

Do It Yourself Through Achievement Database

A Case of Kanazawa University Repository for Academic Resources (KURA)

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According to the charter of KU, which is "a research university dedicated to education", KURA is expected to collect research and educational materials produced by the intellectual activities in the campus to disseminate KU's scholarly outputs on the Internet

Top Management

How to make KURA

KURA was set up by the top decision of the vice president. KURA is not the library's database, but is the University's database.

KU introduced KURA at June in 2006.
Managed by Information Planning Section daily.
The System is DSpace 1.4.2

The Policy of KURA

Peer-reviewed articles are the first target of our advocacy activities in increasing digital contents.

Open Access

KURA must be an e-prints archive in order to contribute to Open Access!

The Strategies of KURA

We take 3 strategies to promote KURA. Especially, the collaboration system of IR and Achievement Database(ADB) is the most characteristic feature of KURA and the one of the most important function to sustain IR in Japan.

Self Archive through ADB

One Stop Service

It will enable end-users to search various scholarly information in the campus at one time.

Added Value

KURA must be more user friendly. A harvester for multiple institutional repositories in the university will be set up at the end of next March.

Describing KURA by 4 keywords

■ Purposes of the Poster

1. Describing KURA by 4 keywords which characterize KURA.
 - 1) **T**op Management---How to make KURA
 - 2) **O**pen Access---The Policy
 - 3) **S**elf Archive through ADB---The Strategies
 - 4) **A**dded Value---One Stop Service
2. Introducing 3 strategies to promote KURA.

What does KURA mean in Japanese?

KURA means: an old Japanese repository to preserve important valuable assets from disasters, robberies, etc.

In the same way, KURA stores the achievements of the researchers of Kanazawa University.

About Kanazawa University

Kanazawa University (KU) is...

— Located in Hokuriku region on the west coast of Japan's mainland facing Japan Sea.

— One of the top 20 research universities in Japan.

Kanazawa University

Osaka

Tokyo

3 Strategies to promote KURA

We take following 3 strategies to increase the useful contents and to transform the concept of IR into Japanese way. 1) Don't underestimate Kiyoo (紀要), 2) Put collaboration of IR and ADB into practical use, 3) Recruit new contents steady. Under these strategies we are promoting OA in Japanese way in our campus.

Strategy 1:
Don't underestimate *Kiyo* (紀要)

■ **What is *Kiyo*, Japanese University Bulletin?**

- One of the most popular publication style in Japanese academic communities
- Articles in *Kiyo* are mainly not peer-reviewed, so the quality is varied.
- But, especially in the areas of Humanities & Social Sciences(HSS), *Kiyo* is important as before. It is a kind of the preprint for their compiled books.
- The copy rights of *Kiyo* are mainly hold by the authors. So the permissions are gained from the authors more easily than journal articles.

→ Initial contents in Japanese IRs.

■ **Positive Function of *Kiyo***

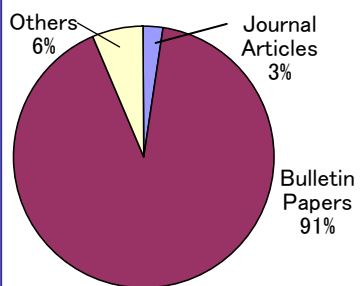
- Free and exchanged between universities. It seems to be almost open access, but published in print media.
- By making them online, we can start open access journals in each university.

→ *Kiyo* has some potentiality!

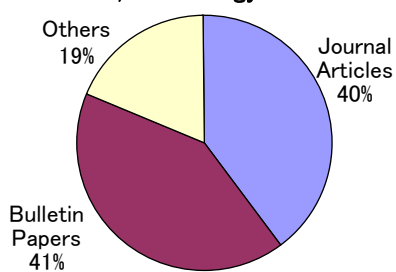
The Details of Deposited Contents in KURA

Most of the contents from HSS faculties are bulletin papers, while there are many peer-reviewed articles from STM faculties. This trend reflects the feature of Japanese scholarly communication of each field.

Humanities & Social Sciences

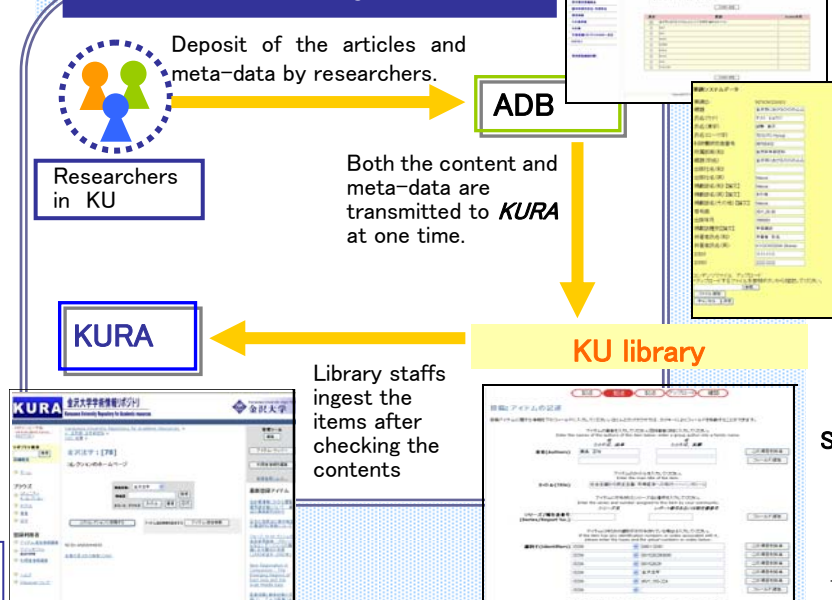


Science, Technology & Medicine



Strategy 2:
Put Collaboration of *IR* and *ADB* into Practical Use

System collaboration of KURA with the University's ADB



■ **The Collaboration of *IR* and *ADB* is Needed in Japan**

ADB has already been introduced in KU and the faculties have registered the bibliographical data of their achievements, including journal articles (But it is not mandate). In a sense...

IR is an additional function of *ADB* in Japan.

So the faculty says "*KURA*? Another DB! It's a bother, too". This situation may be common in the most Japanese Universities. In order to gain the understanding *IR* from the faculty and their self-archiving, *IR* need to work together with *ADB*.

■ **The Merit of our Collaboration System**

The merit of our system is to be easy to introduce. It takes mainly 2 steps.

- 1) Little alteration of program in your *ADB*. It's not so crucial but costs some.
- 2) The installation of collaboration program into your DSpace: It's easy.

This program is open source and you can download it and brief manuals(in Japanese) at the following site:

<http://www.lib.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/kura/achievement/>

This system is not perfect. But you can get start easily. We think we can contribute to the promotion of *IR* in Japanese Universities.

To boost open access movements in Japan,

It is more important to do in all universities than in only one *IR*.

Strategy 3:
Recruit New Contents Steady

But this collaboration system has just started and the registration to *ADB* isn't mandate, now.

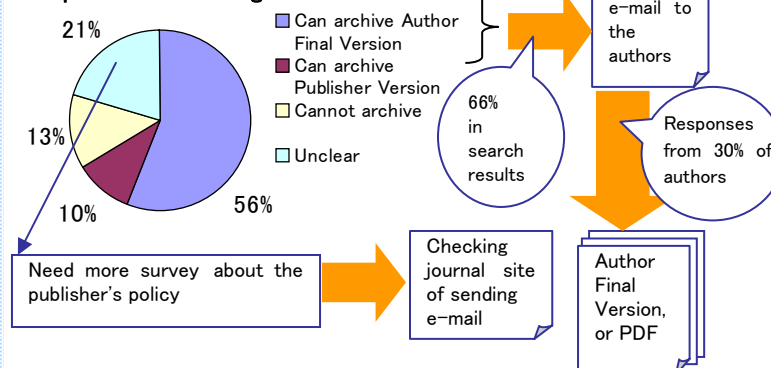
So we recruit new contents every week as follows;

- 1) Collect the bibliographic data of the newly added articles into Elsevier's *Scopus* written by the researchers of KU, using its alert function .
- 2) Library staffs check if the articles are permitted to archive.
- 3) If OK, we send e-mail to the authors to get the contents, mainly the author final version files.

■ **The Results:** About 66% of the search results are allowed to archive into *IR*. And about 30% of the authors send back the contents. The number is about 240 per year. We don't know it is small or not. "Size isn't everything." (Leslie Car and Tim Brody, D-Lib magazine 13(7/8), 2007)

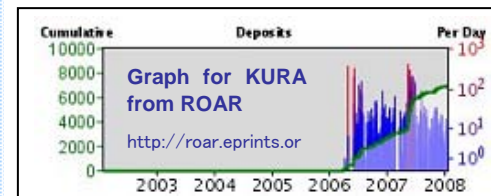
We go forward step by step.

The Result of Alert from Scopus for archiving KURA



*From January to December 2007

	Can archive		Cannot archive	Unclear	Total	Number of sending e-mail to the author	Number of Response
	Author Final Version	Publisher Version					
Number of items	777	144	185	288	1,394	797	239
%	56%	10%	13%	21%	100%	57%	30%



Total: 6,651 items (as of Jan. 28, 2008)

Daily deposits in last year: 67 days of 1-9, 73 days of 10-99, 9 days of 100+

Our Goal is to realize Self Archiving and OA in Japanese Way.