

**Nomination for the Japan Liaison Position  
Report from the NCC Executive Committee**

**For January 12-13, 2007  
North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources Working Meeting**

At the January 2007 Working Meeting the Council will elect one Japan Liaison (July 2007-June 2010) to succeed Professor Syun Tutiya (July 2004-June 2007). The Executive Committee was called to the task of nominating candidates for the position.

**Description of the Nominating Procedures:**

The nomination of the Japan Liaison began with the consultation with the current and former Japan Liaisons for their suggestions of candidates. Immediately after the September 2006 meeting, the Chair, Chair-Elect and Executive Director consulted with the current Japan Liaison for his input. Three past Japan Liaisons were consequently contacted, of which one could not be reached. Six individuals were nominated by three current and past Japan Liaisons. The committee and current Japan Liaison contacted the nominees to ask if they would stand for election. Two candidates responded in the affirmative and submitted their brief curriculum vita. The committee feels that these two are excellent candidates for the position and has decided to forward the names for the Council's voting in January 2007.

**Description of the Position (NCC by-laws III Membership) :**

*A special and essential member of the Council is the representative from Japan. This member will be the official liaison between the NCC and the library community in Japan. The Japanese liaison will be a full-fledged member of the NCC with all the rights and privileges associated with being a full member. This member will: attend the fall and winter NCC meetings and report there on events in Japan of concern to the NCC; speak to NCC concerns back in the Japanese community; suggest possible joint efforts between NCC and organizations in Japan; advise on possible sources in Japan for funding support of NCC projects; and speak for the NCC in Japan when requested to do so by the NCC Chair or the Council as a whole.*

**Qualifications (NCC Handbook No. 3. Council Members with Other Special Roles, i. Japan Liaison)**

*...There are no specific professional background or credential requirements for the position; essential qualifications are a broad and extensive familiarity with the library and information field in Japan (and increasingly internationally) and fluency in English to enable the Japan Liaison to fully contribute to discussions and decision-making which takes place at NCC working meetings and to comprehensively report on those actions to colleagues in Japan...*

**Candidates and CVs (in alphabetical order):**

**Prof. Yoshito Itoh**  
**Director of the University Library, Nagoya University**

- April 1971 - March 1975:** Undergraduate Student, Department of Civil Engineering  
 Nagoya University, Japan
- April 1975 - March 1977:** Master Student, Department of Civil Engineering  
 Nagoya University, Japan
- April 1977 - September 1988:** Research Associate, Department of Civil Engineering  
 Nagoya University, Japan
- February 1985:** Doctor of Engineering
- June 1985:** Paper Award by Japan Society of Civil Engineers
- June 1987 - June 1988:** Visiting Scholar in Lehigh University, USA
- October 1988 - March 1995:** Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering  
 Nagoya University, Japan
- April 1995 – March 2003:** Professor, Center for Integrated Research in Science and  
 Engineering, Nagoya University, Japan
- July 1998 - September 1998:** Visiting Scholar in Carnegie Mellon University, USA
- April 2000 – March 2000:** Chairman of the Digital Library Committee,  
 Nagoya University, Japan
- April 2000 - Present:** Director of University Library, Nagoya University, Japan
- April 2000 - March 2004:** University Senator, Nagoya University, Japan
- April 2003 - March 2004:** Professor, Department of Geotechnical and Environmental  
 Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya University,  
 Japan
- April 2004 - Present:** Professor, Department of Civil Engineering,  
 Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya University, Japan  
 Education & Research Council Member  
 Administrative Council Member  
 President Selection Committee Member
- April 2006 - Present:** Guest Professor, National Institute of Informatics, Japan

**Included statement in Dr. Itoh's c.v.:** Dr. Yoshito Itoh started his academic career on education and research activities in the Department of Civil Engineering of Nagoya University in Japan in February 1977. He is a member of several scientific committees under the Ministry of Construction in Japan, Highway Corporation, and the Japan Society of Civil Engineers, as well as a faculty member of Nagoya University. He has been the director of the University Library of Nagoya University since 2000. He served as chairman of the taskforce for electronic journal consortia of Japan Association of National University Libraries from 2000 to 2005.

**Mr. Akio Yasue**  
**Senior Advisor, National Diet Library**

**Professional Experience**

- March 2006 to present,** Senior Advisor of the National Diet Library
- December 2004 to February 2006,** Deputy Librarian, National Diet Library
- April 2003 to November 2004,** General-Director of Administrative Department, National Diet  
 Library
- April 2002 to March 2003,** General-Director of Kansai-kan, National Diet Library

**October 1969 to March 2002**, Library staff and manager of the National Diet Library tasks of which included user services, national and international library cooperation, preservation and conservation, planning, digital library project, Kansai-kan project etc.

Dispatched from the National Diet Library to establish a new East Asian library at the Universite de Montreal in Canada in 1975-1978.

### **Professional Activities**

Senior Advisor of the Japan Special Library Association from 2006 to present.  
 Member of CULCON International Information Access Working Group in 1996-1998  
 Member of the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Standing Committee in 1986-1990  
 Chair of the Japan Library Association Preservation and Conservation Committee in 1986-1988

### **Selected Publications**

Editor, *Disaster planning: Preparedness and Recovery for libraries and archives (Translation of Sally Buchanan's publication)*, Tokyo: Japan Library Association, 1998  
 Co-editor, *Preservation and Conservation in Libraries*, Tokyo: Yushodo Shuppan, 1995  
 "Vinegar Syndrome and the Preservation of Microfilms" *Gendai no Toshokan*, Tokyo: Japan Library Association, Vol.44, 2006 (Upcoming)  
 "From Myth to Science: Mass Deacidification Technology Re-examined" *IFLA Journal* Vol.23. 1997, pp.176-179  
 "International Communication in Library Preservation" in *Japan-US Collaboration in Enhancing International Access to Scholarly Information: Looking Toward the 21st Century*: Tokyo, Universal Academy Press, 1993, pp.197-214

### **Education**

September 1987 to August 1988  
 Research at the Library School of the Columbia University on library preservation as a Fulbright junior researcher  
 April 1965 to March 1969  
 Received bachelor of liberal arts degree from the International Christian University in Tokyo

**Included statement in Mr. Yasue's email response:** Thank you very much for your e-mail of December 2<sup>nd</sup> which informs me about the position of the NCC Japan Liaison for the coming years.

I know well an important role that NCC plays for the development of Japanese study librarianship in the US. And I feel highly honored if I could participate in it.

As I am willing to participate in the NCC project and as I think I would be able to make certain contribution based on my knowledge and experience, I enclose herewith my brief curriculum vitae for your selection process.

Thank you once again for your and your colleague's consideration.

Submitted by Tokiko Y. Bazzell, Chair