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**Japanese Resources Re-Use Plan
Pilot Project: Update
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As Tokiko Bazzell introduced at the September 2006 Council Working Meeting, this pilot project was proposed by Japan Association of National University Libraries (JANUL), with the main contact being Mr. Ikuo Sasakawa, Associate Director of the University of Tokyo Library, to investigate the feasibility for JANUL and NCC to operate a possible future project of distributing duplicate books in its member libraries to North American libraries. Using the duplicate books currently stored in the University of Tokyo Library, the pilot is expected to identify and, if possible, resolve problems and issues prior to planning an operational scheme for both JANUL and NCC.

Although Kinokuniya was explicitly discussed in the September working meeting, it turned out that it could not participate in the pilot. Japan Publications Trading Co., Ltd. agreed to join on condition of service and shipping fees to be charged to the receiving libraries in North America. For the procedures and the timeline of the pilot, Prof. Syun Tutiya, Tokiko Bazzell, and Toshie Marra reviewed Mr. Sasakawa's proposal and agreed as described in Appendix.

NCC's Responsibilities for the Pilot Project:

NCC will be responsible for posting an announcement of the pilot project on EASTLIB and other Japan-related listservs - Tokiko will do. NCC will be also responsible for receiving donation requests from individual North American libraries on behalf of JANUL, selecting the most appropriate library for each title based on collection size and geographic location (smaller collections and those located in more isolated areas will be given priority) in cases where multiple libraries request the same book, informing the University of Tokyo Library of the North American libraries that should receive each book, and letting requesting North American libraries know the results of NCC's recommendations - Tokiko and Toshie will do. NCC will collaborate with JANUL to draft a report of the results of the pilot to be submitted to both JANUL and NCC - Tokiko and Toshie will do. JANUL will have the next board meeting in May, where the pilot will be assessed.

NCC's Future Plan for the Re-Use Plan:

If the pilot is found viable and if JANUL continues requesting NCC to collaborate on this project, it is recommended that NCC implement an organ which regularly performs coordination functionalities on behalf of requesting libraries.

APPENDIX:

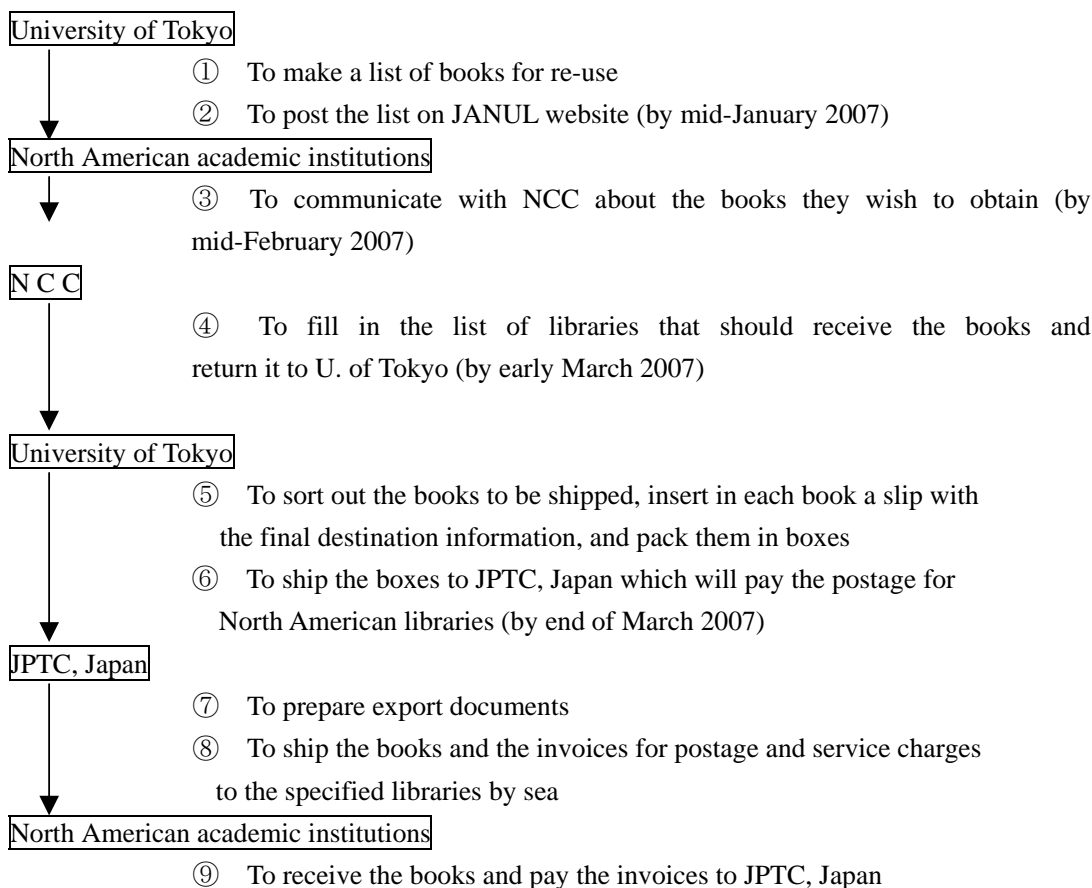
Pilot Study on the Japanese Resources Re-use Plan

At Japanese university libraries, many duplicate materials are discarded every year. Among them, many are of academic value and are often difficult to obtain from regular book markets. On the other hand, some Japanese resources remain hard to obtain in North America. Considering this, the Japan Association of National University Libraries (JANUL) has come up with the Japanese Resources Re-use Plan, through which participating Japanese university libraries will distribute their duplicate research materials for re-use among North American academic institutions.

In the current fiscal year 2006, the University of Tokyo Library will be conducting a pilot study according to the following procedures on behalf of JANUL, with assistance provided by JPTC. If this pilot study is found viable, other universities may join in the plan in the future.

The pilot study will be carried out for the period, December 2006 through March 2007.

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Japanese Resources Re-Use Plan (Pilot study)

日本資料再利用計画(試行実験)

Purpose: to facilitate the distribution of materials for re-use and to meet the needs for Japanese resources among North American academic institutions

