

Eco-Muse

Nishiyodogawa Library on Pollution and the Environment

Purpose

The Nishiyodogawa Library on Pollution and the Environment (Eco-Muse) collects, organizes, and preserves resource materials and documents on pollution and environmental problems, and on the Nishiyodogawa area, primarily materials on air pollution in the Nishiyodogawa part of Osaka.

As pollution and environmental problems grow increasingly serious in Asia and other parts of the world, the library hopes to communicate the pollution experience to people now and in the future by preserving and making practical use of source materials on Japan's pollution experience as a shared asset of humanity, and as documents helpful in efforts to understand the history of pollution, thereby helping to build local environments that are good places to live.

Main Activities

- Collection, organization, and preservation of materials and documents
- Viewing and lending materials and documents
- Hosting educational visits and training sessions
- Holding exhibits, symposiums, and other events
- Building networks with other regions, institutions, and organizations
- Other needed empirical research and documentary research

Holdings

Documents Related to Air Pollution (Viewing Only)

A total of about 20,000 items comprising documents from organizations including the Counsel for the Nishiyodogawa Pollution Lawsuit, the Nishiyodogawa Pollution Victims and Families Association, and the Society for Eliminating Pollution from Osaka, as well as documents from pollution victims, lawyers, victim supporters, and other individuals.

Books and Other Publications (Viewing and Lending)

Books in sociology, the natural sciences, technology/engineering, and other fields are available in open stacks. Our collection is especially good in the areas of community development, pollution and environmental problems, and environmental studies. In relation to anti-pollution campaigns throughout Japan, we have conference agendas, newsletters, fliers, booklets, and pamphlets issued by various organizations, as well as related books and other materials, about 4,000 items in all.

Trial Records

Trial records of the Nishiyodogawa air pollution lawsuit (266 volumes)

Hours and Terms of Use

Eco-Muse is open Monday through Friday, except for holidays, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.). We ask that people who wish to use the library telephone in advance.

Release to the Public

Nearly all of the library's materials have been donated by organizations and individuals. When the donor has stipulated conditions for showing materials to the public, those conditions are observed. If materials contain information whose release to others would ordinarily be deemed undesirable, or information whose release could infringe the rights of individuals, those materials are not released to the public. Materials currently being organized or cataloged also cannot be released.

Photocopies can be made for ¥10 per page, although some items may not be copied.

Getting to Eco-Muse

Get off at Mitejima Station on the JR Tozai Line. Go in the direction of exit #1, enter the underground passage and go out exit #4 of the passage. Walking about three minutes brings you to the Utajima Bridge intersection. Cross the street there, and you'll find our building, second to the left of the Mitsubishi Tokyo UFJ Bank on National Route 2.

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