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Dear subscribers,

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the last stretch of spring. We are grateful to be able to send out the latest JACAR newsletter and would be very pleased if you enjoy reading it.

Best wishes,

JACAR Newsletter Team

◇ Report on AAS / CEAL annual conference meetings in Hawaii

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) is the largest scholarly association open to all persons interested in Asia. The 2011 annual conference took place in Honolulu, Hawaii from March 31st to April 3rd.　JACAR’s Director-General Kenichiro Hirano organized a panel session at the conference titled “Digital Archives and the Study of Japanese Foreign Relations,” which included the following presentations using JACAR’s primary source documents:

> “An Analysis of the Japanese Army Sent to Taiwan in 1874” by Dr. Robert Eskildsen, J.F. Oberlin University.
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> “Connecting Histories in Cross-Pacific Regions 1850-1880: Archival Historiography on the US-East Asia Relations from Ryukyu (Okinawa) Perspectives” by Prof. Takeshi Hamashita, Ryoukoku University.
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> “The US-Japanese Negotiations in 1941 and Signals Intelligence” by Dr. Ken Kotani, National Institute for Defense Studies.
>
> “Japan’s War Aims during the Pacific War” by Prof. Kanji Akagi, Keio University.
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> *Dr. Yang Daqing of George Washington University served as discussant.
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> **JACAR Director-General Kenichiro Hirano chaired the panel.

On March 30th at the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) 2011 Conference, JACAR Deputy Director-General Mikie Kiyoi gave a presentation titled "China and Korea Related JACAR Digital Archive Documents." You can watch the presentation online here: http://www.jacar.go.jp/english/news.html#t20110428

One of the participants, Dr. Takehiko Osawa, a former JACAR researcher, contributed this comment:

> The number of participants at CEAL included over 200 librarians and there were about 40 researchers in attendance for the AAS panel. JACAR received a great deal of questions and comments, which made clear how interested audience members are in our organization. I also talked with several impressed American researchers, who all praised the National Archives of Japan as well as JACAR for providing historical records online. These comments helped me see that the archives garner attention not only from Japanese users, but also from those overseas

◇ JACAR website given facelift and new features added

The JACAR website has been thoroughly updated so as to improve its appearance and better provide documents. We endeavored to make the website meet whatever purpose you might have for using it, whether you want to browse documents, conduct searches, or visit online exhibitions. As for the design, we had previously employed a primary blue, but have experimented to create as much as possible the atmosphere of calmness with more reserved color combinations, including black, red, and navy blue. In addition to this, we now have new content online, such as past lectures given by JACAR staff members.

If you have any suggestions or comments on our exhibitions or search system, please let us know. We hope to be of service to you.

◇ Editor's notes:

Thank you for subscribing and receiving JACAR Newsletter No.3. The next newsletter will be sent out in the middle of July, 2011. As we will do our best to deliver useful information, it would be helpful if you would like to share your opinion about this or any other JACAR project.

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