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NCC Multi-Volume Sets Competition

The North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources is pleased to announce the 2000-2001 Multi-Volume Sets Competition. Each year, the NCC, with the support of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, offers grants to library collections for the purchase of expensive multi-volume sets of Japanese language materials. Candidate-sets must cost in excess of 100,000 yen (about \$950.00) per set; there is no cost ceiling. The MVS program is not intended to support materials considered essential to a library that would ordinarily be purchased. Instead, the MVS program supports expensive and specialized materials that would otherwise strain library budgets to purchase and are not widely held in North America.

Acquiring libraries must be willing to bear a portion of the purchase cost as stated in the program guidelines and cover shipping and handling costs. In addition, the recipient library must agree to provide prompt full-level cataloging of materials acquired through MVS in either RLIN or OCLC CJK, as soon as possible, but no later than June 30, 2001. And all materials acquired through the program must be lent free of charge locally and nationally through Inter-Library Loan. Applications must be made directly by the acquiring library with the appropriate institutional support. Letters of support from faculty-users greatly strengthen applications.

Individual faculty members at institutions without a professional Japanese studies librarian may submit an application on behalf of their institution provided they can document how the above criteria will be met.

The Application deadline is **January 12, 2001**. To obtain a full set of application guidelines, please visit the NCC's web site: <http://www.lib.duke.edu/ias/eac/ncc/MVSGuidelines.htm> For further information about the MVS Program please contact one of the MVS Committee co-chairs: Yasuko Makino (ymakino@Princeton.EDU) or Stephen Miller (smiller@spot.colorado.edu).