I. New Search and Browse Functionality via University of the Ryukyus Library Miyara Dunchi Collection

In collaboration with University of the Ryukyus, on the 28th of May we released 285 catalogued materials from the MiyaraDunchi Library Collection. By clicking the "Browse (ext.)" button on our search results screen you can directly view many documents from the University of the Ryukyus website (you are able to also browse digital images of materials released here: http://manwe.lib.u-ryukyu.ac.jp/d-archive/). For more information, please read our “Resources” page, which is located on our home screen.

II. Information on Newly Released Documents

The National Institute for Defense Studies, Ministry of Defense

* Army Records (Rid of Dainikki) > The China Incident (Second Sino-Japanese War)
  (Above documents were released on 19th of June 2013)

The National Institute for Defense Studies, Ministry of Defense

* Army Records (Rid of Dainikki) > Shina (China) > Sanko Siryo (Research Materials) (partial)
  (Above documents were released on 2nd of July 2013)

The National Institute for Defense Studies, Ministry of Defense

* Army Records (Rid of Dainikki) > Chuo (General) > Sakusen Shido (Operation Command)
  > Joso
* Army Records (Rid of Dainikki) > Chuo (General) > Gunji Gyousei (Military Administration)
  > Horei (Laws and Rules)
* Army Records (Rid of Dainikki) > Chuo (General) > Gunji Gyousei (Military Administration)
  > Gunrei
III. New Refined Feature Searches by Language and by Included Photographs, Maps, and Illustrations

The documental value of our non-Japanese records makes their easy retrieval very important. Moreover, we have heard from many users who wish to be able to search for all kinds of images in our database. Therefore, a new function added to the JACAR website further refines searches so that users now have the option of targeting documents written in specific languages as well as with other content including photographs, diagrams, maps, and illustrations. For details on how to use such features, please refer to the July 5th 2013 “What’s New” column on our homepage and click on “Newly Added JACAR Search Function.”
IV. Report on Presentation and Booth at the 2013 Conference of the Japanese Studies Association of Australia

The Japanese Studies Association of Australia was founded in 1978 as an organization to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas between Japan specialists. Once every other year a Japan studies conference spanning four days is held in a different Australian city. One such assembly was held between July 8th and 11th in Canberra and over 230 individuals attended what amounted to about fifty panel sessions and keynote speeches. We presented in a session entitled “Archive Forum: The secret of archives in research” and hosted an exhibition booth in the main hall, demonstrating how to use our database.

V. JACAR’s Outreach Activities

• Decision reached on May 28 between University of the Ryukyus Library Director Masako Izawa and JACAR Director-General Kenichiro Hirano to open a joint file search system
• Talk about JACAR at annual open house of the National Institute of Informatics (NII)
• Presentation on JACAR’s activities in panel exhibition at National Archives of Japan on June 14 and 15
• Lecture on JACAR at Nanzan University on June 26 as a part of lecture series hosted by the Asia-Pacific Research Center

Below is a list of additional places in which JACAR public relations were carried out, including various nationwide library associations and museum councils to whom we are deeply grateful:

May 11 – Mie Prefecture Lifelong Learning Center Citizen Seminar Series
May 16 – Kagoshima Prefecture Library General Association Meeting and Workshop
May 21 – Ishikawa Prefectural Museum Association Meeting
May 24 – Hiroshima Prefecture Public Library Association Meeting
May 28 – Yamagata Prefecture Library Association Meeting
May 29 – Chiba Prefecture Museum Association Meeting
June 7 – Shimane Prefecture Public Library Association General Assembly
June 11 – Annual National Archives Curator Meeting
June 12 –Miyagi Prefecture Museum and Other Related Organization Committee Meeting
July 2 – Kagawa Prefecture Museum Association Meeting
July 11 · Ehime Prefecture Public Library Directors Meeting
July 31 · Ehime Prefecture Library Association Training Committee

VI. Postscript

Thank you for reading JACAR’s 11th newsletter. The next newsletter will be sent out in June, 2013. As your feedback is always very helpful, we would deeply appreciate any
comments or opinions.

- 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/