

## JACAR Newsletter Number 7 (July 2, 2012)

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### I. New JACAR Introductory Movie Released

The film content is as follows:

01. About JACAR (2 minutes)
02. Viewing JACAR's Documents (1 minute 30 seconds)

You can view the new movie here:

(URL: <http://jacar.go.jp/english/jacarmovie/jacarmovie.html> )

\*More movies are available in Japanese.

### II. Update on Internet Special Exhibition

JACAR's website now contains a new Japanese feature tentatively titled "Lifestyle and Culture of the Meiji, Taisho, and Showa Eras". The feature can be viewed here in Japanese:

(URL: <http://jacar.go.jp/seikatsu-bunka/index.html> )

#### Themes

- Westernization of clothing from bureaucrats to the masses
- Start of sea bathing; leisure at Japan's Shonan beach
- Revision of Japanese school system and graduation process
- Honorary medal narratives, of which there were many before WW2
- Modern history of indigenous people at the mercy of Japan and Russia
- Tokyo's canceled "phantom Olympic Games" of 1940
- Taiwan aboriginal culture in Japanese research
- Lindbergh in Japan and his repercussions
- The beginning of a new journey in the Meiji era
- How people lived in the early Showa era
- Dreams and romance from airship expeditions to the Antarctic

### **III. Information on JACAR's Advisory Committee**

The Advisory Committee investigates and deliberates upon activities falling under the jurisdiction of JACAR, providing necessary advice at the request of the Director General. From this fiscal year, committee members will serve a term not exceeding two years. In 2012, there are three Advisory Committee meetings scheduled to be held.

#### Current Members

Sumio Hatano, Committee Chair & Professor Emeritus, University of Tsukuba  
(Modern Japanese Diplomatic History)

Kanji Akagi, Professor, Keio University (International Political History)

Aiko Utsumi, Professor, Osaka University of Economics and Law  
(History of Japan East-Asian Relations)

Ryoichi Tobe, Professor, International Research Center for Japanese Studies  
(Japanese Modern History)

Masahito Namiki, Professor, Ferris University  
(Korean Modern History)

Masao Horibe, Professor Emeritus, Hitotsubashi University  
(Privacy Law)

Yujiro Murata, Professor, University of Tokyo (Modern Chinese History)

Riko Modeki, Head, Library Division (Komaba Library), University of Tokyo  
(Library & Information Science)

### **IV. JACAR's Outreach Activities**

1. In a commitment to public outreach, JACAR staff members have presented on historical research at numerous institutions and associations listed below. JACAR staff has also asked that the institutions put up JACAR posters and distribute JACAR leaflets.

- May 24, Shizuoka Museum Association, General Meeting  
(Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art)
- May 30, Tokyo Santama Council of Public Museums, General Meeting  
(Hino City Local History Museum)
- June 1, Kagoshima Museum Association, General Meeting  
(Reimei-kan Museum)
- June 1, Fukuoka Museum Association, General Meeting

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- June 12, Mie Museum Association, General Meeting  
(Suzuka Municipal Museum of Archaeology)
- June 14, Yamagata Council of Museums, General Meeting  
(Yamagata Prefectural Museum)
- June 21, Aomori Prefectural Library Training Course for Library Staff  
(Aomori Prefectural Library)
- June 26, Aichi Museum Association, General Meeting  
(Nagoya City Science Museum)
- June 27, Shiga Museum Association, General Meeting  
(Shiga Peace Memorial Hall)
- June 28, Kumamoto Museum Association, General Meeting  
(Tsunagi Culture Center)

2. On June 7 & 8, JACAR set up an exhibition booth with the National Archives of Japan at the National Institute of Informatics Open House 2012.

3. Presentations for guests from abroad

At Japan Center for Asian Historical Records

- On April 20, Vu Thi Minh Huoung, Director of Vietnam State Records Management and Archives, visited JACAR in Tokyo and exchanged opinions with JACAR Director General about the use and public opening of digital archives in both Japan and Vietnam.

At the National Archives of Japan

- Dr. Rajib Lochan Sahoo of Reserve Bank of India Archives visited the National Archives of Japan and JACAR on April 24, 2012. At JACAR, Dr. Sahoo was given a presentation and exchanged opinions on document preservation and digitalization.
- ARMA International (non-profit professional organization on managing records and information) President Galina Datskovsky visited the National Archives of Japan on May 22 and attended presentation session hosted by JACAR.
- Chongqing Municipal Archives Vice Director General Zheng Yongming visited the National Archives of Japan on June 18 and attended presentation session hosted by JACAR.

## V. Postscript

Thank you for reading JACAR's 7th newsletter. The next newsletter will be issued in October. As your feedback is always very helpful, we would deeply appreciate any comments or opinions.

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- Please email us if you would be interested in a member of JACAR presenting at your organization about our institution and its resources. We go to schools, research conferences, and a range of other institutions (Email: [enquire@jacar.go.jp](mailto:enquire@jacar.go.jp))
  - We have new leaflets about JACAR available in English, Japanese, and Chinese, so if you would like copies, please contact us
  - This e-mail has been sent to everyone who requested a copy as well as those who have exchanged business cards with JACAR staff members.
  - If you do not wish to receive future e-mails, please let us know.
  - JACAR's website: <http://www.jacar.go.jp/>