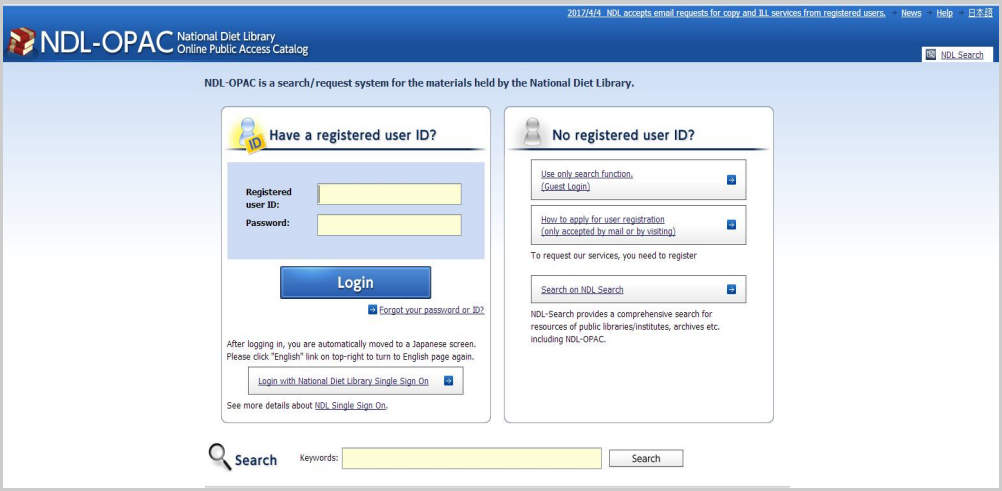
Name of the Tool	**NDL-OPAC: National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog**
Home Page	
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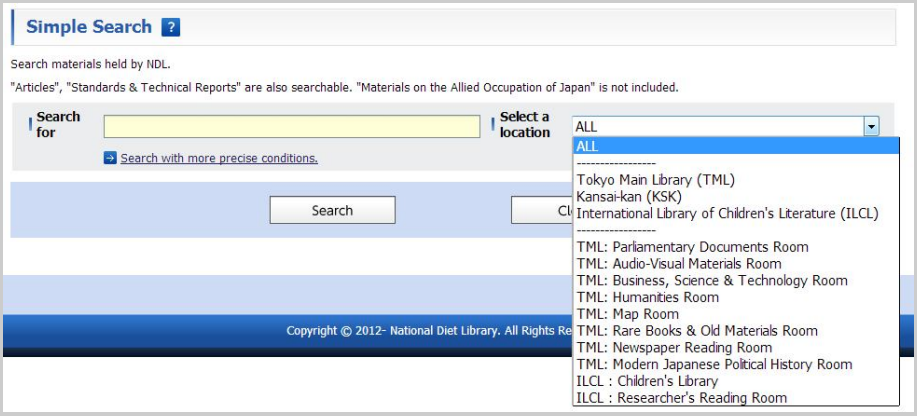
URL	http://iss.ndl.go.jp/?locale=en
Subject	National Diet Library—Catalogs; National Library—Japan-Catalogs.
Accessibility	Partially free
Language	Multilingual (Japanese, Chinese, Korean, English)
Publisher	National Diet Library, Japan
Scope and Coverage	The National Diet Library has in recent years compiled a detailed website in both Japanese and English. Its online databases consist of the National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog (NDL-OPAC), the Digital Library of the Meiji Era, the Rare Books Image Database, and the Minutes of the Imperial Diet and National Diet.

Kind of Information

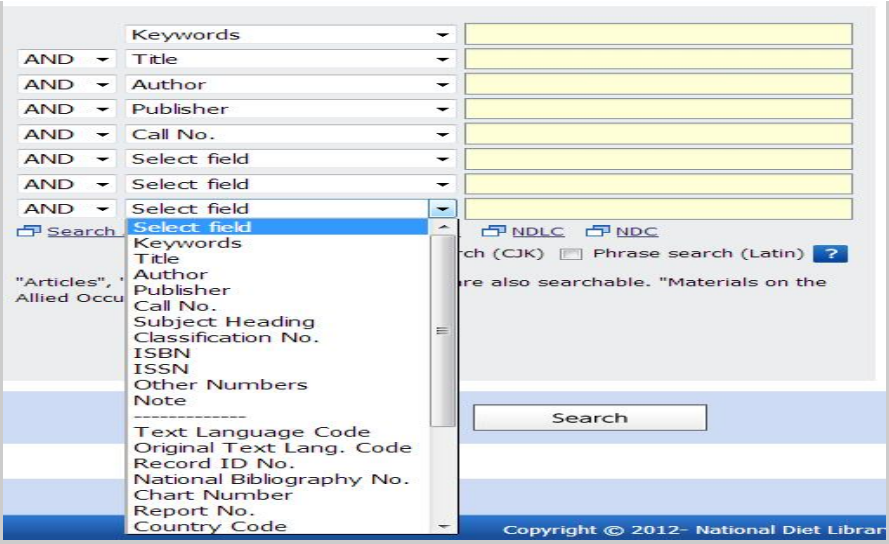
The NDL provides an Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), by which users can search the NDL's entire collection from anywhere in the world. User registration is necessary for full access to the materials and services of the library. But one can also visit the library as a one-day user, but available materials and services will be limited. In the home page of the website, the library provides two type of logging process. One logging system for registered users and another for guest users for temporary access. The guest logging provides following search options:

- Simple Search;
- Advanced Search;
- Search for articles, standards & technical reports, materials on Allied Occupation on Japan separately;
- Command Search to the library collection.

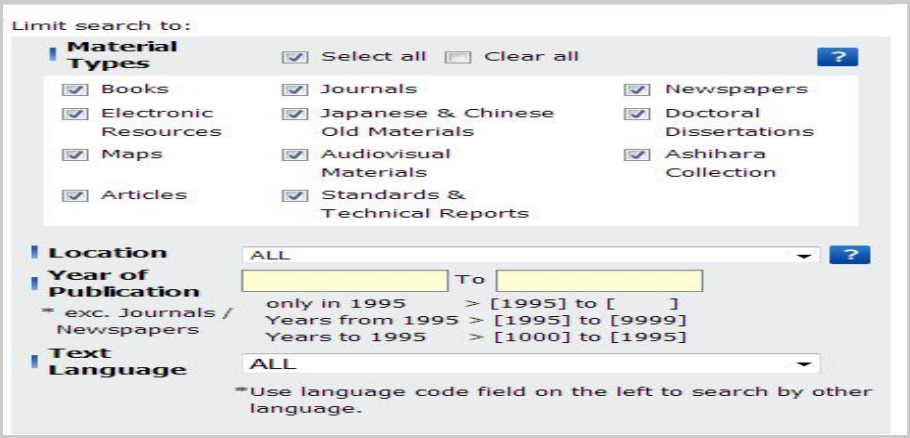


In simple search process the users has to put the search terms in the search bar and has to select the location from where the they wish to see the bibliographic details of the documents. Mainly the OPAC includes three library collections, namely Tokyo Main Library (TML), Kansai-kan (KSK), and International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL).

In advance search process, users are able to put search term according to maximum seven bibliographic fields. In the following screen shot the drop down menu shows some of these fields:



Users can limit search by following criteria:



The search processes gives bibliographic details of relevant documents in tabular form, in which all the titles are hyperlinked with another web page of detailed bibliographic details. In this page along with the bibliographic details, users are provided the citation format for the document and MARC tags. The information in this page can be downloaded and added to the saving list of other documents. The following screen shot is the example of an entry of a document:

Location	All items
– each location	Tokyo:Map Room
Material Types	Map
Call No.	YG4-I2-130
Title	Indian Ocean, eastern part [cartographic material].
Scale, Drawing etc.	Scale 1:10,000,000 ; Mercator proj.
Publication etc.	Dehra Dun : National Hydrographic Office, 2007.
Physical Descript.	1 map : col. ; 106 x 71 cm.
Series	International chart series
National Chart No.	7073 ;
Int'l Chart No.	INT73 ;
Corporate Name –Aut	India. National Hydrographic Office.
NDLC	YG4-I2
Text Language	eng
Country Code	ii
Record ID No.	000011127095

Special Features

- National Diet Library search (NDL Search) is the search service National Diet Library offers. It has been developed aiming at becoming the access point to utilize rich "chi" each domestic engine has including National Diet Library.
- The NDL Digital Collections enables a user to search and view a wide variety of digital materials collected and stored by the NDL.
- The National Diet Library (NDL) provides on-site library services including reading and photoduplication services at three facilities: the Tokyo Main Library, the Kansai-kan of the NDL, the International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL). The NDL also offers remote user services, which are available without visiting the NDL in person, such as online photoduplication requests.
- 'Full-text Database System for the Minutes of the Diet' is that service, by which NDL provides full-text database of the Diet session proceedings since the 1st session (May, 1947).
- 'Database System for the Minutes of the Imperial Diet' by this service all proceedings from the 1st session to the 92nd session (November 1890 to March 1947) are provided.
- By this library website Index Database of Japanese laws, regulations and bills can also be accessed.
- Current Awareness Portal provides information on libraries and library and information science in and outside of Japan (Most issues are in Japanese; a few are in English.)
- The website contains NDL Gallery which is an electronic exhibition of the NDL's unique collections with easy-to-understand explanations.
- Using OPAC to identify sources and catalog numbers, overseas users may

	obtain certain materials from the NDL through interlibrary loan.
Arrangement Pattern	The search results of listed documents are arranged by the publication year from newest to the oldest.
Remarks	The National Diet Library was created for the purpose of assisting members of the National Diet of Japan in researching matters of public policy. The library is similar in purpose and scope to the United States Library of Congress.
Comparable Tools	➢ Explore The British Library (http://explore.bl.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1) ➢ National Library of Australia Catalogs (http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/251985) ➢ U.S. National Library of Medicine Library Catalogs & Services (https://www.nlm.nih.gov/libserv.html) ➢ National Library of Australia Catalogs (http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/251985) ➢ NLS: That All May Read: Online Catalog Quick Search (https://www.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate.nls?ACTION=INIT&FORM_HOST_PORT=/prod/www/data/nls/catalog/index.html,z3950.loc.gov,7490&CI=072321) ➢ National Library of India Online Catalogue (http://opac.nationallibrary.gov.in/cgi-bin/gw/chameleon?sessionid=20170404113413257 00&skin=nl&lng=en&inst=consortium&timedout=1) ➢ OPAC - National Library of Sri Lanka (http://www.natlib.lk/)
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