Scholarly communication in Japan: Open access etc as of 2005

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Research and publication in Japan

• Scholarly publishing in Japan
  – Professional and scholarly societies
  – Journals published by them and by departments
  – Journals published in Japanese and in English

• Research in Japan
  – US$ 5 billion competitive research funds
  – By way of JSPS and JST, including medicine
  – 12% articles are from Japan
  – A major player in worldwide scholarly community
Publishing from Japan

• Journals
  – Societies and departments
  – Commercial and non-profit “foreign” publishers
  – No commercial Japanese publishers involved

• Under representation
  – 80% of those by Japanese researchers in “foreign journals
  – “Japanese journals” not well known
Libraries

• The Japanese version of “Serials Crisis”
• Unfortunate digital library projects in mid-1990s
• “Foreign” publishers' attack on Japan
  – Prices
  – Online delivery
• Currently catching up a little
  – Consortia negotiations
  – Interests in and practice of institutional repositories
What has been done:

- Money for purchasing online journals
- Libraries and NII working with SPARC
- Preservation and archiving being discussed
- Funding agencies beginning to be interested in researchers’ depositing
- Implementation of institutional repositories, though the number is small
- Traditional print journal subsidies
- J-STAGE platform
All in all,

- Libraries, universities, societies, funding agencies are beginning to be aware, though not fully, of the problems and their possible solutions.
- Having individual researchers understand problems and possible solutions is more important now.