

# Canadian Libraries: Overview of Collections and Activities



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# Oh Canada!





# Facts about Canada

- ❑ Second largest country in the world with a total area of 9,984,670 km<sup>2</sup>
- ❑ Population: 33,364,000 (2008 estimate)
- ❑ Capital city is Ottawa
- ❑ Official languages: English and French



# Japan Studies in Canada

- ❑ 1956: University of British Columbia  
1962: University of Toronto added Japanese language courses to its curriculum
- ❑ 1960s~: McGill and other universities followed
- ❑ Up to 1981, about 7 universities offered Japanese language instruction
- ❑ Growing awareness of Japanese ascending economy, funds from prosperous Japan, and increasing number of Canadian universities

# Japan Studies in Canada (Current situation)

- ❑ Number of specialists 159
- ❑ 1995: 300 specialists
- ❑ 2005: 159 Canadian entries;  
Ontario=61; British Columbia 58;  
Alberta=17; Quebec=13
- ❑ The decrease in number of specialists  
does not necessarily reflect a decline in  
interest; many specialists are being  
asked to teach a larger number of  
students

# Japan Studies in Canada (Current situation)2

- ❑ 19 universities offering courses in Japanese language
- ❑ 9 universities that offer only a Japanese language minor, or a major or minor in Asian Studies
- ❑ Main universities Japanese studies programs
  - ❑ University of British Columbia, University of Toronto and McGill University offer undergraduate, Master and PhD programs
  - ❑ Alberta and Victoria
    - ❑ Undergraduate courses and Master degrees offered in certain Japan-related fields
  - ❑ McMaster University
    - ❑ Minor in Japanese; no graduate degree



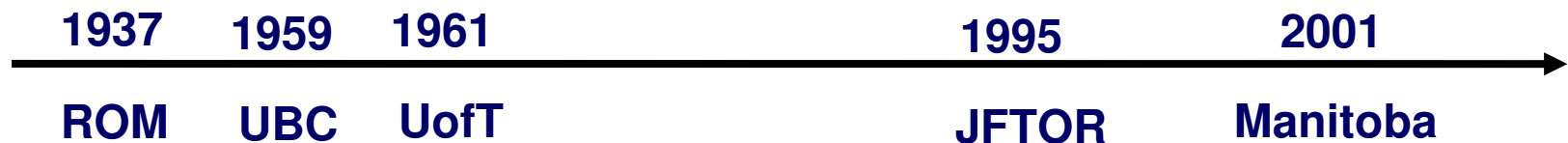


# Libraries Across Canada



# Development of Japanese Collections

- ❑ 1937: Royal Ontario Museum
- ❑ 1959: University of British Columbia
- ❑ 1961: University of Toronto
- ❑ 1976: Université de Montréal
- ❑ 1970s: McGill University
- ❑ 1995: Japan Foundation, Toronto
- ❑ 2001: University of Manitoba





# Development of Japanese Collections

- ❑ Library collections developed following the establishment of Japanese language programs mostly in the early 1960s
- ❑ Some special cases include the University of British Columbia that was designated a **depository library** for Japanese government publications [ 政府刊行物 ]
- ❑ University of Toronto collection started with grants from the Canada Council and the Donner Canadian Foundation
- ❑ Many libraries have counted on the generosity of the Japan Foundation's Library Support Program (discontinued as of 2007)
- ❑ Some private donations served as basis for the expansion of smaller collections such as UofManitoba

# Current State (JPN only)

Library	Size (Monographs)
University of Toronto	170.367
University of British Columbia	153.149
University of Montreal*	11.700
University of Alberta	10.526
McGill University	7.637
University of Calgary*	1.784

# Current State (JPN only)

Library	Size (Monographs)
University of Manitoba**	1.000
Japan Foundation, Toronto*	4.640
Royal Ontario Museum**	14.285
Others...	

## Notes:

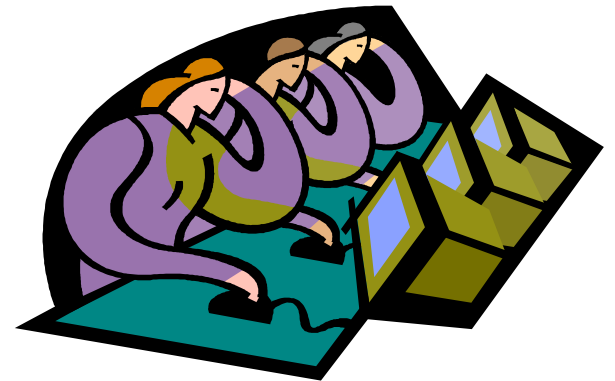
Figures from CEAL Statistics 2007

\*Figures supplied by survey conducted by Mariko Liliefeldt & Fabiano's email survey

\*\*Figures from *Japanese studies in the United States and Canada : continuities and opportunities*. Tokyo: Japan Foundation, 2007.

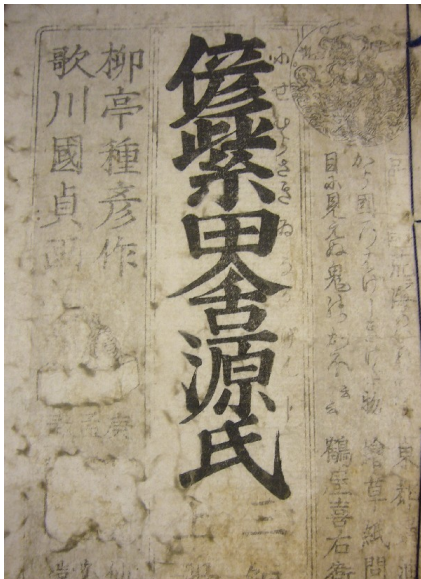
# Electronic Resources

- ❑ Nichigai MagazinePlus (1)
- ❑ Nichigai Who II (1)
- ❑ Japan Knowledge (4)
- ❑ Yomidas (1)
- ❑ GeNii (2)
- ❑ CiNii (3)
- ❑ Kikuzo II (acquisition in process)



# Special Collections

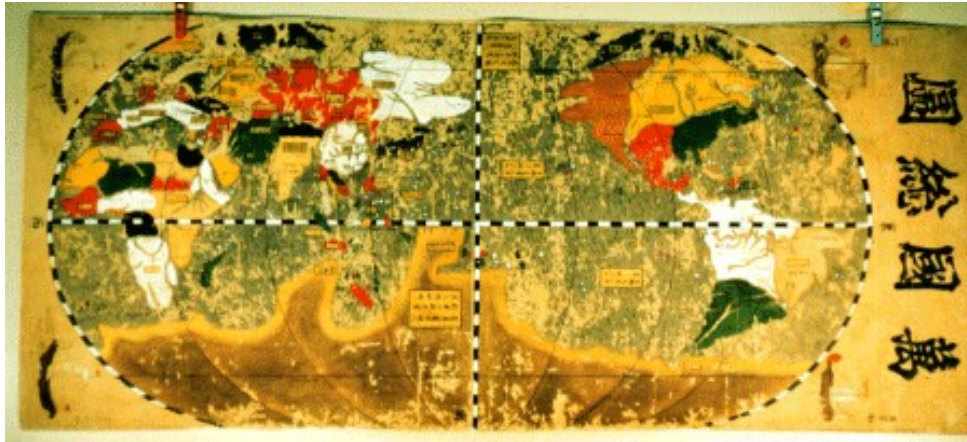
- ❑ Royal Ontario Museum
  - ❑ A few hundred Edo period Japanese books (wahan) and other memorabilia; complementary to the Ukiyoe collection and Edo and Meiji periods





# Special Collections

- ❑ University of British Columbia
  - ❑ George Beans Collection of Cartographic Materials of the Tokugawa Period
- ❑ Designated depository library for Japanese government publications [ 政府刊行物 ]



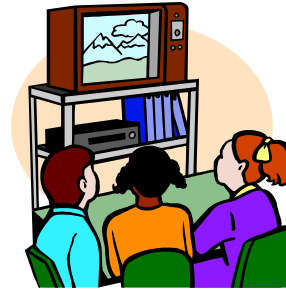
*BANKOKU SOZU* ; (Map of all the countries). Mid-Edo era. / Coloured manuscript map ; 113.6 x 55.8 cm. / Special Collections G3200 1700z S5 ; Beans [1645.2] / Accompanied by SHOHO TEIYU.



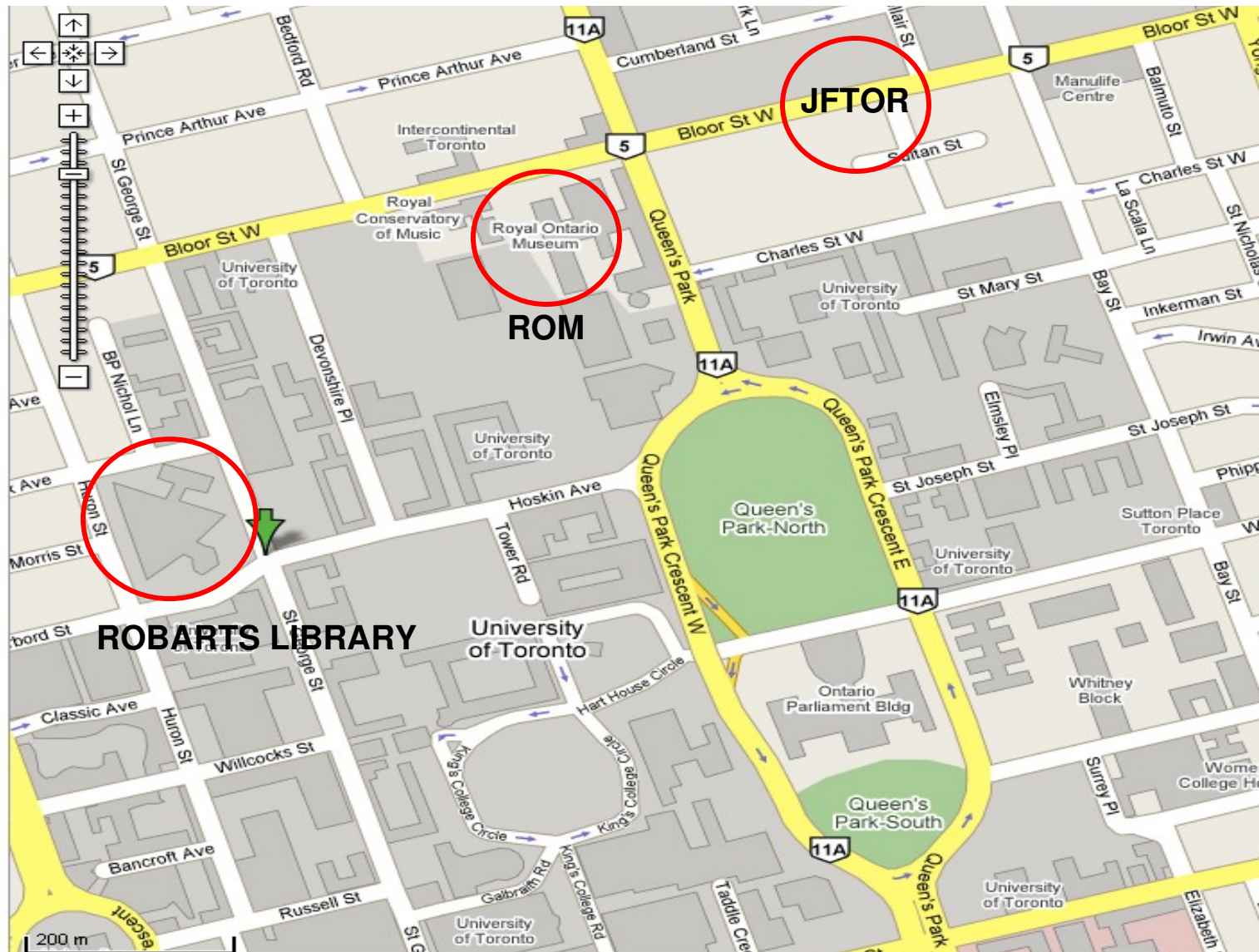
*KANAGAWA KO OEZU* ; (Map of Kanagawa Harbour) by artist Ichigyokusai. Yokohama, Ansei 6 (1859). / Woodcut, colour ; 50.8 x 72.5 cm.

# Special Collections

- ❑ Japan Foundation, Toronto
  - ❑ has just purchased around 800 volumes of **manga** in both Japanese and English languages
  - ❑ Audio-video collection (3000 DVDs and VHS tapes of documentaries and feature films)
- ❑ McGill University
  - ❑ Manga
  - ❑ Feature films and documentaries



# Toronto





# Networking in Canada

- ❑ Japan-Related Information Specialists Annual Meeting (2005 was the last one)



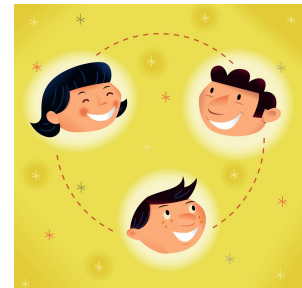
- ❑ Japan-Related Information Specialists in Canada Group (Google Groups)

❑ [cdnjl-l@googlegroups.com](mailto:cdnjl-l@googlegroups.com)



# Networking & Cooperation

- ❑ Librarians from Canada participate in the CEAL annual meetings
- ❑ Members serve in several committees run by the NCC (i.e., Librarian Professional Development Committee, Digital Resources Committee)
- ❑ University of Toronto is a member of the GIF-ILL Program
- ❑ Consortium opportunity (North America)
- ❑ Librarian Exchange Program (University of Toronto & Keio University)





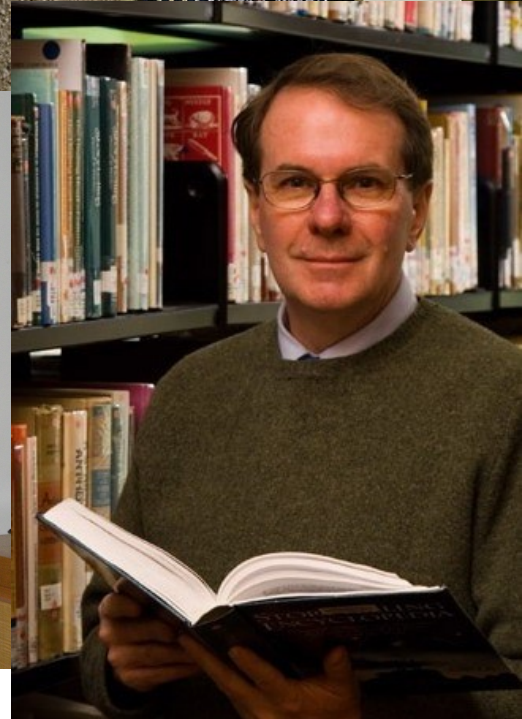
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- ❑ On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Mariko Liliefeldt (Japan Foundation, Toronto) organized the schedule library tours in numerous libraries in Toronto for a group of librarians from Japan who were attending the IFLA conference





# The Librarians



# Professional Development

- ❑ Mariko Liliefeldt, Japan Foundation Toronto
  - ❑ カナダにおける日本関係図書館の概要：国際交流基金トロント日本文化センターライブラリーを中心に (lecture in Tokyo, 2007)
- ❑ Tsuneharu Gonnami, UBC Centre for Asian Research
  - ❑ ブリティッシュ・コロンビア大学図書館日本語 書回顧概 (1959-2002)
  - ❑ Published in Japanese in *Daigaku toshokan kenkyu*, no. 79 (Mar. 2007).
- ❑ 3 librarians from Canada participated in last year's JF-NDL JSIST Program
- ❑ Librarian Exchange Program **University of Toronto** and **Keio University** Libraries



# Special Events

## 源氏物語千年紀 : *Celebrating a Millennium of the Tale of Genji Exhibition (UofT)*



### Naomi's Tree

BY Joy Kogawa ILLUSTRATED BY Ruth Ohi

### Book Talk by author Joy Kogawa & illustrator Ruth Ohi

Thursday May 8th 2008 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
followed by a book signing and reception at  
The Japan Foundation, Toronto Event Hall

RSVP: 416.966.1600 x300 or [rspv@jfor.org](mailto:rspv@jfor.org)  
(please include your full name, contact information,  
event name and total number of guests in your reservation.)

For more information, contact: [info@jfor.org](mailto:info@jfor.org) or 416.966.2935

The Japan Foundation, Toronto  
131 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor, Colonnade Building  
Closest subway station, Bay or Museum

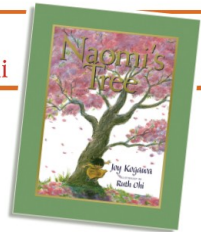


*Naomi's Tree is the story of a Japanese family  
whose lives in Canada are uprooted by the events  
of World War II.*

Based on the story of Naomi and Stephen in Naomi's  
Road, Naomi's Tree is the story of an important time  
in Canada's history, a time that should never be  
forgotten. It's also about enduring love, with its almost  
mystical ability to soothe the spirit.



Published by Fitzhenry & Whiteside  
Ages 8+ Juvenile Fiction



## Book Launch: Naomi's Tree by autor Joy Kogawa and illustrator Ruth Ohi

## Japan Foundation hosted the Annual Japanese Storytelling

**Toronto Festival of Storytelling**

**March 28  
April 6**

**The 14th Annual Katari Japanese Storytelling**

*Featuring funny, adventurous Japanese folklore, Rakugo classics  
and contemporary stories accompanied by music!*

Saturday, March 29, 2008  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Japan Foundation, Toronto  
131 Bloor Street West  
2nd Floor of the Colonnade Building

Admission is free  
RSVP required: 416.966.1600 x300 or [rspv@jfor.org](mailto:rspv@jfor.org)

Stories are performed in English  
For 10 years old +

For more details, please contact Yusukey Tanaka:  
416.386.0287 or [nikkei@bellnet.ca](mailto:nikkei@bellnet.ca)

Stories

*"The Haunted House"*  
Mika Fukuma & Yuko Nagase (Hatsue diva)

*"The Thief"*  
Masako Yasunishi

*"Singing Skull"*  
Sharon Isaac

*"The Man Called So-Be-It"*  
Yusuke Tanaka

*"Saburo"*  
Tane Akamatsu

*"Tengu's Judgment"*  
Hiromasa Gishi

Music by Yoshito & Chie Yamano  
[Duet: Didgeridoo and Sitar]

Co-sponsored by  
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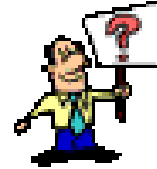


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