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News from the Japanese Unit, Asian Collections, National Library of Australia

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1. NLA Awards and Grants for the study of Japan

The two study grants below are offered annually from National Library of Australia.

1) NLA Japan Study Grants – Call for applications

The National Library invites applications for the 2010-2011 Japan Study Grants program. Japan Study Grants are open to postgraduates, honours students, academic staff or independent researchers in Australia who wish to use the Japanese or Japan-related collections of the National Library for their research. The Grants are intended to make the NLA's Japanese collections better known outside Canberra and be a source of practical support for researchers requiring access to a large and accessible library collection on Japan. For more details on the NLA's Japanese collections visit <http://www.nla.gov.au/asian/lang/jap.html>

What is offered

Grants are offered for periods of up to four weeks and support travel to Canberra and living costs. At least four grants are awarded each year. For full details visit the website at <http://www.nla.gov.au/grants/isg/>

Closing date

The closing date for applications is 30 September 2010 and applicants will be notified by the end of November. The awards may be taken up at any time following notification from 1 December onwards, and before 30 September the following year.

2) NLA Japan Fellowship – information for prospective applicants

The Fellowship is open to established Australian and international researchers in Japanese studies. Fellowships are not provided to assist with the completion of degree studies and applications from currently enrolled students will not be considered. Awarded annually, the Fellowship funds travel to and living costs in Canberra for a 3-6 month period to undertake extended research based on the NLA collections.

Applications for 2011 Fellowships closed on April 30 2010. No applications or changes will be accepted after that date. Applications for 2012 Fellowships will open on 1 February 2011. Further details at <http://www.nla.gov.au/grants/japan/jpinfo.html>

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2. The NLA offers remote access to three major Japanese e-resources as below, for NLA library card holders who are residents of Australia.

Asahi shinbun – Kikuzo II visual for libraries

Japan Knowledge

Bungei kurabu

For further information on how to access those resources, please go to
<http://www.nla.gov.au/asian/lang/WhatsnewfromJapaneseCollection.html>

3. Japan Socialist Party collection now partially catalogued

Japan Socialist Party collection is a unique and extremely valuable source for the study of Japanese politics of the 1950s and 1960s, through this historic documents of one major political party of that period. It consists of its journal publications, pamphlets, mimeographed copies for internal use, memoranda, and a large number of official reports, notebooks and scrapbooks. Among all the historical contents of this collection, a hundred and sixty titles of pamphlets and three hundred and fifty of other publications including many official reports are now catalogued and those catalogue records are available online.