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MLibrary
University of Michigan
the Hussey Collection
Slides promoting the new Constitution

Slideshow (Gento, 幻灯) was a popular means of information dissemination in Japan

Michigan holds one Constitutional slide set (only one box of two, 2/2)

*Gentoki* used in 1950’s, Gift by Toshikuni Kawamoto (1930-2016) held at the Kobe Planet Film Archive.

**NOT** found at the National Diet Library, Waseda Tsubouchi Memorial Theater Museum, Kobe Planet Film Archive, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Film Center, and antiquarian bookstores.

(Reporting check with the cooperation by Ms. Hana Washitani, Research Fellow at the International Institute for Children’s Literature, Osaka)
Slides in the Hussey Collection

Digitized in 2012 for preservation
Integrate scattered materials in the Hussey Collection into “a small collection”

Resource for Education and Research
Find the right PLATFORM

Online Exhibit Collected, Curated, Celebrated
Integrate scattered materials into “a small collection” inside the large collection Slide + Narration pamphlet

Outside Open Access resource related to the content

“Birth of the Constitution of Japan” at the National Diet Library
Original digital documents at the National Archive of Japan
United Nation Treaties
Others

“Digital Booklet” more useful than PDF style E-books
Create Collaboratory Project

Librarian’s role in digital scholarship

Connect resource with users
collect, preserve, access

Create a digital project (education) for a graduate student
by connecting students with resource

Learn about research topics and their research needs, and connect users with Digital scholarship librarians
(research design, data management, copyright officer, publishing specialist)

Curator (project manager) Japanese Studies Librarian
Research advice - Ms. Hana Washitani (Media art, Gento specialis)
Digital Designer / Translation – Alice Register
(MA student in Japanese Studies)
Alfred Rodman Hussey  
(1902-1964)

• Principal contributor to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP), Steering Committee of drafting the Japanese Constitution.

• Closely worked with Mr. Hitoshi Ashida, the President of the Constitutions Popularization Society 憲法普及会

• Significant role in the establishment of the new Labor Ministry

*Hussey’s photo from the documentary “Nihonkoku kenpō tanjō (日本国憲法誕生)”, NHK, 2007.
Alfred Rodman Hussey papers (1945-1948)

3650 document titles (per index)

Collected by Alfred Rodman Hussey (1902-1964) during his work with the Government Section, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP), in the period of the Allied occupation of Japan following World War II, and later in the Central Intelligence Agency.

1964 Donated to the Center for Japanese Studies by Alfred Rodman Hussey family by his Will. Housed in the Asia Library.

1977 (Ms. Naomi Fukuda)
Microfilmed in March, 1977
Checklist

2014 (Preservation project)
Special Collections Library
Finding aid online – Use at site or request digital copies from the Special Collections Library

2015
Microfilm Checklist digitized in Hathi Trust
Worldwide public domain
Full-text checking list download available
Narration for the Slides?

find “a hidden material” in Archival collection
Are these pamphlets related to the slide set?

- Jinken sengen
  人権宣言
  Proclamation of Human rights

- Ie
  家
  Family system

- Shin kenpo
  新憲法
  New Constitution
“労働教育幻灯フィルムリスト”「労働教育展覧会関係資料」（労働省、中央労働学園、1947）、「事業概要報告書」（憲法普及会、1947）(NDL The online content is limited to the libraries in Japan.)

国立公文書館 公開資料

- 憲法普及会「事業概要報告書」（1947）中に、新憲法幻灯製作及び頒布に関する記述がある。

- 『人権宣言』の題名があり、製作の経緯も若干説明。

- 「新憲法精神を平易に解明する手段は種々考えられるが、設備や人手の点で農山漁村等で比較的容易に用いられるのは幻燈と紙芝居などであろう。本会は幻燈版製作各社と懇談の結果、コンクール式に各社より提出の企画、台本を審査の上最も優秀なる企画を選んでその製作を委嘱し、該作品は会各支部に配布すると共に、製作会社の配給網を通じて、全国各地に於ても上映した。

因みに入選作品は左の二種であった。

1. 農村に於ける封建的な家族制度の崩壊を扱ったもの
   題名「家」日本幻燈株式会社製作

2. 人間の解放を歴史的に扱ったもの
   題名「人権宣言」日本幻燈株式会社製作

- この他に総司令部案「新憲法図解」を幻灯版化せるものを一種、別に製作して各支部に配布した。
  題名「新しい憲法」東洋幻燈株式会社製作

- 以下の各作品は各支部に於て市、町、村の講演会、座談会等に盛んに活用された。」(42-43頁)
Are these narrations related to the slide set?

Jinken sengen
人权宣言
Proclamation of Human rights

Match the number of episodes and the number of slides, match the content, the art form matches with the one of Kondo Hidezo、近藤日出造

Ie
家
Family sytem

Do not match the content.

Shin kenpo
新憲法
New Constitution

Do not match the number of slides and the episode, the content does not match.
Kondo, Hidezo 近藤日出造 (1908-1979)

Cartoonist

1926 Started his career as a cartoonist in Tokyo under Ippei Okamoto
Political cartoonist, current issues, portraits

1932 Organized the “Shin Mangaka shudan 新漫画家集団” (New Cartoonist Group), later known as Mangaka shudan漫画派集団

1933 Started working at the Yomiuri Shinbunsha. Political cartoons.

1940 Became the Head editor for Manga, the monthly magazine for the “Shin Nihon Mangaka Kyokai 新日本漫画家協会” (New Association of Japan Cartoonists)

1945 October “Manga Shudan 漫画集団” (Cartoonists Group)

1954 The first president of the Nihon Mangaka Kyokai 日本漫画家協会

1965 Board member of the Tokyo Design College. Established “Manga” department.

1979 Deceased at the age of 71.

Not mention about his Jinken slides in his biographical essay. Hidezo hizakurige,1954

(*Yomidasu, October 19, 1940, Morning edition, page 3.)
This exhibit showcases the Proclamation of Human Rights Slides (Jinken Sengen Gento slides, 人権宣言幻燈スライド) produced by the Constitution Popularization Society (Kenpō Fukyukai, 憲法普及会) to promote the spirit of peace, human rights, and democracy as embedded in the new Constitution of Japan which was enacted on May 3, 1947.

The Jinken Sengen Gento slideshow illustrates how the spirit of the new Constitution was born through historical struggles for the realization of justice and universal human rights. This slideshow aimed to educate people about the trials and tribulations of humankind as they strove for “the preservation of peace, and the banishment of tyranny and slavery, oppression and intolerance for all time from the earth”, as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution.
32 slides
Box 1 (no. 1 – no.16 slides) is missing.
Box 2 (no.17 – no.32 slides)

Slide no.1 – no.16
Only narration image
translation
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Then, what Japan was doing.....
Future improvements to support digital scholarship

Increase Accessibility for Everyone

One of the source that I found was
Audio resource for Visual Impairment

Audio resource “Treaty of San Francisco, Treaty of Peace with Japan”

How can we make this Online Exhibit more accessible for everyone?
OMEKA site supported by U. of Michigan Library

- Image, text, movie, sound, music open access URL link
- No files (PDF attachment unless provide as URL link)
- No 3D image or database embedded – Omeka site has its purpose, but..
- Not collaboration friendly  
  Requested to improve
- Primitive image exhibition
  Hard to expand, no annotation, no download

IIIF protocol to be added in December, 2017 (plan)
Partners

The IIIF (International Image Interoperability Framework) is foundational to the Digital Tools for Manuscript Study project. The University of Toronto relies on the well-crafted APIs and international community support of IIIF to create modular, interoperable tools which support the work of manuscript scholars.

Omeka is a widely used platform in digital humanities and library communities with a strong and responsive developer community. Easy to use, well-documented, and supported by a knowledgeable and responsive development community, Omeka supports features that are crucial to our use cases: user communities and usability; contributor recognition; in-depth analytical and collecting work; and the creation of scholarly narratives based on closely-read data collections.

Mirador is an IIIF-compliant viewer developed by Stanford and Harvard to be configurable, extensible and easy-to-integrate. Our hope is to leverage Mirador's well-designed manuscript viewing experience and thriving and open development community to create plugins which work with Omeka but are not wholly reliant on its architecture.
OMEA IIIF protocol project kicked off by making a cooperative effort with the Toronto University Library IT team

Toronto IIIF plug-in + Michigan offers a large file (Mushi no utaawase scroll) for test

Omeka-IIIF Usability Testing

Japanese DHer connected me with the Toronto Team *Arigato* for international cooperation!
IIIF Manifest

Manifest URL.

Digital works cannot be done alone.

Networking, Good communication, inspiration .....