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SPECIAL REPORTS

JAPAN/MARC TAPES NOW AVAILABLE FROM TOKYO

The Japanese National Bibliography, Weekly List, is now available for purchase on magnetic tape. This form of publication, known as JAPAN/MARC (for Machine-Readable Catalog of the Japanese National Bibliography) has been developed by the National Diet Library, Tokyo. The distribution of these tapes began in April 1981. Currently twelve institutions are subscribing to the weekly delivery of these tapes, and many other institutions have acquired test tapes. The following details concerning these tapes are offered by the National Diet Library:

Coverage of data

All bibliographic records of current monographic publications listed in the Japanese National Bibliography, Weekly List, compiled and published by the National Diet Library.

An average of 50,000 titles per year.

Distribution

Distribution of the tapes commenced on April 1, 1981, beginning with the records appearing in the first issue of the Weekly List of January 1981.

The tapes, which are to be supplied on a weekly basis, are approximately 600 feet in length.

Specifications

1. Format

Common format for bibliographic information  
interchange on magnetic media.....ISO-2709

Implementation format.....UNIMARC

2. Bibliographic descriptions are based on the Nippon Cataloging Rules (NCR), Preliminary Edition.

3. Chinese characters (Kanji)...JIS C6226 (Code of the Japanese Graphic Character Set for Information Interchange) in a slightly extended form.

4. Record density.....1600 bpi.

Copyright holder: National Diet Library

Editor and publisher: National Diet Library (1-10-1, Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100)

Sales agent: Japan Library Association (1-1-10, Taishido, Setagata-ku, Tokyo  
154) Tel. 03 (410) 6411

Annual subscription (January-December)

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Additional information

JAPAN/MARC test tape containing about 900 records is available for experimental purposes from the handling agents

Tape cost and postage.....¥5,000

JAPAN/MARC manyuaru. 1st edition. Tokyo, National Diet Library, 1981.  
61 pp. ¥1,100.

Available from the Japan Library Association.

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