

How Do Japanese Universities Help Regional Communities Preserve and Inherit Their History?

The historical and cultural resources of a regional community are milestones for learning about the formation of the region and thinking about the future, and are indispensable for long-term, continuous development. Especially in Japan, efforts toward saving and preserving the resources of regional communities from significant disasters are gaining momentum across the country, with the "Shiryō-net (Historical Resources Network)" at Kobe as a forerunner established to apply the lessons learned from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.

However, methods for preserving the resources of regional communities have not yet been established on an institutional or technical level. Further, as the number of disasters increases, the conservation of resources affected by disasters (resource rescue) becomes increasingly important.

In addition to efforts undertaken thus far, it is essential to spread and develop resource preservation methods that can be executed in regional areas and enhance mutual support systems as a precaution against emergencies. Such efforts are dependent on advanced research and development capabilities and an extensive human network.

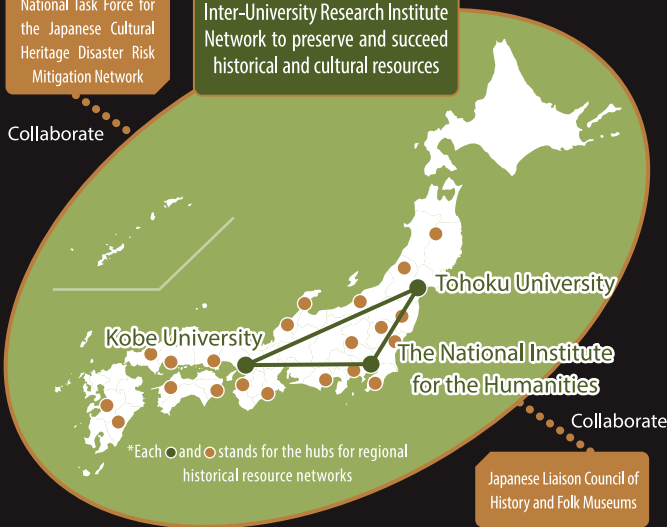
For this reason, help is needed from universities to preserve the history and culture of regional communities for future generations. Therefore, we are trying to establish a resource preservation network in universities throughout the country.

At the National Institutes for the Humanities, Tohoku University, and Kobe University, we are obtaining information on the location of resources, implementing digitization, establishing a mutual rescue support system, developing educational programs, and spreading important information internationally.

National Task Force for the Japanese Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Mitigation Network

Inter-University Research Institute Network to preserve and succeed historical and cultural resources

Collaborate



Japanese Liaison Council of History and Folk Museums

A Request from the Network Project



We are organizing a university network to preserve the historical and cultural resources, and the network is now digitizing information on the location of resources. This location database will work as a research archive, and it will enable us to rescue the resources damaged by disasters, and to give the regional history research findings back to the community. We are planning to share knowledge and education on various issues in regional collaboration through these activities.

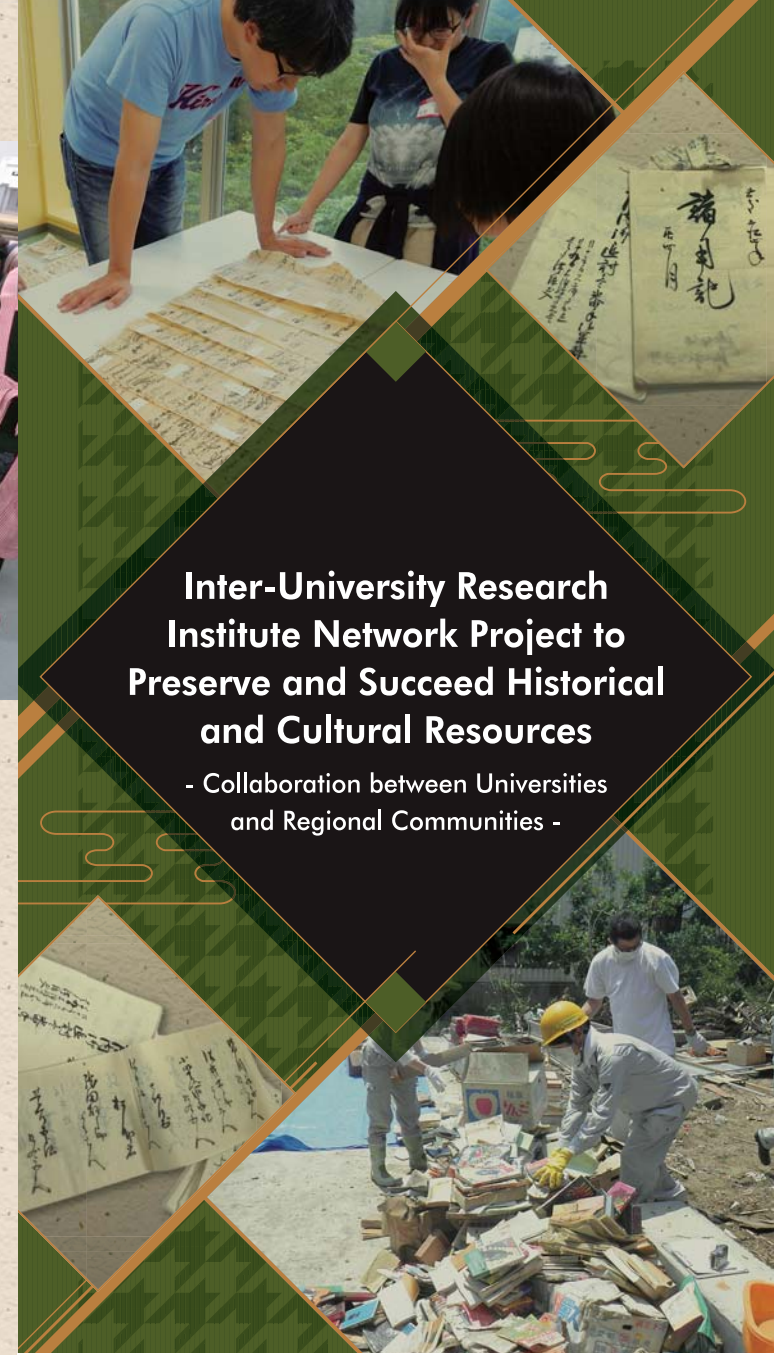
Further, we will keep the data backup of this digitized resources' whereabouts, and perpetuate the network system to establish a rapid support system for resource preservation (resource rescue) in case of disasters.

We ask for your cooperation and collaboration with this network, so that it can continue to facilitate academic collaboration between regions through the sharing of resources and regional history.

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“The University” Creates a Regional Society from Regional History

Connecting historical and cultural resource networks centered in regional universities allows us to:

1

Have a grip on nationwide resource information including their whereabouts, and establish a mutual support system for historical and cultural resource preservation.

2

Develop education and personnel training in historical and cultural research, and an environment and methodology for this purpose.

3

Contribute to strengthening the university's function towards the preservation of historical and cultural resources of the regional communities.

The Preservation and Succession of Regional Resources and Creation of Culture Rooted in Regional History

