.jp>).

Services to Visitors

1. Reader Services

Materials in the Asian Resources Room (general surveys, dictionaries, major magazines and newspapers, etc.), databases such as the CNKI (China National Knowledge Infrastructure), etc., and the National Diet Library Digital Collections are all available to visitors.

In addition to the materials and services mentioned above, visitors may also browse the vast majority of materials in the stacks once they complete user registration.

Please note, however, that materials may not be checked out of the library.

2. Photocopy and Printout Services

Services are provided for a fee.

3. Reference Desk

Librarians are available for consultation about Asia-related information resources at the "Asian Information Desk".

Services for Library Users Unable to Visit the Kansai-kan

1. At Your Local Public or University Library

Users can apply for photocopy service, use of materials through interlibrary loan, and assistance with reference inquiries in writing that require detailed investigation.

2. From the NDL Online

Registered users can also request photocopies from here.

3. By telephone (+81-774-98-1390, direct)

Users can receive answers to simple inquiries about Asia-related information resources over the phone.

4. At the Tokyo Main Library

With certain exceptions, users may request materials to be sent to the Tokyo Main Library for use.

2 Providing Information about Making Efficient Use of Asia-related Information Resources

— Your Guide to Asia-related Information Resources —

The Asian Resources Room provides information on how to make efficient use of Asia-related information resources through our "Research Navi" web page (<https://rnavi.ndl.go.jp/rnavi/english.php>), based on the know-how our staff have accumulated from our day-to-day operations.

The "Asian Resources Room at the Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library" page

<https://rnavi.ndl.go.jp/asia/entry/about-en.php>



1. AsiaLinks (Asia-related web links)

Information sources from countries and regions in Asia by country and region, organization, and theme are posted here.

2. Lists of books on Japan published in Asia

Introduces helpful information for libraries that collect and provide Asian language materials.

3. Directory of Asian Information Resource Organizations in Japan

Information on organizations in Japan which have materials in Asian languages and materials related to Asia are posted here.

These links are below the "Features" heading on the "Asian Resources Room at the Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library" web page.

Quarterly Report "Bulletin of the Asian Resources Room" (in Japanese)

The "Bulletin of the Asian Resources Room" relates the activities of the Asian Resources Room and useful information on Asian materials for Asia research specialists and librarians in charge of Asia-related information resources.

The complete Japanese texts, beginning with the March 2003 issue, are available to the public under the "Bulletin of the Asian Resources Room" link.

<https://rnavi.ndl.go.jp/asia/entry/asia-pub.php>

