

What is Japan Center for Asian Historical Records?

JACAR's digital archive offers access online to Asia-related historical documents. Asian historical records are defined as documents possessed by Japanese national archival institutions concerning modern Japan and its relations with other countries, particular neighbors in Asia.

In 1994 the then Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama launched "Peace, Friendship, and Exchange Initiative," which, following the Cabinet Decision of November 30th 1999, established JACAR on November 30th 2001.

JACAR seeks to deepen the mutual understanding between Japan and neighboring Asian countries, putting historical documents at users' fingertips and also making its database easy to access.

Where do JACAR's documents come from?

JACAR releases digitized documents from following institutions:

The National Archives of Japan

Documents once managed by Japan's Council of State, Cabinet, government ministries, and also public records restituted from the United States as well as publications of the Governor's General Office of Korea and of Taiwan.

The Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Records from departments and bureaus of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as correspondence with overseas diplomatic missions from 1868 to 1972.

The National Institute for Defense Studies, Ministry of Defense

Japanese Army Ministry and the Navy Ministry documents, such as "Rikugunsho Dainikki" and "Kaigunsho Kobunbiko" as well as combat records.

There are plans to release documents from sources other than those listed above. Details can be found on the JACAR website.

The documents JACAR offers are all digital images.

If you would like to view the physical documents in person, please contact the respective holding organization above.

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The Japan Center for Asian Historical Records (JACAR) maintains a database that documents Japan's modern historical relations with other countries, particularly in Asia.

JACAR's digital archive releases scans online of original documents from the Japanese government, Japan's former army and navy, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

JACAR

Search



<https://www.jacar.go.jp/>

JACAR offers a freely searchable database of approximately thirty million scanned images, and also exhibitions that make it simple to explore the documents.

SEARCH

After selecting a search method, you can run searches and browse the relevant documents you need as PDFs or JPEGs. There is an online guide available for performing searches.

- ▶ Search by Keyword
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- ▶ JACAR Learning (Japanese Only)
- ▶ Japanese-English Translations Collection of Historical Terminology
- ▶ "Topics" from JACAR (Japanese Only)

JACAR Glossary

With this feature you can search the JACAR database with keywords pertaining to institutions, organizations, and laws.

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The screenshot shows the JACAR website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Search, JACAR Glossary, Web Exhibitions, JACAR Newsletter, and WHAT'S JACAR?. Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a main banner area featuring a video player titled "Time Travel from Your Desk". The main content area includes a description of JACAR as a digital archive of Asian historical records, a "NEWS RELEASE" section with a table of recent updates, and a "Links to Document Holding Institutions" section listing various partner organizations. The footer contains contact information and a list of useful links.

WHAT'S JACAR?

Introduces Japan Center for Asian Historical Records (JACAR) and its activities.

- ▶ Greetings of Director-General of JACAR
- ▶ Outline and Feature of JACAR
- ▶ Outline of JACAR's Collection
- ▶ Accessible Documents
- ▶ Introduction Movies of JACAR
- ▶ Friends of JACAR
- ▶ Research Report on Asian Historical Records in Japan

Web Exhibitions

Our web exhibitions explore historical events through their documents.

JACAR Newsletter

A periodical meant to inform readers of our activities and undertakings.

NEWS RELEASE

Here we will post updates of interest.

- ▶ Newly Released Documents
- ▶ Revisions in Our Database
- ▶ Notice on Our Services
- ▶ Other Information