# Union Catalogue Database of Japanese Texts

## Open Access to the Treasury of Premodern Japanese Texts

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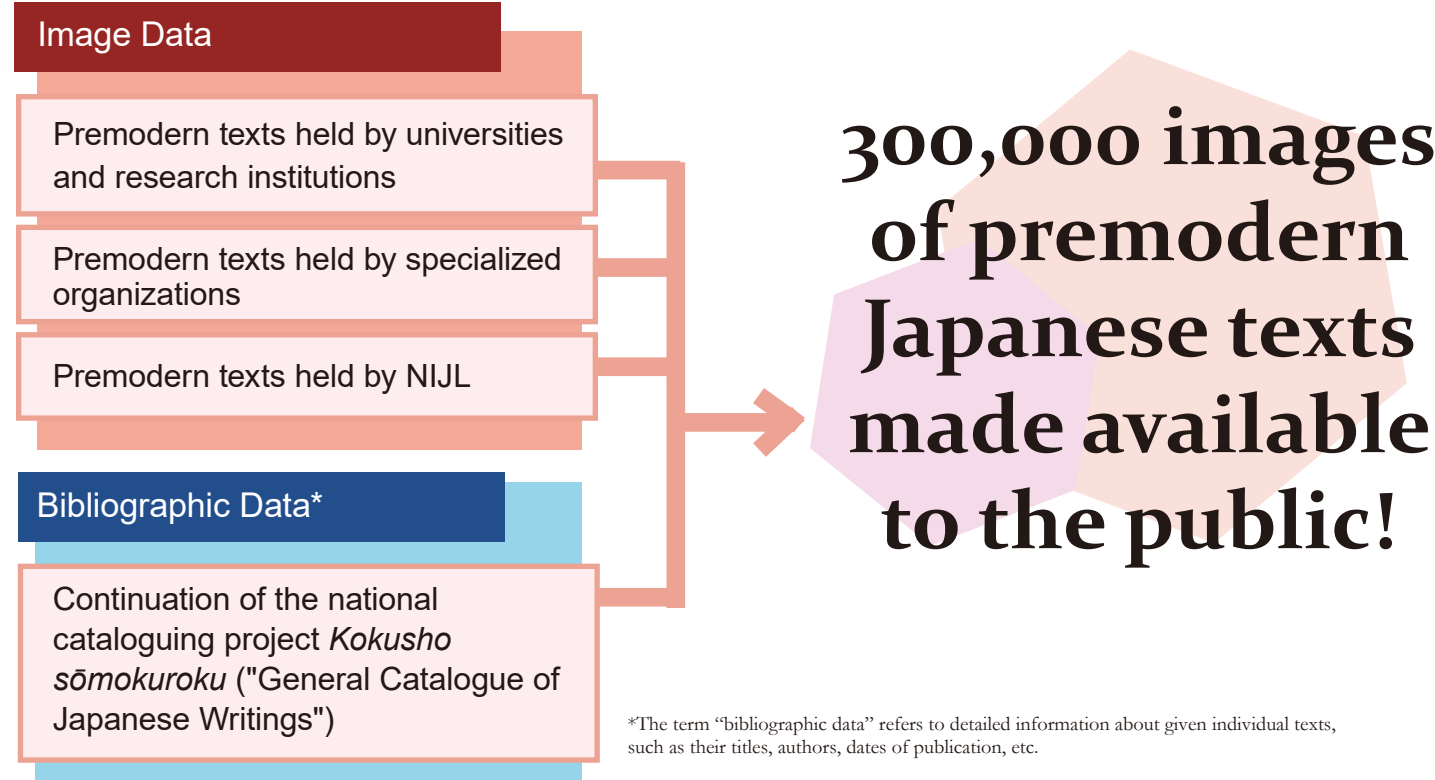
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## Kokusho Database

# Rebirth of an Indispensable Resource

The "Union Catalogue Database of Japanese Texts" ("Kokusho Database") is the newly-inaugurated search portal for the world's largest database of premodern Japanese texts, merging the functionalities of earlier portals "Union Catalogue of Early Japanese Books" and "Database of Pre-modern Japanese Works".

*Subsequently, the Union Catalogue of Early Japanese Books in Europe (July 2023) and the Bibliographic and Image Database of Japanese Modern Times (April 2024) were integrated.

"Premodern Japanese texts" refers in general to Japanese books up to the end of the Edo Period. Until recently, getting access to the knowledge bound up in premodern texts was no easy matter. Now, however, through the Union Catalogue Database of Japanese Texts, a large number of such texts are freely available in high-resolution digital images for use by anyone, anytime, anywhere.

We make such content available in this fashion with the hope that it will prove useful, not only to researchers in Japanese literature and other fields, but also to a wide spectrum of the general public, including students, educators, and people from the world of industry.

### Image Data

Premodern texts held by universities and research institutions

Premodern texts held by specialized organizations

Premodern texts held by NIJL

### Bibliographic Data*

Continuation of the national cataloguing project *Kokusho sōmokuroku* ("General Catalogue of Japanese Writings")

# 300,000 images of premodern Japanese texts made available to the public!

*The term "bibliographic data" refers to detailed information about given individual texts, such as their titles, authors, dates of publication, etc.

## Holding institutions with images currently available on the database:

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| Hokkaido University | Tokyo University of Foreign Studies | Mushakoji Saneatsu Memorial Museum | Kyoto Institute Library and Archive | Kasaoka City Board of Education | Yutoku Inari Shrine |
| Tohoku University | | Senshu University | Kyoto City Library of Historical Documents | Hiroshima University | Matsura Historical Museum |
| Miyagi University of Education | Tokyo University of the Arts | Tokai University | | Yasuda Women's University | Hizen Shimabara Matsudaira Bunko |
| Ibaraki University | The University of Tokyo | Yokohama National University | Osaka University | Yamaguchi University | Nakatsu History Museum |
| University of Tsukuba | Tokyo Keizai University | Niigata University | Kansai University | Hikari City Cultural Center | Suwa Shrine |
| Josai University | Toyo University | Toyama City Public Library | Osaka Prefectural | Nakahara Chuya Memorial Museum | Kagoshima Modern Literature Museum |
| Chiba University | Nishogakusha University | Kaga City Library | Nakanoshima Library | | |
| The Natural History Museum and Institute Chiba | Hosei University | Hamamatsu City Kamono | Kobe University | Ozu City Library | University of the Ryukyus |
| National Diet Library | Rikkyo University | Mabuchi Memorial Hall | Sonoda Women's University | Uwajima Date Cultural Properties Association | Freer Gallery of Art & Arthur M. Sackler Gallery |
| Seikado Bunko | The Imperial Household Agency | Nagoya University | Nara Women's University | Kochi Castle Museum of History | University of California, Berkley |
| Otsuma Women's University | Sanko Research Institute | Kogakkan University | Tottori Prefectural Library | | |
| Ochanomizu University | Tokyo Shoseki, Co., Tosho Bunko | Otani University | Tezen Museum | Kyushu University | British Library |
| Keio University | | Kyoto University | Okayama University | Fukuoka City Public Library, Fukuoka Literature Museum | Berlin State Library |
| Kokugakuin University | Ken'ikai Library | Kyoto Women's University | Masamune Bunko | | |
| Shirayuri University | Edo-Tokyo Museum | Doshisha University | Shujitsu University / Shujitsu Junior College | Saga University | and many others |
| Seisen University | The Ad Museum Tokyo | Ritsumeikan University | | | |

## Point 1　Easy to find

Top search page

In addition to basic searches by title or keyword, there are a number of other available search options to choose from, including searches by image tag, full text searches, searches by recommended keywords, and searches of our featured contents.

https://kokusho.nijl.ac.jp/?ln=en

## Point 2　Easy to Cite

Through the association of our images with international identifiers known as DOI (Digital Object Identifiers), we secure for them a permanency of access that makes them easier to cite.

https://www.doi.org/

**DOI**
https://doi.org/10.20730/200021913

https://kokusho.nijl.ac.jp/biblio/200021913

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DOIs remain the same even when the database URLs themselves change, ensuring thereby that broken links do not occur.

## Point 3　Easy to Use

Image Viewer

Our images of premodern texts are displayed in a reader designed to meet the digital archive standard IIIF (International Image Interoperability Framework), thereby facilitating the smooth sharing or reuse of images between different digital archives.

https://iiif.io/

Image viewer used: Mirador3

https://doi.org/10.20730/200021913

# Quick Guide

## Basic Search Method

If you know the title or author of the premodern text you want, you can conduct a search from the top page by selecting the appropriate search target from among the available choices.



Union Catalogue Database of Japanese Texts — Japanese

The Largest Digital Reference on Pre-Modern Japanese Works

② Enter keywords to search ③ Q Search ⊗ Clear

Search Target ① ● Biblio ○ Work ○ Author

1. Select "Bibliographic Record Search".

2. Type the desired keywords in the search bar.

3. Click on the search button (or press the Enter key).

【Search Bibliography】

光琳画譜 Q Search ⊗ Clear Advanced Search

Powered By pgrOnga

| Biblio | Work | Author |

Print/Manuscript
Print (13)

Bibliographic Source
MF/Digital Image (7)
Owner's Catalogs (5)
NIJL's Books (1)

Classification
絵画 (12)
絵本 (1)

### Search results page ▶

You can refine search results by specifying various conditions, such as text type (manuscript/print), text format, text classification, etc.
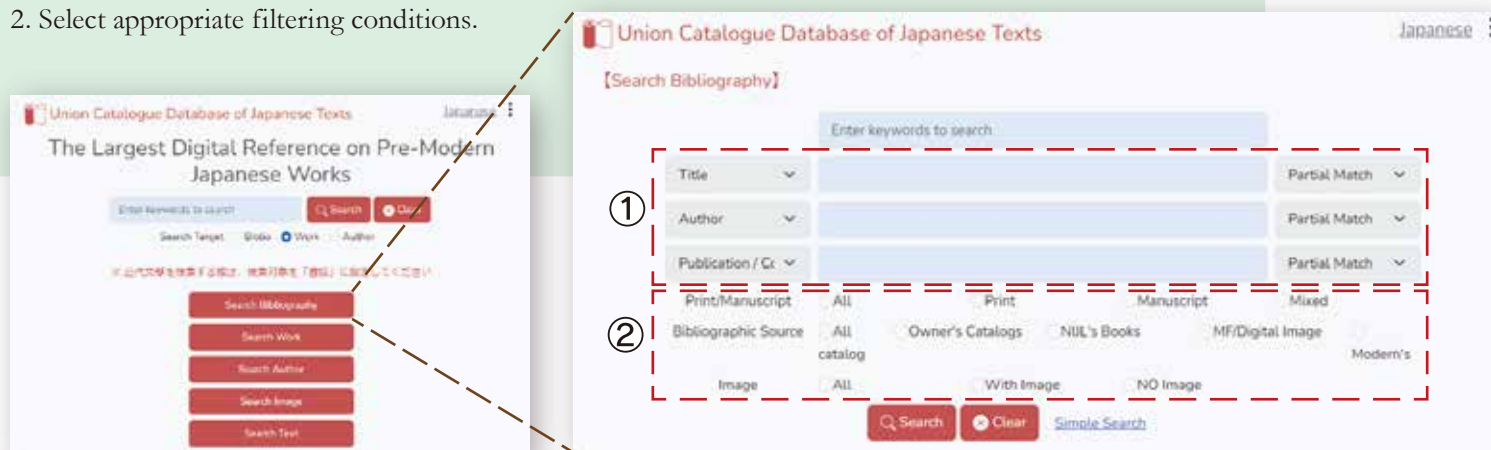
Search results : 13matches (1 to 13displayed)

1

Uniform Title, Work Source, keyword, Author etc, created year, number of bibliographies, WID

No. Title, collection, call number, print/manuscript, published year or transcribed year, number of books, remain or lack, bibliographic source, Image Mark, BID

光琳絵本道知辺、K、絵本、野々村／史兵衛画、享保二〇刊、5 bibliographies、26620

1 光琳画譜、藝大図書垂書、DIG-TKGL-00114、刊、3冊、MF/Digital Image、🖼、100266208

光琳画譜、K、絵画、摩形／光琳 画、享和二刊、12 bibliographies、958167

2 光琳画譜、フリーア美ブルガー、刊、享和2、3帖、Owner's Catalog、20228129

11 光琳画譜、フリー... ンフェラー、...-00347、刊... 4、2帖、MF/Digital Image、🖼、100447074

12 光琳画譜、国文研、ヤ8-125-1~2、刊、享和2、2帖、NIJL's Books、🖼、200010512

13 光琳画譜／（芳中画譜）、藝大図書垂書、DIG-TKGL-00723、刊、1802、2冊、MF/Digital Image、🖼、100266513

Try checking the detailed bibliographic record view!

## Advanced Search

Using the "Advanced Search" function efficiently will make it possible to find the materials you want more quickly.

1. Choose the relevant search fields (e.g., title, author, publication year), and type in your keywords.

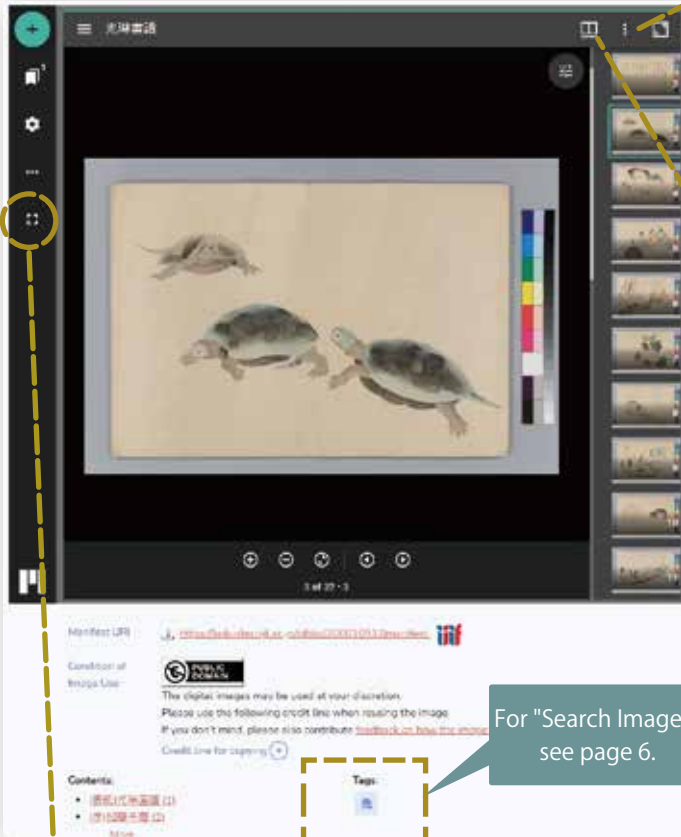2. Select appropriate filtering conditions.

Union Catalogue Database of Japanese Texts — Japanese

The Largest Digital Reference on Pre-Modern Japanese Works

Enter keywords to search — Q Search ⊗ Clear

Search Target Biblio ● Work Author

Search Bibliography
Search Work
Search Author
Search Image
Search Text

Union Catalogue Database of Japanese Texts — Japanese

【Search Bibliography】

Enter keywords to search

| ① Title ⌄ | | Partial Match ⌄ |
| Author ⌄ | | Partial Match ⌄ |
| Publication / Cc ⌄ | | Partial Match ⌄ |

② Print/Manuscript — All — Print — Manuscript — Mixed

Bibliographic Source — All catalog — Owner's Catalogs — NIJL's Books — MF/Digital Image — Modern's

Image — All — With Image — NO Image

Q Search ⊗ Clear Simple Search

**How to Read the "Detailed Bibliographic Record View" Page**
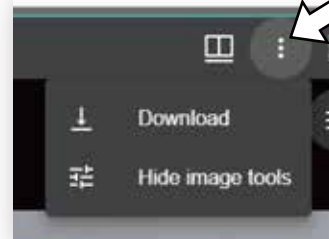
This view provides in a single page (1) the image viewer, (2) the text's "bibliographical data," and also (3) "work data" for the text in question.
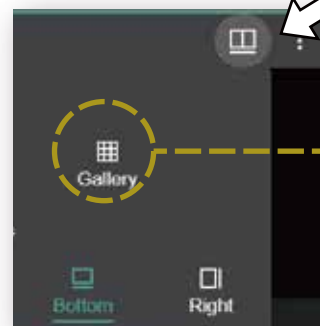
## Image Viewer

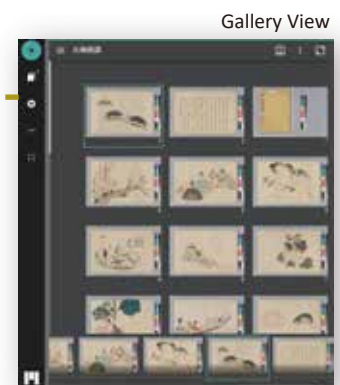https://doi.org/10.20730/200010512



**Window Option**



When downloadable images are available for a given text, clicking on this icon will bring up a download button.

**Viewing Settings**



Here you can change the format in which the viewer displays the chosen image.

Gallery View



For "Search Image", see page 6.

### Full-Screen Display



Click on this icon for a full-screen display.*

*Please note that this option may not be available on all devices and browsers.





Click again on the same icon (or press the Esc key) in order to return to the standard view.

## Bibliographic Data and Work Data

## Other Search Methods

Some materials on the database can be searched by image tags (keywords or headings associated with an image), or by words to be found within the body of their texts.

What if you want to know more about the character " 紫の上 " from the work " 源氏物語 ", and wonder what kind of images of her there are?
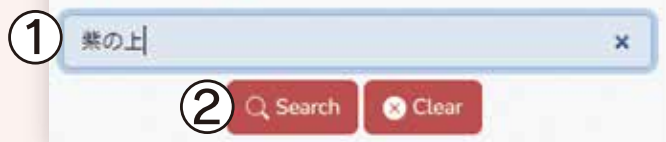
Search Bibliography

Search Work
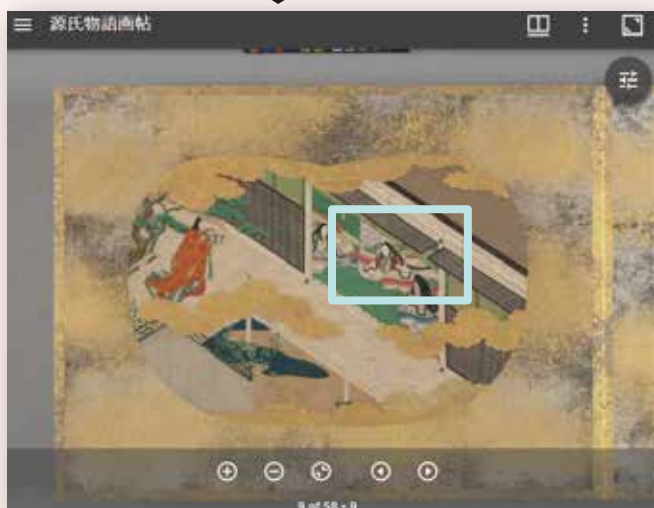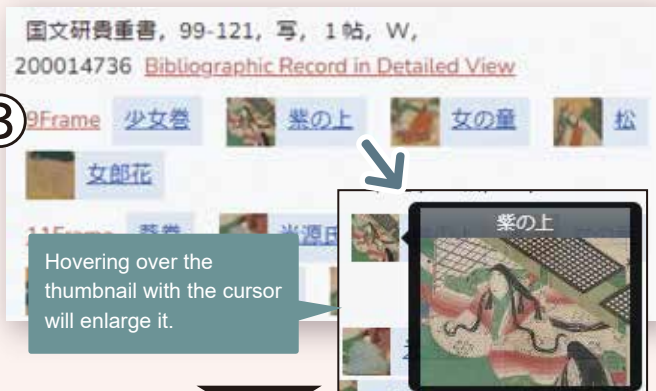
Search Author

Search Image

Search Text

What if you have read the " きりつぼ " chapter of the work " 源氏物語 ", and want to know more about that chapter in the larger context of the work?

## Click on the "Search Images" button.

## Click on the "Search Text" button.
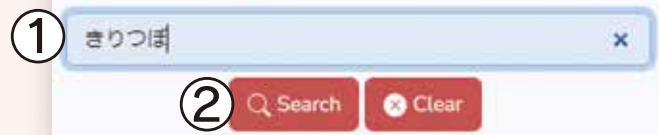
【Search Image】

① 紫の上 ✕

② 🔍 Search  ⊗ Clear

1. Type " 紫の上 " in the search bar.
2. Click on the search button.
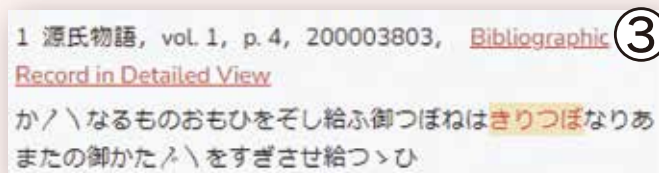3. Click on the number of the frame containing the image you want to see.
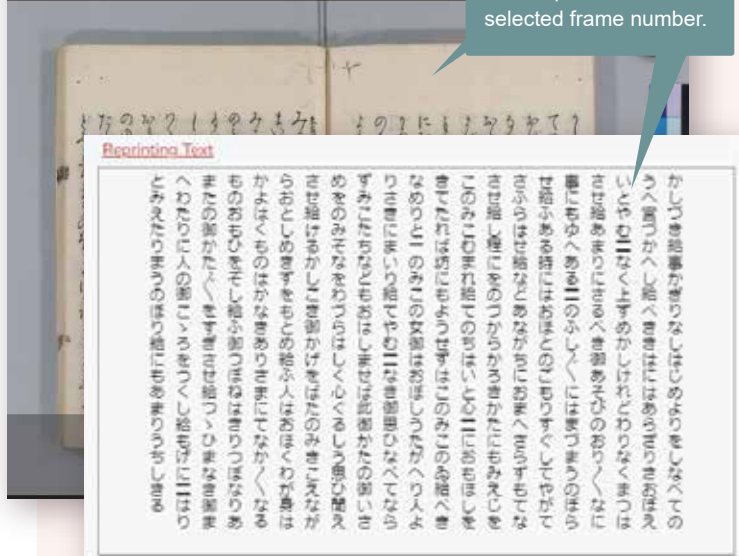
【Search Text】

① きりつぼ ✕

② 🔍 Search  ⊗ Clear

1. Type " きりつぼ " in the search bar.
2. Click on the search button.
3. Click on the "detailed view" of the search result containing the text you want to see.

国文研貴重書, 99-121, 写, 1帖, W, 200014736 Bibliographic Record in Detailed View

③ 9Frame　少女巻　紫の上　女の童　松
女郎花

Hovering over the thumbnail with the cursor will enlarge it.

紫の上

1 源氏物語, vol. 1, p. 4, 200003803, Bibliographic ③ Record in Detailed View

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One can then check the image and the textual transcription for the selected frame number.

☰ 源氏物語画帖

☰ 源氏物語

Reprinting Text

| **How To Use Images** | The classical text images currently available can be used for purposes beyond personal viewing and reading. |

What if one wishes not only to merely view or read premodern texts, but also to actually use them in reports for school, etc., or to modify them for usage in posters? In such cases, please review the given item's "license" information (i.e., terms of usage) in the section so labelled onscreen.

Broadly speaking, these terms of usage fall into one of three types (see below). A link to the terms of usage for a particular item will be displayed in its "license" entry, which can be found below the image viewer.

The credit display text can be copied to the clipboard.

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When this kind of icon is displayed, images of the work will be available for download one at a time, and usable in accordance with certain conditions.

Click on the icon to display these conditions.
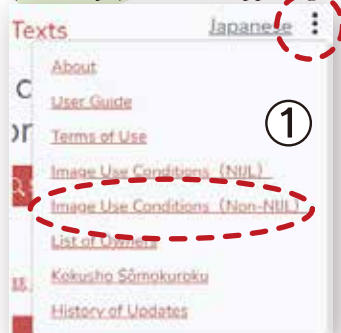
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However, when "All Rights Reserved" is displayed, different terms of usage apply, depending on the specific holding institution (library, etc.) involved. In such cases, images will not be available from our database for download or use (with some exceptions).

Click on "All Rights Reserved" to jump to a list of all holding institutions, from which one can then find information on the terms of usage for any institution in particular.

# List of Holding Institutions

1. Click on "Image Use Conditions (Non-NIJL)" from the upper right menu.

2. Click on "List" for the holding institution whose public images you would like to view.



2. List of the Owners of the Digital Collections accessible via the Database (Jul. 2023)

| Address | Library Number | Name of Owners | Number of Works | Image Type | List of Use of Works Images | Remark |
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| Hokkaido | 0001 | Hokkaido University Library | 154 | Microfilm | ○ List ○ Details | Base universi... BY-SA ... |
| Hokkaido | HOKU | Hokkaido University Library | 1,096 | Digita Micro... | ② ○ List ○ Details | Base universi... BY-SA ... |

北海道大学附属図書館 画像一覧 / Hokkaido University Library List

件数/Number of Works :1,096

| BID | 書名/Title | よみ/Kana | 所蔵者函架番号 Holder Call No. | デジタル請求記号 Image Call No. | 画像 Image |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100238362 | 愛宵茶譚 | あいいくさだん | 649. 1/KU | DIGHO 00 | ③ 表示 View |
| 100238366 | 愛日楼文詩／附日光山行記 | あいじつろうぶんし／つけたりにっこうさんこうき | 895. 683/SAT/1～4 | DIGHOKU00 002 | 表示 View |
| 100238367 | 愛日楼文詩／附日光山行記 | あいじつろうぶんし／つけたりにっこうさんこうき | 895. 683/SAT/1～4 | DIGHOKU00 003 | 表示 View |

3. Click on "View" to bring up the page displaying detailed bibliographic information.

# Featured Contents

## *Uokagami*

A kind of encyclopedia that arranges seafood in order and describes their names, production areas, forms, cooking methods, eating methods, etc.



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# Linkages with External Services

The Union Catalogue Database of Japanese Texts is linked to the following services:

ERDB-JP Electronic Resources Database-JAPAN

Web NDL Authorities 国立国会図書館典拠データ検索・提供サービス

人文学オープンデータ共同利用センター Center for Open Data in the Humanities

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