

# Guide to Parliamentary Documents and Official Publications Room



## Overview

The Parliamentary Documents and Official Publications Room (PDOPR) houses a variety of materials from Japan and other countries, including parliamentary documents, official gazettes, statutes, compilations of current laws, compilations of laws by subject, law reports, official statistics, white papers, annual government reports, official publications and documentation from the United Nations and European Union, as well as other reference books on laws and politics. These collections comprise materials acquired from the Imperial Diet of Japan and the Imperial Library of Japan as well as materials acquired through legal deposit, international exchange, depositary agreement, or as gifts and purchases.

The PDOPR houses 320,000 Japanese books, 460,000 foreign books, 580,000 issues of Japanese journals, 970,000 issues of foreign journals, 1,950,000 microfilms and 7,000 CDs. Most of these items are stored in the closed stacks, while some 60,000 items, including reference books, all issues of the Official Gazette of Japan, compilations of laws in force, and the latest issues of serial publications, are available in the room.

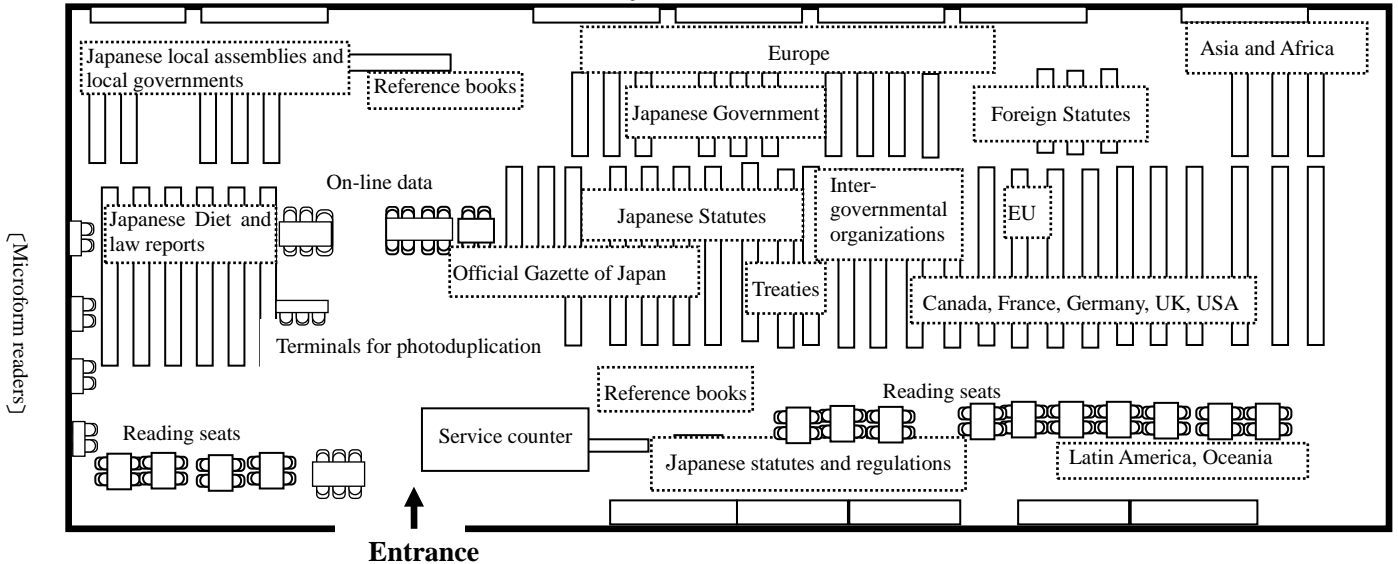
The PDOPR provides reference services regarding these materials and politics, administration and military affairs. Increasingly, these materials are now published online in place of conventional print editions, and the PDOPR also offers guides to online resources and related databases.

## Library hours

Opening hours	9:30–19:00 (17:00 on Saturday)
Call-slip acceptance for materials in closed stacks	9:30–18:00 (16:00 on Saturday)
*Service for registered users.	
Same-day photoduplication requests	10:00–18:00 (16:00 on Saturday)
Later-date photoduplication (sent by mail) requests	10:00–18:30 (16:30 on Saturday)
Printouts of electronic materials requests	10:00–18:00 (16:00 on Saturday)

(Closed: Sundays and the third Wednesday of every month, national holidays, year-end and New Year holidays)

## Room Layout (Annex, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)



### Collections

#### Legal Materials (All materials under National Diet Library Classification C)

**Japan** Official Gazette, *Horei-Zensho* (complete collection of laws and regulations), *Roppo* (various compendium of basic laws), compilations of current laws and regulations, compilations of laws by subject, official bulletins of national ministries and agencies, local ordinances in force and official gazettes of local governments, law reports issued by the Supreme Court, compilations of law reports by subject.

**Foreign countries** Legal materials of about 150 countries and regions, including official gazettes, statutes, current laws and regulations, treaty collections and compilations of comparative law by subject.

#### Parliamentary Documents (All materials under National Diet Library Classification B)

**Japan** Handbooks and directories, collections of precedents, official bulletins, bills, lists of petitions, records of proceedings, budgets and audits from the National Diet, the Imperial Diet, and local assemblies.

**Foreign Countries** Parliamentary documents of about 70 countries and regions, in particular, essential materials of the United Kingdom, the United States, Germany and France since the 18th or 19th century.

#### Administrative Publications

**Japan** Catalogues and bibliographies of official publications of ministries and agencies, white papers, official statistics, catalogues of official publications and statistics of local governments, leaflets issued by central and local governments.

**Foreign countries** Statistics of Germany, Canada and other countries, catalogues of official publications, microfilm publications of the U.S. Government Printing Office, U.S. Presidential Papers, declassified documents of the U.S. Government and microfilm publications of Her Majesty's Stationary Office.

#### Materials of inter-governmental organizations (Primarily acquired under depository agreements)

Materials of the League of Nations and the United Nations, their specialized agencies, EU, OECD, Council of Europe, etc.

#### Reference Books

In addition to these main four collections, users can easily access reference books such as catalogues of publications on law and politics, handbooks and directories of national assemblies and governments, reference

books on diplomacy, defense, warfare, administration, and elections.

## Databases

### <Databases created by the National Diet Library>

- **Full-text Database System for the Minutes of the Diet** (<http://kokkai.ndl.go.jp/>)

This database contains Diet session proceedings and was created in cooperation with the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors.

- **Database System for the Minutes of the Imperial Diet** (<http://teikokugikai-i.ndl.go.jp/>)

This database contains the Imperial Diet Session proceedings.

- **Index Database to Japanese Laws, Regulations and Bills** (<http://hourei.ndl.go.jp/SearchSys/>)

This database contains information on the dates of promulgation, amendment, and abolition of Japanese laws, orders, and ordinances issued since 1886. It also contains information on the parliamentary actions of each bill since the first session of the National Diet (1947).

- **Index database to Japanese Laws, Regulations and Bills [for early Meiji era]**

(<http://dajokan.ndl.go.jp/SearchSys/index.pl>)

This database contains information on dates of promulgation, amendment, and abolition of Japanese laws, orders and ordinances during the period 1867–1886.

- **Bibliographical Database of Persons in Modern Japanese Politics** (<http://rnavi.ndl.go.jp/seiji/index.php>)

This database contains bibliographic information on biographies, memories, journals and diaries of politicians, diplomats, administrators, military servicemen and political philosophers since Meiji era.

- **Bibliographical Database of Imperial Japanese Warfare** (<http://rnavi.ndl.go.jp/gunji/index.php>)

This database contains bibliographic information on Imperial Japanese wars from the *Boshin War* (1868-1869) to World War II.

### <Subscription Databases available in the Library>

- **官報情報検索サービス (Kanpo Joho Kensaku Service)**

This database contains Official Gazette of Japan from May 3, 1947 to today.

- **D1-Law.com**

This database contains Japan laws, cases, bibliography on laws and cases.

- **TKC ローライブラリー (TKC Law Library)**

This database contains cases in Japan, commentaries appearing in prominent law journals and laws of Japan in force.

- **判例秘書 HYBRID (Hanrei Hisyo HYBRID)**

This database contains cases in Japan and articles of prominent law journals.

- **LexisNexis lexis.com**

This database contains cases, statutes, and parliamentary information of the United States, legal information such as cases and statutes of the EU, the United Kingdom, Canada as well as newspapers, journals, and correspondences.

- **U.S. Congressional Serial Set**

This database contains American State Papers (1789–1838) and U.S. Congressional Serial Set (1817–1994).

- **House of Commons Parliamentary Papers**

This database contains House of Commons Parliamentary Papers since 1688. Bills, House of Commons Papers, Command Papers, Reports of Committees, Accounts and Papers, and Hansard (1803–2005) are available.

- **Hein Online World Constitutions Illustrated**

This database contains the current constitution of more than 190 countries in its original language or in English translation, classic books on constitutions and legal periodicals focusing on constitutional law.

Featured  
Materials

●官報 (*Kanpo*, Official Gazette)

Japanese Official Gazette since 1883 are on open shelves. Also, those published from 1883 to April 30, 1952 are digitized and available on our website at <http://dl.ndl.go.jp/#kanpo>.



●Bills and related papers

Bills, memoranda on questions and other parliamentary document of the Imperial Diet of Japan and the National Diet are available.

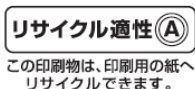
●Official statistics

You can access on open shelves an abundance of recent official statistics such as the Population Census of Japan, Establishment and Enterprise Census of Japan, Labor Force Survey, Family Income and Expenditure Survey, Vital Statistics, etc.



●Materials of inter-governmental organizations

You can consult publications from key inter-governmental organizations such as the League of Nations, the United Nations, their specialized agencies, EU, OECD, etc.



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