## Digital Resources of Japanese Texts: from a Viewpoint of Digital Humanities

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#### Self-introduction:

- Studied Buddhist philosophy/philology in graduate school in University of Tsukuba.
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## Range of my recent activities

#### Universities and Institutes

- Senior fellow in International Institute for Digital Humanities
- Project associate professor of DH in University of Tokyo
- Leader of a collaborative research group of DH in Kyoto University
- Researcher in Japanese National Diet Library
- A member of digitization committee in National Institute of Japanese Literature
- Co-researcher in Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts

#### Academic communities

- Secretary of Japanese Association for Digital Humanities
- A member of steering committee of Japanese Association for Indian and Buddhist Studies
- A member of steering committee of SIG-Computers and Humanities in Information processing Society of Japan
- Editor of Digital Humanities Monthly (e-newsletter)
- A member of nominating committee of DH awards

#### Research projects

- A member of SAT Daizōkyō Text Database Committee
- A member of Indo-Tibetan Lexical Resources project
- A member of Digital Dickens Lexicon project
- And so on...

# Large Scale Digital Resources of Japanese Texts

- Freely browsable on Web
  - National Diet Library Digital Collections
    - National Diet Library
    - Over 500,000 items
    - http://dl.ndl.go.jp/
  - CiNii
    - National Institute for Informatics
    - Over 4000000 articles.
    - http://ci.nii.ac.jp/
  - NIHU
    - National Institute for Humanities
    - Integrating over 100 research databases
    - http://int.nihu.jp/
  - Not freely "available"!

# Middle or Small Scale Digital Resources of Japanese Texts (1)

- National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics
  - Balanced Corpus of Contemporary Written Japanese (BCCWJ) (over 100,000,000 words)
  - Taiyō Corpus
  - Bibliographical database of this field
  - ...various databases
  - http://www.ninjal.ac.jp/english/products/
- National Institute of Japanese Literature
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  - ...various databases
  - https://www.nijl.ac.jp/pages/database/

# Middle or Small Scale Digital Resources of Japanese Texts (2)

- Various databases in universities and institutes
  - University of Tokyo
    - Historiographical Institute (Japanese History)
      - http://wwwap.hi.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ships/db-e.html
    - Center for Evolving Humanities (Buddhist study and DH)
      - http://21dzk.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp/CEH/index.php
    - ... various institutes and faculties
  - Art Research Center, Ritsumeikan University
    - http://www.arc.ritsumei.ac.jp/search\_arc.html

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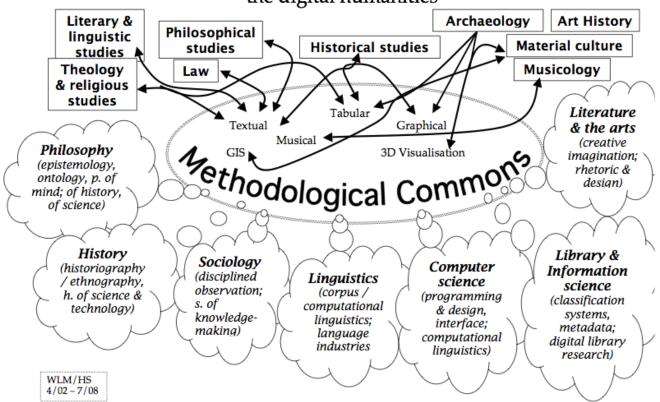
#### Tendencies:

- Large scale resources:
  - Managed by general organizations
  - Reliable sustainability
  - Simple search function
  - Providing image files, not text data
- Middle or Small scale resources:
  - Managed by research groups or specialized organizations
  - Unreliable sustainability
  - Specific search function
  - Providing not only image file but also tag, specific metadata, and text data in some cases.
  - Providing other specific functions
  - Strong relationship with DH (Digital Humanities)

## A typical DH model

By Willard McCarty and Harold Short

An institutional, professional, disciplinary & intellectual map for the digital humanities



### A viewpoint of digital humanities

- "DH" which has been formed by researchers who had been addressing digitization of the humanities since several decades ago.
- Humanities researchers should be expected to develop the potential for cultural resources.
  - Useful resources for humanities researchers and students.
- DH researchers should be expected to develop the potential for digital cultural resources.
  - Useful digital resources for DH researchers and students.

### History: the dawn in Japan

1950's

The Mathematical Linguistic Society of Japan was established.

1960's

National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics started to treat Kana and Han characters in computer.

1970's

Large-scale computing in several universities

National Institute of Japanese Literature

National Museum of Ethnology

### History: emerging communities

#### 1980's

- Accelerated by IBM PC
- SIG-CH (Special Interest Group-Computer and the Humanities)
  - Under the Information Processing Society of Japan (Mainly aims IT)
- Japan Society of Information and Knowledge
- Japan Art Documentation Society

## History: emerging communities of certain field

Accelerated by the Internet

1990's

Japan Association for English Corpus Studies
Japan Information-Culturology Society
Japan Society for Archaeological Information

2000's

Japan Association for East Asian Text Processing
Japan Society for Information and Media Studies
The Japan Society for Archival Science
Japan Association for Contents History Studies

### History: Globalization

#### 2010's

- Japanese Association for Digital Humanities (JADH)
  - Established almost by humanities researchers who have been engaged in DH.
  - Became a constituent organization of ADHO
  - Holding international conference every year
    - Next: 9/19-21 in University of Tsukuba
- International Symposium series of Culture and Computing
  - Managed by IT researchers who are interested in culture
  - Publishing proceedings from Springer or IEEE.
  - Holding intl. conference in Kyoto or East Asia.
- Most of related communities remain

#### History: large grants by government

Approximately 1 million dollars per year

#### 1995-1999

- "Computer and the Humanities"
  - Constituted by leading researchers in several universities

#### 1998-2002

- "Restructuring classical studies"
  - A group of digitization played an important role.

#### 2001-2006

- "Grammatological Informatics based on Corpora of Asian Scripts"
  - Carried by Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

#### History: "Center Of Excellence" grant

Approximately 1 million dollars per year

#### 2002-

- "21th century COE"
  - Kyoto University
  - Tokyo Institute of Technology
  - Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
  - Ritsumeikan University ...

#### 2007-

- "Global COE"
  - Ritsumeikan University
  - Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

#### Recent DH-like JSPS-funded projects

 JSPS-funded projects of DH-like studies including making digital cultural resources for the humanities:

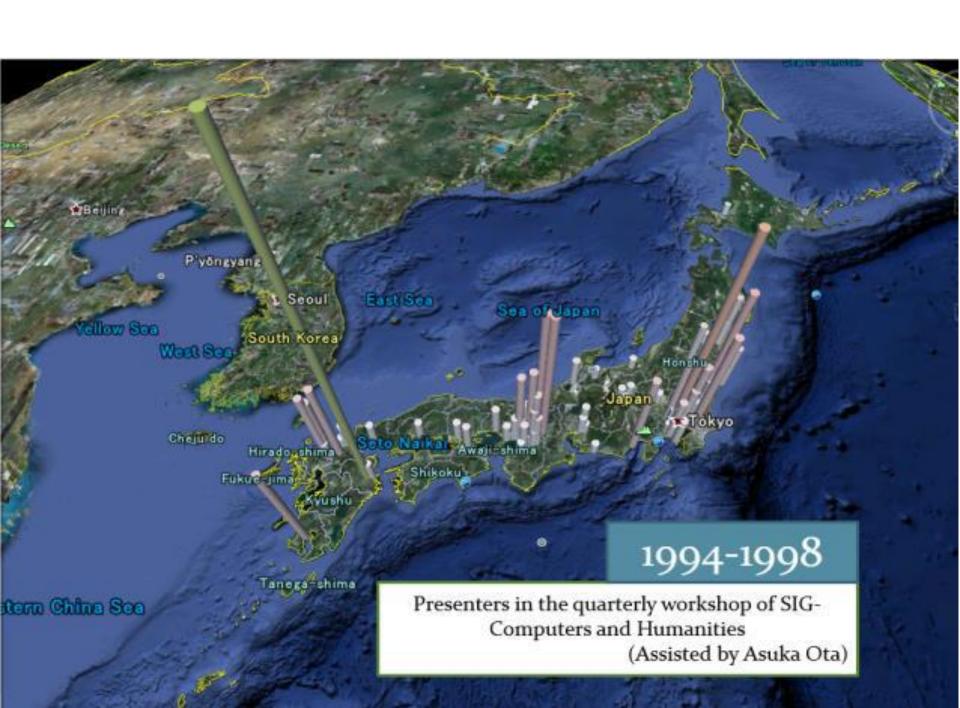
Year	Number of projects	Total (in JPY)
2009	99	251,862,000
2010	126	385,300,000
2011	172	505,390,000
2012	203	654,160,000

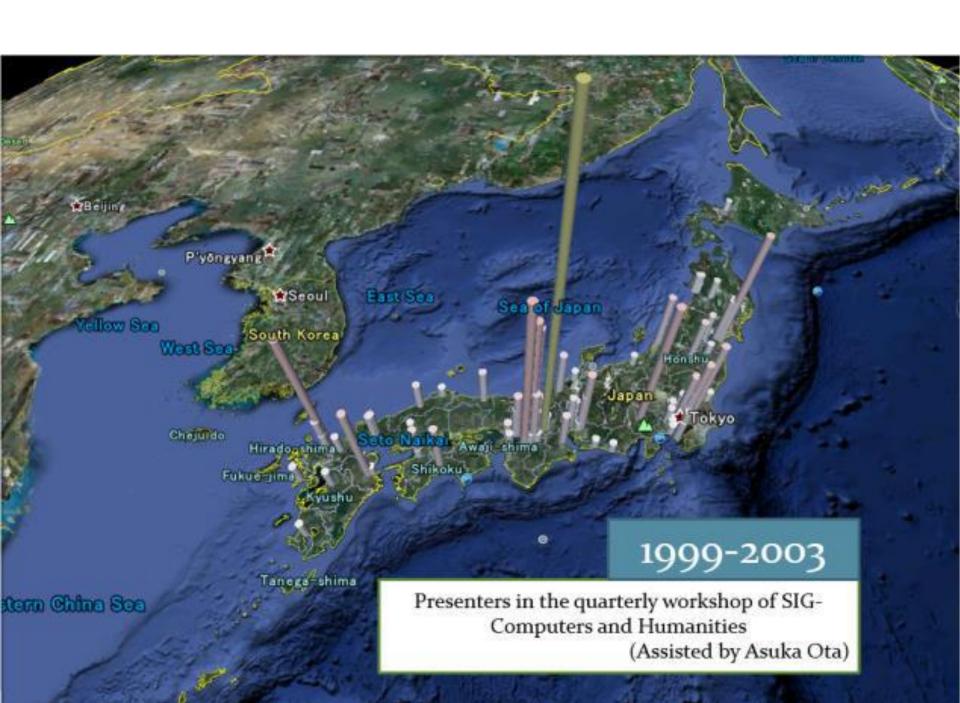
#### SIG-CH presentations

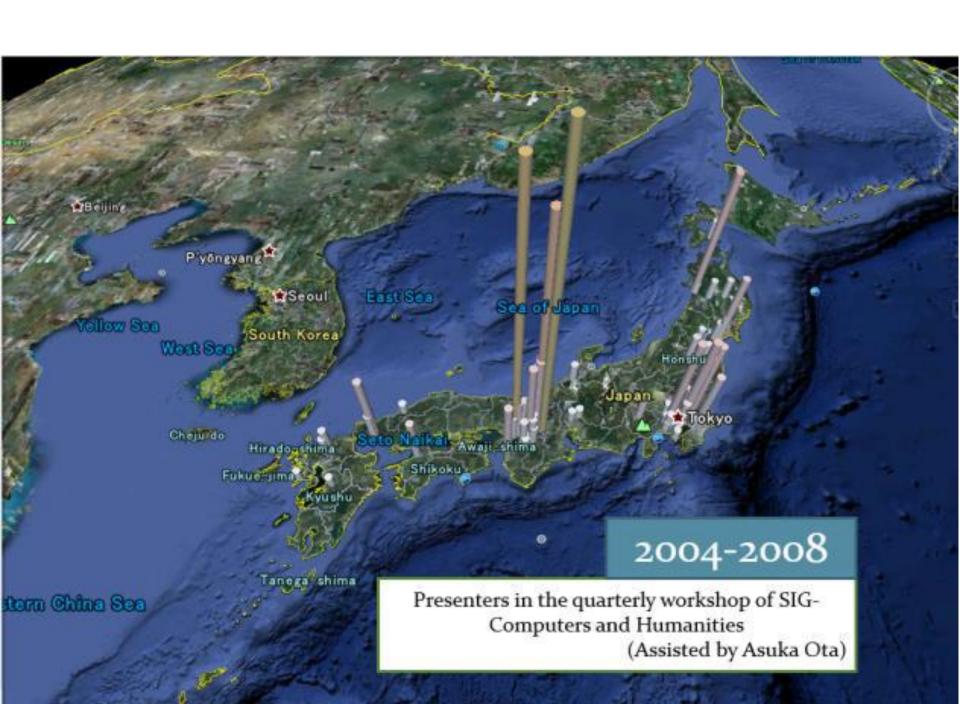
- 1989-present, quarterly workshop
- Over 800 presentations in total
- Registered by around 300 researchers
- Non-refereed papers
- Allowed anyone to make a presentation
- Strongly IT-oriented
  - Under the auspices of a kind of IT society
- Started by IT researchers, but recently humanities scholars increasing
- Note: They don't reflect entire situation of this field.
  - There are many other communities.
- It is suitable for an observation from a stable viewpoint.

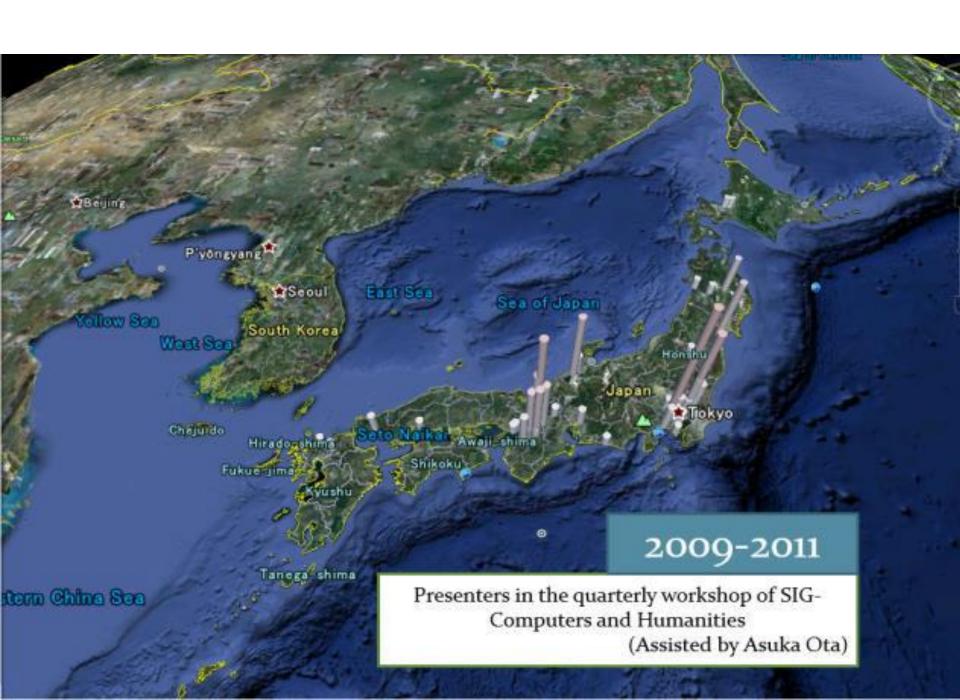




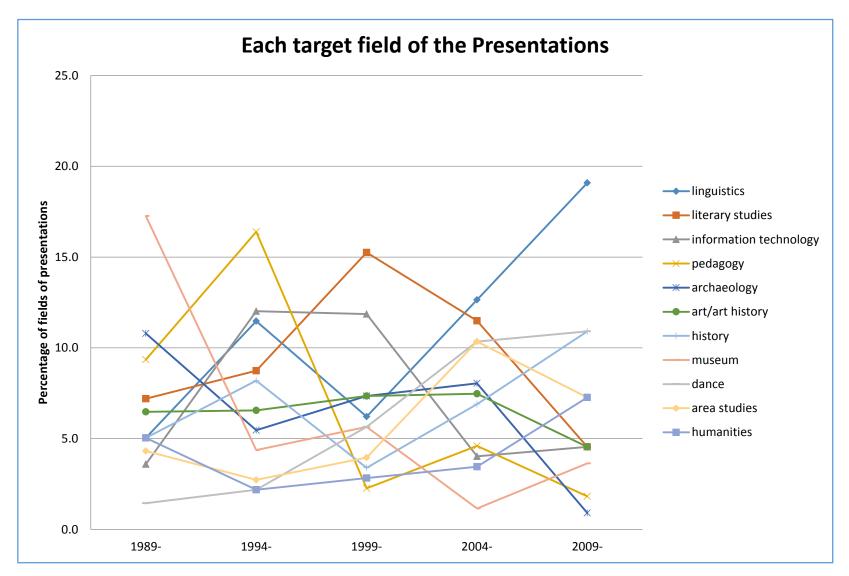




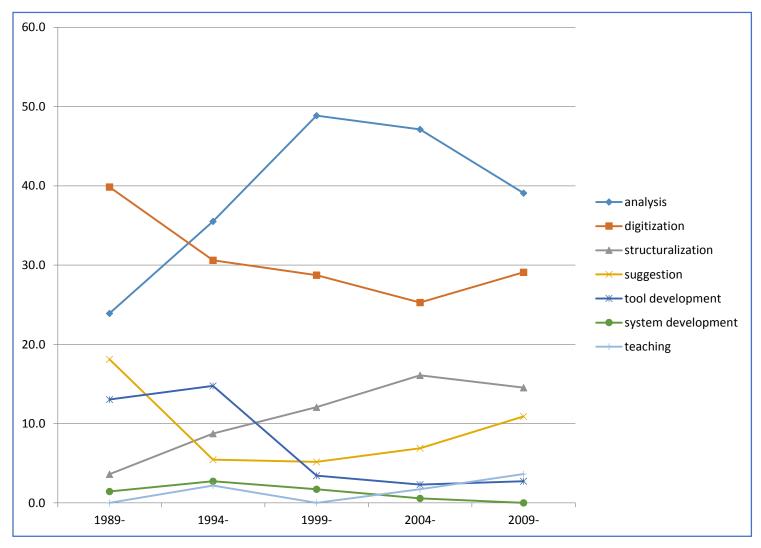




# Each target field of the presentations in SIG-CH: Top 10



# Method adopted in the presentations in SIG-CH



### Types of DH-like research

- Archiving
  - Making digital cultural resources
  - Providing digital cultural resources
- Analyzing
  - Analyzing digital cultural resources
  - Analyzing human (or research) activities in digital age
- Representing
  - Making exhibition using digital cultural resources

### Our responsibility for you:

#### • Providing:

- useful digital cultural resources which deserve to be adopted in academic research.
- Information of reliable digital methods to analyze Japanese digital cultural resources.
- ...while dealing with them as our research results.
- But...

### Our difficulties in general:

- Getting budget, such as research grants
  - Budget stopped, gradually everything disappears
  - Accountability is seriously required by founders and administrators.
- Surveying global / North American trends and standards for digital cultural resources
  - General style of usage in North American libraries such as JSTOR
  - Related de-facto standards such as Unicode, TEI, Discovery services
  - Often a brand-new domestic format had been invented...
- Providing useful information in English

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  - Related de-faces
  - Often a brand

To build a system of evaluating of digital resources which built by researchers, such as award or so.

⇒ It is very helpful for our accountability

Providing useful information in English

## Our difficulties in general: I would like to ask you: (2)

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To help to get information about such things because they need in early stage of project, as it is difficult to change anything after formulating strategy and policy.

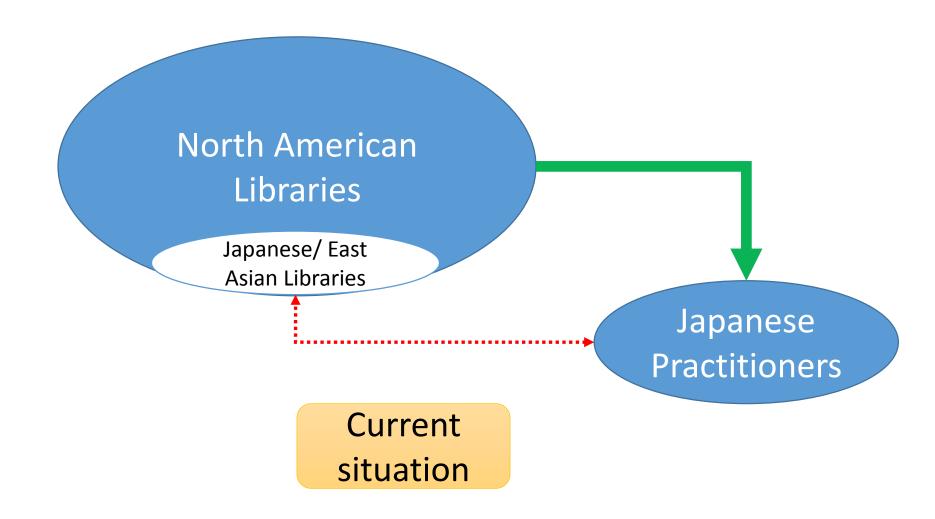
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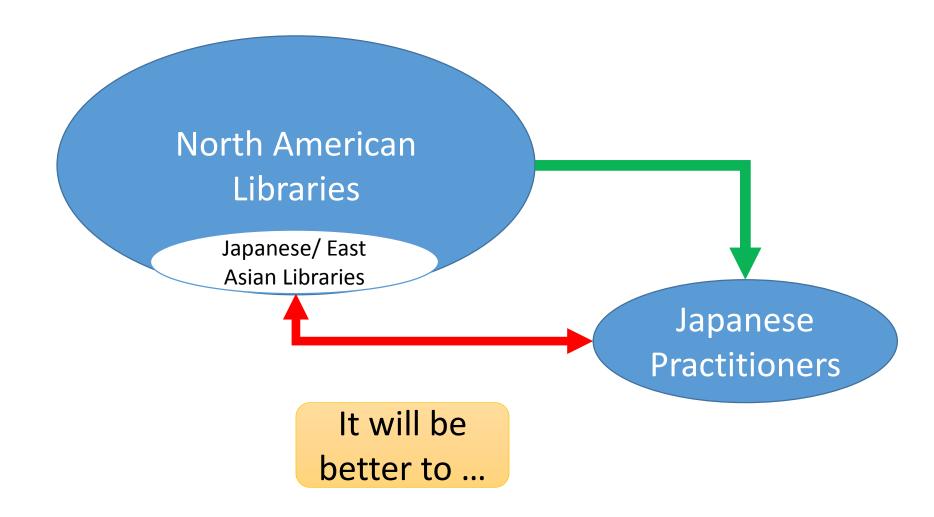
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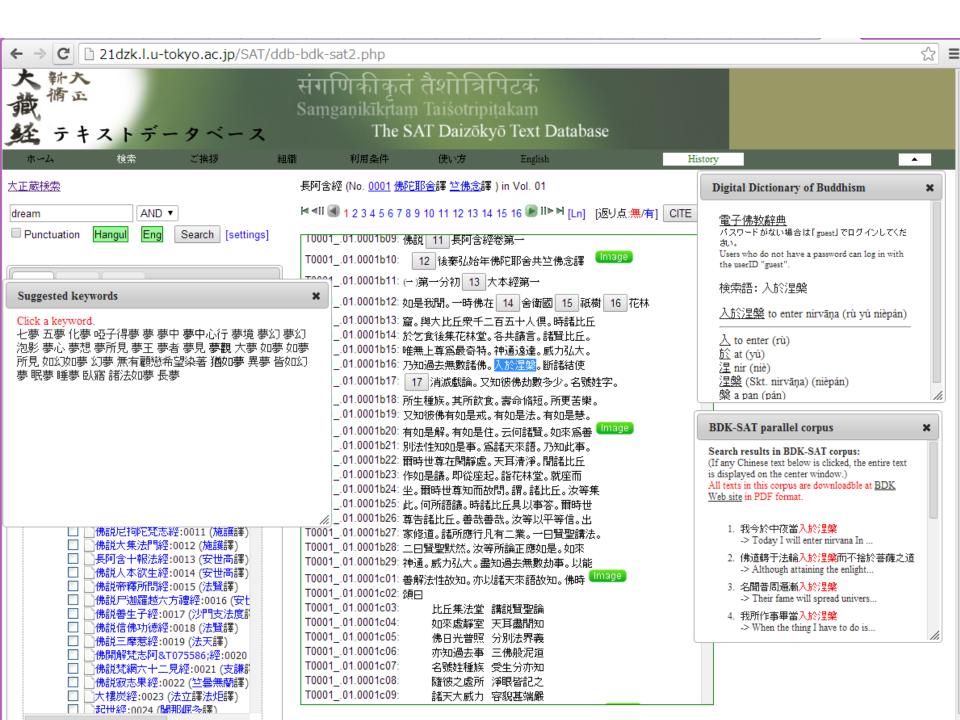


## Change the situation...?



#### An example of efforts in a project (1)

- The SAT Daizōkyō Text Database Committee
- Since 1994, led by Professor Masahiro Shimoda
- Published a Buddhist text database including over 100,000,000 Han characters on Web in 2008
- Linking other digital resources so that users can use it easily in English
  - Search Chinese/Japanese texts in English term
  - Browse English terms and aligned English sentences with Chinese texts
- Has used Web collaboration systems since 2005
- Has been incubated in both domestic and international DH communities since its early stage.



#### An example of efforts in a project (2)

- Proposing Han characters which are not encoded in Unicode to ISO/IEC 10646 (IRG and WG2).
- Proposing variant characters of Siddham script which lacks in current Unicode to ISO/IEC 10646 (WG2).
- Attempting to form a group for eastern text encoding adopting Text Encoding Initiative Guidelines) with related DH researchers.

Google Search 

IRG Site 
The Web

JTC1/SC2/WG2 - ISO/IEC 10646-UCS Website

IRG Principle and Procedures (SummarySubmissionForm,Blank Submission Form, IWDS updat Flow Chart) (Latest Version is IRGN 1975, confirmed at IRG41)

#### IRG Meetings:

Meeting	Document Range	Location	Date
42	IRGN1981-	Qingdao, China	2014.05.19-2013.05.2
<u>41</u>		Tokyo, Japan	2013.11.18-2013.11.2
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<u>38</u>		Gyeongju, Korea	2012.06.18-2012.06.2
<u>37</u>		Mountain View, California, USA	2011.11.07-2011.11.1
<u>36</u>	IRGN1710-IRGN1798	Chongqing, China	2011.04.11-2011.04.1
<u>35</u>		Macao, China	2010.11.08-2010.11.1
<u>34</u>	IRGN1617-IRGN1710	Nagaoka, Japan	2010.06.21-2010.06.2
<u>33</u>		Da Nang, Vietnam	2009.11.23-2009.11.2
<u>32</u>		Hong Kong, China	2009.06.15-2009.06.1
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Latest update: 2014-03-18

Latest Contributions can be accessed via the WG document register or anonymous ftp

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Figure 1: Differentiation of Vowel Sign U in the Mantra for Bhaisajyaguru (薬師如来), Usuzoushi, Taisho Vol. 78, Text No. 2495, p. 655 (left) and p.680-681 (mid-right).



Figure 2: Another Semantic Differentiation of Vowel Sign U in Single Document Byakuhoushou (by Chouen, 13C), Taisho Vol. 96 (Zuzoubu Vol. 10), p. 313 2.2 Co-Usage of Vowel Sign UU Variants

Figure 3 and Figure 4 are submitted in L2/14-055. For the detailed analysis of their semantics are described in L2/14-055.

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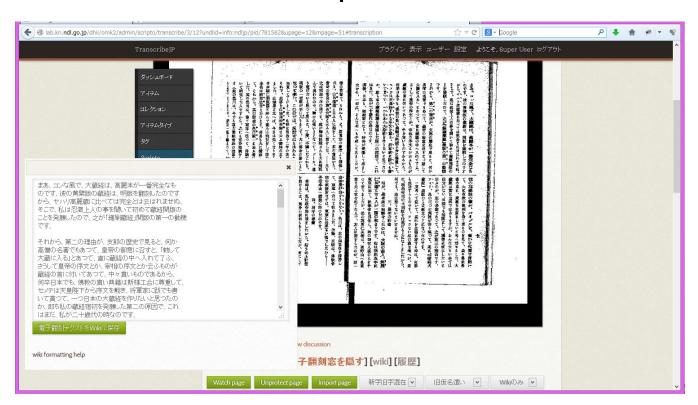
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### Additional information (1):

• SIG-Transcribe JP in JADH started "翻デジ2014" with support from Japanese National Diet Library to transcribe its digital images by use of Omeka so that users can search Japanese texts.



## Brief summary of "翻デジ2014"

- Transcribing the image files in Japanese or Chinese texts in digital collection of the library.
- "翻デジ2014" will play a role of incubating and supporting transcribing projects:
  - Providing a function of collaborative transcription to the public.
  - Transcribed text data should be public domain in general.
  - Collaborators should transcribe it manually so far.
  - Planning to combine OCR with manual correction and semi-automated correction which will be provided by "Crowd4U" project (http://crowd4u.org/).





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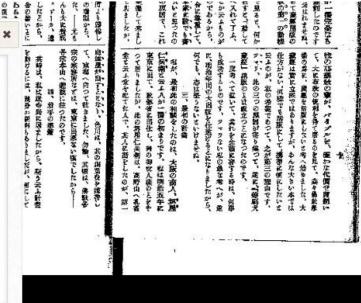
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## Additional information (2):

- As you may know:
- National Institute of Japanese Literature has gradually been starting a large digitization project of Japanese cultural materials.
  - But the institute gave up to transcribe them.
    - A typical Japanese weakness...
  - The project aims to make digital facsimiles.
  - Please attend to the project with your warm eyes.
    - And give me any advices if you would find something.

## Additional information (3)

- JADH conference will be held at University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan, 19-21, September.
  - "Bridging GLAM and Humanities through Digital Humanities"
  - Deadline of CFP is 7 May
- Please submit your research or practice!

## Additional information (4)

- If you are able to read Japanese and interested in Japanese DH situation, please see "Digital Humanities Monthly" http://www.dhii.jp/DHM/
  - Essays of researchers and practitioner of DH
  - DH-related event report
  - And so on...