The NDL collects, preserves and provides records in cooperation with the following organizations:

Main contents preserved in HINAGIKU

National organs

Libraries
Higashimatsushima Library (Miyagi Prefecture) [ICT Project for Preserving Community Ties “Telling the Story of the Great East Japan Earthquake”] / Shinhidori Town Library (Fukushima Prefecture) [photos taken in and around the Shinchi Town Library just after the Great East Japan Earthquake]

Research institutes
Disaster Information Laboratory, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience [preliminary reports of survey, photos of monuments to the tsunami, etc.]

Media organizations
Tokkai Shimpō Co. [Tokkai Shimpō] / "Higashin Nihon Geiselis Fuku Shinto" Company and various organizations
Aero Asahi Corporation, Kokuasi Kogyo Co., Ltd., PASCO CORPORATION [photographs of areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake] / Tokyo Electric Power Company [videos related to the accident at the Tokyo Electric Power Company’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station] / Nippon Foundation [photos and videos submitted to the contest held by the Nippon Foundation]

Further information is available at “Searchable database list” http://kn.ndl.go.jp/static/db (The above list does not contain NDL databases.)

To institutions interested in cooperating with the HINAGIKU

To be searchable on the HINAGIKU, it is needed to provide for your metadata to us. To cooperate with the project supporting the earthquake recovery.

Why “HINAGIKU”? The “HINAGIKU”, another name of the National Diet Library (NDL) Great East Japan Earthquake Archive, is a partial acronym of the “Hybrid Infrastructure for National Archive of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Innovative Knowledge Utilization.” In the language of flowers, hinagiku (daisy) includes the aim meaning “future,” “hope” and “sympathy” — includes the aim of the project supporting the earthquake recovery.
What is the National Diet Library (NDL) Great East Japan Earthquake Archive (HINAGIKU)?

HINAGIKU is a portal site which enables integrated search of records and reports of the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster by public institutions, private organizations and media, and of research products by universities, academic societies and research institutes. Its aim is to hand down all records and lessons to future generations and to utilize them for the restoration and reconstruction of the affected areas and for disaster prevention measures. The search target of the HINAGIKU contains contents from 44 archives cooperating with HINAGIKU, as well as contents collected by the NDL. In addition, contents collected in the digital storage of HINAGIKU are lasting preserved. Through the “Seven Principles for the Reconstruction Framework” (adopted at a meeting held May 10, 2011, by the Reconstruction Design Council in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake) and the “Basic Guidelines for Reconstruction in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake” (adopted at a meeting held July 29, 2011, and revised the following August 11 by the Reconstruction Headquarters in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake), the Japanese government emphasized the need to develop a system for collecting, preserving and providing records and lessons of the Great East Japan Earthquake, and to construct a mechanism for utilizing them in an integrated manner, accessible to everyone. Based on them, the NDL developed and released HINAGIKU in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications on March 7th, 2013. As mentioned in the “Basic Guidelines for Reconstruction in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake in the ‘Reconstruction and Revitalization Period’” (approved by the Cabinet on March 11, 2016), HINAGIKU has an important role in handing down the lessons learned from earthquake disasters.

HINAGIKU: a portal site devoted to collecting, preserving and providing records of the Great East Japan Earthquake throughout the whole nation

How to use the HINAGIKU

Top page, Simple search

By checking the “Translate” box when searching, the keyword(s) will automatically be translated into Japanese.

List of search results

The left pane of the search results screen gives various ways to narrow down (or “refine”) the results by content types, locations, dates, data providers, etc. When you click the “More” link, you will see a full list of available search-refining options. The number next to each choice reflects the number of items in your results list that match that category. After you have chosen one refinement, it is possible to continue to choose additional refinements. The selected refinements are displayed at the top of the left pane. To remove a refinement, click on the “Remove” button.

Digital contents available on the Web

On the Search Results List View, when you choose “Available on the Web” from the category “Availability” on the left pane, you can narrow the results to contents readable via Internet.

Viewing digital contents

Newly created records and research works are also added to the HINAGIKU

* NDL collects the following materials in accordance with the NDL Law. 1) Domestic Japanese publications collected under the legal deposit system, 2) Internet materials of the government agencies and local governments 3) Charge-free private online publications without Digital Rights Management (DRM)

Among the materials mentioned above, materials on earthquake disasters are the search target of the HINAGIKU