New and Little-Known Resources at DCJ
現代日本研究資料センターより

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The Documentation Center on Contemporary Japan (DCJ), which was established in 1988 as a unit of the Reischauer Institute, continues to make available new print and electronic resources to the Japanese studies community within and beyond Harvard Yard. Our focus lies in Japanese and English-language materials, primarily in the social sciences. I’d like to alert readers to new and little-known resources in our collection.

Print media may be the most visible form of DCJ’s services, but these are complemented by a growing range of electronic and other resources. I regularly monitor developments pertinent to Japanese studies in cyberspace, and am delighted to help direct patrons to them. This summer we will add one public terminal for DCJ patrons to access the Internet and our CD-ROM resources.

DCJ subscribes to Nikkei Telecom, an English-language database service providing business and economic information on Japan, as well as full texts of major newspapers in Japan and Asia. We are also linked to Gateway Japan, a resource which enables search and retrieval of numerous text databases, including U.S. government documents relating to Japan, and most research papers of the Japan Economic Institute. We may soon sign on to NACSIS-IR (National Center for Science Information Systems-Information Retrieval), which is a collection of academic databases organized and distributed by Japan’s Ministry of Education.

We have recently acquired ASAHI SHIMBUN SENGO MIDASHI SAKUIN (ASAHI NEWSPAPER HEADLINE INDEX 1945-1995). Its long coverage makes this CD-ROM resource a powerful scholarly tool. Of course, it should be used in conjunction with the microfiched ASAHI SHIMBUN volumes at the Harvard-Yenching, or with DCJ’s own clippings files. These files, in over 130 categories, draw from the ASAHI, YOMIURI, and NIKKEI newspapers in Japanese, as well as the NEW YORK TIMES, the WASHINGTON POST, and the WALL STREET JOURNAL. The clippings files are among the most used of DCJ’s resources.

We do, of course, maintain a collection of print materials, including mainstream scholarly books on postwar Japan, particularly in the social sciences, but also fugitive items such as Japanese government “gray” literature (unofficial publications) and non-commercial and ephemeral publications.

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DCJ's conventional holdings are cataloged (and therefore searchable) via HOLLIS (Harvard OnLine Library Information System). Yet some materials resist cataloging, for various reasons, and users are encouraged to express their requirements to DCJ's librarian and staff.

We might direct you to useful, but not widely known, materials like the *Daily Summary of the Japanese Press* and the monthly *Japanese Magazine Review*, both compiled by the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and of which we have nearly complete runs starting in 1957. Other little known tools in our collection include *Chosa Kenkyu Hokokusho* and *Shiryu Shirizu*, two monograph publication series of the Japan Institute of Labour produced by respected Japanese scholars and covering current labor issues. We also have research paper series produced by institutions like the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, the Bank of Japan, the Economic Planning Agency, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication, and the Japan Development Bank. On official development assistance, publications of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, and the International Development Center of Japan are useful resources. We have recently begun receiving research publications from the Asian Productivity Organization and Kokuritsu Fujin Kyoku Kaikan (National Women's Education Center).

Visit us, either in Coolidge Hall basement or at our homepage (always under construction, it seems!) at http://fas.harvard.edu/~rijs/~dcj/.

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