

## International Archives Day

[The International Council on Archives \(ICA\)](#) is an international non-government organization founded on 9 June 1948 with support from UNESCO in order to strengthen cooperation among archival institutions around the world and to develop their activities for preserving archival records and ensuring their availability for use. To celebrate the foundation day, the ICA decided 9 June as the annual International Archives Day to disseminate its activities and significant roles of archives in 2008. This year marks the third year to celebrate this Day.

Preserving records and archives is essential not only for states and local public entities but also for corporations and organizations. We hope this day will serve as a good opportunity for each body to recall the importance of preserving various records and archives that they have created and acquired, and making them available to the public.

In 2008 we held the Commemorative Lecture at the 1st Japan Conference in celebration of International Archives Day in Tokyo. We also adopted [the appeal of the Conference](#). This year we will organize the 3rd Commemorative Lecture on the International Archives Day in Tokyo.

[Reference] What is “Archives”?

The term Archives refers to the following three meanings.

- Materials selected for permanent preservation from paper records as well as audiovisual materials and electronic records, which were created, accepted and accumulated in the course of activities conducted by individuals or organizations, due to the importance for organization management or academic research and to the diverse values including cultural heritage.
- An institution in which archival records are preserved, arranged, and made available to the public.
- Actions to preserve, arrange archival records, and make them available to the public.



過去を記録し、未来へ伝える。

**6月9日は  
「国際アーカイブズの日」**

国際公文書会議 (International Council on Archives-ICA) は、文書や記録の保存や利用について、世界中の公文書館の相互の連携を強め、活動の発展を目指して、ユネスコ (UNESCO) の支援のもと、1948年6月9日に発足しました。この発足の日を記念して、ICAは、毎年6月9日を「国際アーカイブズの日」と定め、広く活動の周知を図ることとしました。文書や記録を残すこと、それは国や地方公共団体だけでなく、企業や団体にとっても非常に大切なことです。この日をきっかけに、それぞれが作成、取得したいろいろな文書や記録を、保存し、その利用を図ることの大切さをもう一度考えましょう。

【アーカイブズ】  
● 個人または組織がその活動を通じて作成、発生、蓄積した文書、録音、画像などによる記録や電子記録などのうち、組織運営や学術研究の必要性、文化そのものの多様な価値ゆえに系統的に保存される資料 ● これらの文書記録等を保存し、整理し、利用に供する施設 ● 文書記録等を保存、整理、利用に供する行為

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