

Discoverability / Findability of Maps Owned by the International Research Center for Japanese Studies



International Research Center for
Japanese Studies

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International Workshop: Portal Sites for
Old Japanese Maps



International Research Center for Japanese Studies

- Inter-University Research Institute (National Institutes for the Humanities)
- Research activities
International, scholarly, interdisciplinary, and comprehensive research on Japanese culture
- Research cooperation
Research cooperation and support to Japan studies scholars around the world

Note: Japanese Studies = 日本研究

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- Faculty; researchers
(Professors/Associate Professors/Research Fellows:
About 50 members)
 - Doctoral program students
(Department of Japanese studies, The Graduate
University for Advanced Studies: About 20 members)
 - Visiting Research Scholars
(Visiting Faculty/Visiting Research Fellows: About 50
members a year)
 - Visitors to the Nichibunken Library (in 2016)
International: About 460 (Domestic: 570)



Library Catalog

- Total: 550,000 books
 - Periodicals: About 11,000 titles
 - Maps: About 3,600 titles (4,500 maps)
 - Iconographic materials: About 2,000 titles
 - Audiovisual materials: About 15,000 titles
- Examples of special collections
 - *Gaisho*: Works in Japanese studies written in languages other than Japanese, and books published overseas on Japan
 - *Emakimono* picture scrolls and woodblock print materials including *shunga* erotic images and *yokai* monstrous beings
 - Picture postcards, travel brochures, and maps of overseas territories from the Japanese occupation period



Visual Sources and Nichibunken Databases

- Ever since established, the Center has been actively collecting iconographic materials including maps, photos, and woodblock prints (i.e. visual materials related to Japanese culture studies)
- and digitalizing and organizing collected iconographic materials into databases
- of research findings from research activities and team research by researchers.



Maps owned by the Center

- About 3,600 titles (4,500 maps)
Note: Not all are necessarily “old maps.”
- References area on 1F of the Library (open annex)
Maps room on 3F of the Library Stacks (closed stacks)
- “Japanese old maps” as rare materials or Japanese materials made in other countries
- Unno Collection



Nichibunken Map Collection

- Total: 4,500 maps
- Photocopied: 1,700 maps
- Publicly available: 979 maps (last updated in May, 2016)



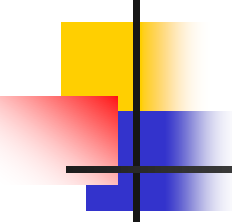
Other maps databases

- Maps Drawn by Mori Koan
 - provides access to maps that appeared in *Zoho kaitei Mori Koan no egaita chizu* (Maps Drawn by Mori Koan, Enlarged Edition) of the Nichibunken Japanese Studies Series,
 - which are mostly owned by non-members of the Center and other institutes. (Not all maps are publicly available.)
- Old Maps of Nagasaki
 - offers photocopies taken by the Center of old maps of Nagasaki owned by the Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture.
- Rare Books and Maps on Japan in European Languages
- Birds-Eye View Maps by Yoshida Hatsusaburo



Number of cases of map-image use

- As of January, FY 2017 (breakdown)
 - Publications: 80 (mainstream: 46/scholarly: 34)
 - Research: 51
 - Television programs: 26 (informational: 10/variety: 16)
 - News: 15
 - Advertisements: 6
 - Exhibitions: 3
 - Other: 18



Number of image usage (Overall; as of January, FY 2017)

- * *Yokai*: 248 (54 cases)
- * Old maps: 199 (103 cases)
- * Historic places: 123
- *Enpon (shunga)*: 105
- * Overseas images of Japan: 78
- * Early photographs: 39
- Popular culture: 32
- * *Namazue* catfish prints: 21
- * *Gaisho*: 17
- *Heian jinbutsu shi* information: 9
- Soda: 8
- * Picture scrolls: 7
- * Early modern: 4
- Japanese-language newspapers: 4
- Traditionally bound books: 3
- Picture postcards: 2
- Tale of Heiji: 2
- Record of the Iwakura Embassy: 2
- Books and maps: 1
- Rare books and maps: 1
- *Kojiruien* encyclopedia: 1
- Crepe-paper books: 1



What source did you use in finding this image/material?

Total: 240 (January, 2017, and after)

- Search engine (e.g. web search): 121
(answered “via Google”: 83)
- A person (primarily author): 46
- Media, e.g. books, television programs: 16
- Nichibunken databases: 13
- No response: 13
- Other: 31



Searchable on Google

- Midterm Plan
Sequentially migrate image databases to renewal systems searchable on outside search-engines
- Number of cases of Gaizo image use
 - 2013 1
 - 2014 3
 - 2015 0 (renewal in July 2015)
 - 2016 37
 - 2017 78



(In my opinion)

- Google rather than portal site
- Free “Japanese Old Maps” from “Japan”ese “Old” “Maps”
- Enhancement interlibrary loan and document delivery network and service



Registration with OCLC WorldCat

- OCLC WorldCat
 - The world's largest bibliographic library-catalog database participated in by 70,000 or more organizations in 170 countries and territories.
 - Only a few Japanese organizations currently participate in the database (e.g. Waseda University, National Diet Library).
 - The Nichibunken registered with WorldCat and added its catalog to the database in January, 2018.
- Expected results
 - Will allow searching for Japanese materials in romaji spelling
 - Will allow access to bibliographic reference indicating where the material being searched for can be located
 - Will allow access to digital images via links
 - Will allow making requests for copies and resource sharing (WorldShare ILL)