

## **Characteristics of Documents Relating to Local Administration: Focusing on the Holdings of the National Archives of Japan** **by TAKAGI Shigeharu**

This article analyzes the characteristics of documents transferred from the Ministry of Home Affairs and documents created or acquired by national administrative bodies with jurisdiction over local administration, that were transferred from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC). There are four types of documents transferred from the Ministry of Home Affairs: Home Affairs Ministry of Japan documents; documents related to abolition, division, and boundary changes; documents related to local government bonds issuance; and documents related to local fiscal reconstruction plans. However, the documents transferred from the MIC are of different types from those transferred from the Ministry of Home Affairs, such as documents related to the Local Autonomy Act, consolidation disputes, replies to the Diet, local taxation, and non-statutory general taxation.

In addition, this study confirms that documents created or acquired by the Ministry of Home Affairs, that are currently held by the MIC, are considered to be transferred when the retention period expires, including documents related to the Ministry of Home Affairs reorganization, local civil service system, public works review, municipal tax reform, and local tax system reform. As the transfer of these documents progresses, the types of documents related to local administration held by the National Archives of Japan are expected to increase in number, which can then be used for research and other purposes.

## **A Fundamental Study on the Documents Relating to Permanent Exhibition “Japan’s Modern History” Exhibition Materials** **by OSAWA Takehiko**

The National Archives of Japan (NAJ) organized the permanent exhibition “日本のあゆみ (Japan’s Modern History),” which exhibits (replicas of) materials related to historical events since the modern era. Over the past two years, NAJ has conducted a fundamental research study of holdings related to the Constitution of Japan and 23 other documents introduced in “日本のあゆみ” to help develop future exhibits in the new building of the NAJ.

This article introduces ten relevant documents relating to each of the three exhibits, From Edo to Tokyo, the Universal Manhood Suffrage Act 1925 and the National Income Doubling Plan, and discusses the outcomes and issues related to this research.

## **Outcomes and Issues in Building the “JACAR Dictionary Search” Function: The Quest for an Interface that Links Users with Historical Records**

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The Japan Center for Asian Historical Records (JACAR) provides search support tools that make it possible for users to find the records they want to view from among the vast amounts of historical materials available through our database. One of these tools is “JACAR Dictionary Search,” which has some thesaurus-like functions and was developed in JACAR’s founding year of 2001 based on the concept of being “a dictionary that will serve as an interface for linking users with historical records.” Since 2017, sixteen years after it was developed, work moved forward on a variety of efforts to improve it with functions that take into account the increase in the number of records available and the associated growth in catalogue data. The fruits of that work were released in 2021 in the form of the database’s “JACAR Dictionary Search (Category and Syllabic Order)” (available in the English interface respectively as “Search by Category” and “Alphabetical Index Search”). By making changes and additions to the way we constructed our dictionary data and to the composition of that data, as well as making improvements to the category structure, we were able to make the “Dictionary Search” more efficient and user friendly and so were able realize the functionality we intended for the “Dictionary Search.”

## **The Education Functions in the National Archives of the United Kingdom: Focusing on Educational Resources**

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In preparation for the opening of the new building, the National Archives of Japan (NAJ) is now urgently seeking to provide learning opportunities and support for school education in order to contribute to the realization of a high quality of life for the people, through the preservation and use of public records and archives. This paper aims to promote to the future development of the learning function of the NAJ by examining the approaches of the UK National Archives (TNA), which provides a wide range of educational services, including the provision of educational resources and capacity building programs for teachers, as well as self-study learning content and workshops for students during the summer holidays and other times of the year.

This paper first provides an overview of the current state of education, including the education system, educational environment, and education of history in the United Kingdom, England in particular. It then takes a general overview of the learning functions carried out by the TNA and furthermore, from the educational resources provided for teachers, focuses on those related to the Poor Law of 1834 in order to analyze the methods used to develop resources from their collections in accordance with the learning stages.

## **A Study on Washing and Aqueous Deacidification Treatments of Specified Historical Public Records and Archives with Acid Deterioration in the National Archives of Japan by HIRANO Hanako**

This article reviews the restoration process and treatment methods of washing and aqueous deacidification treatments of specified historical public records and archives (historical archives) with acid deterioration in the National Archives of Japan (NAJ) and proposes necessary measures for the future, based on NAJ's annual performance reports and other previous studies.

Chapter 1 assesses the state of historical archives preservation in the NAJ, the future role of restoration, and the restoration functions that will be required in the new building. Chapter 2 examines the measures necessary for acid-deteriorated materials based on the previous chapter, citing domestic and international examples. Chapter 3 presents examples and a direction for the NAJ regarding effective washing and aqueous deacidification processes for acid-deteriorated materials. It also summarizes future issues to be addressed in the implementation of these treatments.