



## Main Library Book Exhibition on SDGs

Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs can be understood as a “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”. In other words, they are goals for the creation of a better world to live in, without having anyone being left behind. After achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (2000- 2015) in terms of reducing extreme poverty rate, caring health and education sectors, the UN has a blueprint of 17 SDGs to build on the development goals targeting 2030.

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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All the people from different countries and cultures from around the world aim at the same goals for peace and prosperity of the human kind, therefore we must come as one in order to achieve it. While everyone is addressing the importance of the SDGs in many possible ways, our Tohoku University main library is also honored to share

its awareness and tremendous impact in our society. We have collected our library's highly recommend books corresponding to 17 topics of United Nations sustainable goals. We then held a small exhibit of SDGs' related books recommended by our International Student Concierge members.



The main themes of the 17 development goals are: 1. No poverty. 2. Zero hunger. 3. Good Health and Well Being. 4. Quality Education. 5. Gender Equality. 6. Clean Water and Sanitation. 7. Affordable and Clean Energy. 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth. 9. Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure. 10. Reduced Inequalities. 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities. 12. Responsible Consumption and Production. 13. Climate Action. 14. Life below Water. 15. Life on Land. 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. 17. Partnerships for the goals.

All these equally important and interrelated goals are there for us to be materialized with every possible hand or effort in any area, by any individual, however little as much one can do. As an active regional participation, we are proud to say that regarding one critical issue of climate change Japan has contributed to the development agenda. It includes common standards and achievable targets to reduce carbon emissions, manage the risks of climate change and natural disasters, and to build back better after a crisis together with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction that is an international document. It was adopted by UN member states between 14th and 18th of March 2015 at the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai.



As reported by **Thiri Soe**

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## The University Libraries around the world

*This section introduces university libraries around the world, mainly from the alma mater of our International Student Concierge members.*

### Libraries of Jilin University

Libraries of Jilin University are distributed in different campuses: Central Library in Central Campus, Engineering Library in Nanling Campus, Medical Library in Xinmin Campus, Geological Library in Chaoyang Campus, Information Library in Nanhu Campus, and Agricultural Library in Heping Campus.



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The Library stores various kinds of paper publications totaling over 5 million, which covers 6000 rare books from 40000 ancient books. The collections of Local Chronicles, Genealogy, Stone and Bronze Rubbings, Ancient Documents is outstanding among Chinese University Libraries. Those valuable materials have become special treasures of Jilin University. There are also 1268 kinds of Foreign

Periodicals and 4914 sorts of Chinese Published Journals.

The library has been focusing on the construction of digital information resources in recent years. The library has already introduced 48 kinds of western language databases, including Web of Science and EI, 14 kinds of Chinese document databases, including China National Knowledge Infrastructure, 1.2 million electronic books, and also has built 12 databases such as North-east Asia research materials, geoscience materials, automobile materials, etc.

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Each library has a front desk, a Chinese book lending section, a foreign book lending section, an electronic reading room, an ancient book reading room and rooms for individual study. The library has such a rich collection in order to meet the students' demand for daily reading. Students can borrow books from all libraries' front desk using their student card.

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If there is no special circumstance, the library will open from 8:00 to 16:00 every day. Each library may adjust the opening time according to the each situation. Students can check about the specific information of each library from the home page in order to make the process easier.

*As reported by **Lyu Shengnan***

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## **Reader's Choice: What to Read Next?**

*This section introduces a new book from our available selection at the Tohoku University Main Library. It is intended to pick your interest and fill your grey matter with intellect and emotion. Sit back and enjoy it!*

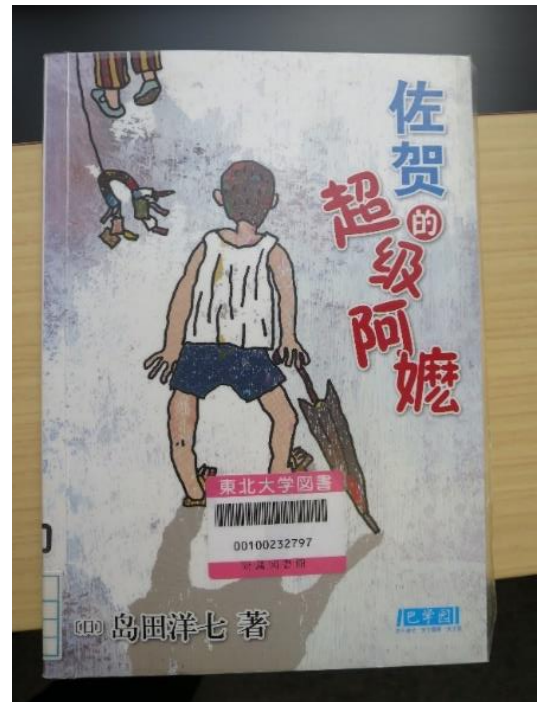
I would like to recommend to you a book written by a Japanese comic artist. The original Japanese title is 『佐賀のがばいばあちゃん』. In the Saga dialect, “がばい” means “very” and is used for continuous modification. Therefore, this title implies "Super awesome grandma of Saga". This novel is an autobiography written by Yoshichi Shimada, who spent his childhood in Saga, describing what happened at that time. Since its first publication in 1987, it has sold 4 million copies by April 2007. It became a world-wide best-seller, so it turning into a movie and a stage play.



I have read both the original Japanese and also Chinese translation, and they are both very interesting. This easy-to-read book has greatly influenced my attitude on life. What the "Super Grandma" said and her attitude towards life benefited me a lot. If you grew up with your grandmother in your childhood, I recommend this book.

Let me introduce the general content of this book. The protagonist left from his mother for some reason and lived with his grandmother in the countryside of Saga. The grandma's house was super poor and grandma was a hard worker. But more than that, she was a bright and ugly "grandmother" with many ideas and life philosophy. At first, the protagonist didn't understand grandma very much but gradually began to love his grandma's lifestyle and became a boy/man who was humble and cheerful when facing life.

There is only a Chinese version in our library. For Chinese students who are not used to reading Japanese books, you can read the Chinese version first. I highly recommend it to everyone. If you find it interesting, you can also buy the original Japanese book to read.



Book: 『佐贺的超级阿嬷』

Author: (日) 岛田洋七著；陈宝连译

ISBN: 9787544234726

Publisher: 海口：南海出版公司

Call No: KH555/056

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*Reviewed by Liu Chuxin*

## Manga Corner

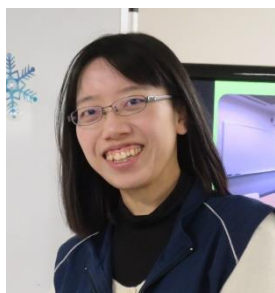
This corner is about things that happen in the library, especially when you are a new student at Tohoku University.

Hello! I am Marina from Brazil!! I like drawing for fun, so I hope you have fun reading too!



\*1 Excuse me... \*2 If you cannot speak English, feel free to talk in Japanese! Almost all international student staff at the library can understand Japanese, so no need to worry! Could you show me the title of the book you are looking for?

## Editors



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