

FY2018 Annual Report for Joint Research with Research Fund
The Digital Archive Research Center for Japanese Cultural Resources,
Art Research Center, Ritsumeikan University

Date (year/mm/dd): _____

1. Title of the Research Project	
Archiving and Utilization of Japanese Performing Arts Materials on JPARC (Japanese Performing Arts Research Consortium)	
2. Research Leader	
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4. Overview of the Research Project (About 150 words) Note: If you have changed your project since the time of application submission, please write clearly where you made changes.
<p>This project aims at fostering appreciation for research on traditional Japanese performing arts through providing contextualized media resources. It focuses on 1.) populating four databases that support content creation for a website devoted to Japanese performing arts (which represents a complete revamping of the now outdated Japan Performing Arts Resource Center that formed a part of the Global Performing Arts Consortium [GloPAC] and its database [GloPAD], 2.) creating and uploading content on the website, and 3.) supporting a core of experts in the field through an international consortium, the Japanese Performing Arts Research Consortium (JPARC).</p> <p>We draw on our four core databases 'JPARC stage photos DB,' 'JPARC object DB,' 'JPARC Book Resource DB,' and 'JPARC Picture Resource DB,' as well as growing outside resources and our newly implemented timelines to develop and illustrate narratives that will be of use to students, professionals in the theatre world, and theatre and academic researchers. The nō section of the website utilizes the high-definition images in the databases to implement a comprehensive presentation of nō performance today, supplemented by an historical perspective. The kabuki section, currently under development, draws extensively on materials from the ARC kabuki database and digital exhibitions. The 'research portal' section of the website, provides links to projects developed by other Consortium members and by external sources.</p>

5. Overview of the Research Results Note: We may use this section for the Center's PR.

In 2018 we focused on addressing 1.) the final technical issues in developing the jparc.online website and its supporting databases; 2.) design and layout elements of the website; 3.) the initial completion of the nōgaku section of the website, which is now live; and 4.) the composition and organization of the Consortium and ideas for the research portal of the website.