

JACAR Newsletter Number 9 (February 8, 2013)

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I. Internet Special Exhibition Update

The following new release joins our current web line-up: “Knowing Modern Japanese History”
(URL: <http://www.jacar.go.jp/modernjapan/index.html>)

This special exhibit examines the history of modern Japan as experienced through key events ranging from legislative and political development to foreign interaction, war, and disaster. The new exhibit contains narratives, some of which are hardly known and others that helped form decisions that even today bear significance on the trajectory of Japan. “Knowing Modern Japanese History” explores historical episodes beginning in the Meiji era and traces them up to the start of Showa Japan.

Themes

- Early Meiji era petitions
- Exporting the lily bulb: Japanese plants loved in Europe and the United States
- The basis for the modernization of the Japan legal system
- The attempted assassination of Taisuke Itagaki
- The Russian Prince's distress over the Otsu Incident
- Becoming a revolutionary, Sun Yat-sen and Japan
- COOL JAPAN: Meiji and Showa Japan in the World Exposition
- The Russo-Japanese War: international law and POWs
- Secret negotiations with Jutarō Komura at Portsmouth Peace Conference
- The sinking of the "Mikasa" fleet flagship
- Sakuzō Yoshino and Taishō era democracy
- Kijūrō Shidehara and diplomacy
- Imperial Tokyo's reconstruction from the Great Kanto Earthquake
- Chiune Sugihara, a diplomat called Schindler of the East after providing visas during WW2
- Battle of Midway
- Battleship Yamato's last skirmish

II. The 14th Library Fair & Forum at Pacifico Yokohama

This was a library convention of the greatest magnitude, as representatives assembled from specialized libraries, research institutes, universities, public schools, government education offices, companies, and related organizations. This year the convention was held over three days, from November 20th to 22nd, at the Pacifico Yokohama venue, where over ninety forums and 133 exhibitions took place.

This year JACAR exhibited a booth for the first time. At the booth we provided an overview of our organization while offering a public demonstration of how to best access our database and its documents. The number of visitors this year climbed to a record number of 25,631 individuals, so we were pleased to have a lot of curious people coming to our booth.

III. Information on Newly Released Documents

The documents newly released are listed below.

National Archives of Japan

National Archives of Japan>

Cabinet>Account Settlement Reports of Ministries (partial)

Ministry of Defense>Procurement Demand

(Above documents were released on 13rd of November 2012)

The National Institute for Defense Studies, Ministry of Defense

The National Institute for Defense Studies, Ministry of Defense>

Army Records (Rid of Dainikki)> Chuo (General)>

Senso Shido (War Command)> Juyo Kokusaku Bunsho (Important Documents)

Sakusen Shido (Operation Command)> Juyo Denpo (Important Telegram)

Gunji Gyosei (Military Administration)> Horei (Laws and Rules)

Gunji Gyosei (Military Administration)> Teinen Meibo (Officer Lists)

Gunji Gyosei (Military Administration)> Ido Tsuho (Reports of Personnel Transfers)

Gunji Gyosei (Military Administration)> Hensei (Organization)

Gunji Gyosei (Military Administration)> Gunju Doin (Munitions Mobilization)

Butai Rekishi (Units' History)> Zenpan (General)

(Above documents were released on 15th of January 2013)

The National Institute for Defense Studies, Ministry of Defense>

Army Records (Rid of Dainikki)>Manshu (Manchuria)>Zenpan (General)

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Army Records (Rid of Dainikki)>Manshu (Manchuria)>Daitoasenso

(Above documents were released on 1st of February 2013)

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

- October 17, Shikoku Museum Conference, Annual Conference (The Museum of Art, EHIME)
- October 18, Akita Prefecture Library Association, Seminar (Akita Prefectural Library)
- November 8, Saitama Prefecture Museum Association, Seminar (Saitama Prefectural Museum of History and Folklore)
- November 16, Gunma Prefecture Library Association, Seminar (Gunma Prefectural Library)
- November 30, Miyagi Prefecture Public Library Association, Meeting (Miyagi Prefectural Library)
- December 5, Shizuoka Library Association, Seminar (Shizuoka Prefectural Central Library)
- December 6, Shimane Museum Association, Seminar (Shimane Museum of Ancient Izumo)
- December 13, Museum Kai Network, Meeting (Yamanashi Prefectural Museum)
- December 21, Yamaguchi Prefectural Library, Seminar (Yamaguchi Prefectural Library)
- January 8, Akita Public Libraries Directors' Meeting (Akita Prefectural Library)
- January 8, Miyazaki Museum Association, Seminar (The Komura Memorial Hall)

2. e-Document JAPAN 2012

The 50th annual e-Document JAPAN convention was held this year at Tokyo Big Sight from October 10th to 12th. At Tokyo Big Sight we were able to introduce our activities to many attendees specializing in document management and IT.

V. Postscript

Thank you for reading JACAR's 9th newsletter. The next newsletter will be sent out in April, 2013. 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)
 - JACAR Leaflets are 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/>