

# OA Policy in Japan and JUSTICE

## OA Policy in Japan

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Prepared by the Cabinet Office | **Basic Policy on Promoting Open Access to Publicly Funded Scholarly Publications and Scientific Data (Outline)** | Provisional Translation

### Backgrounds

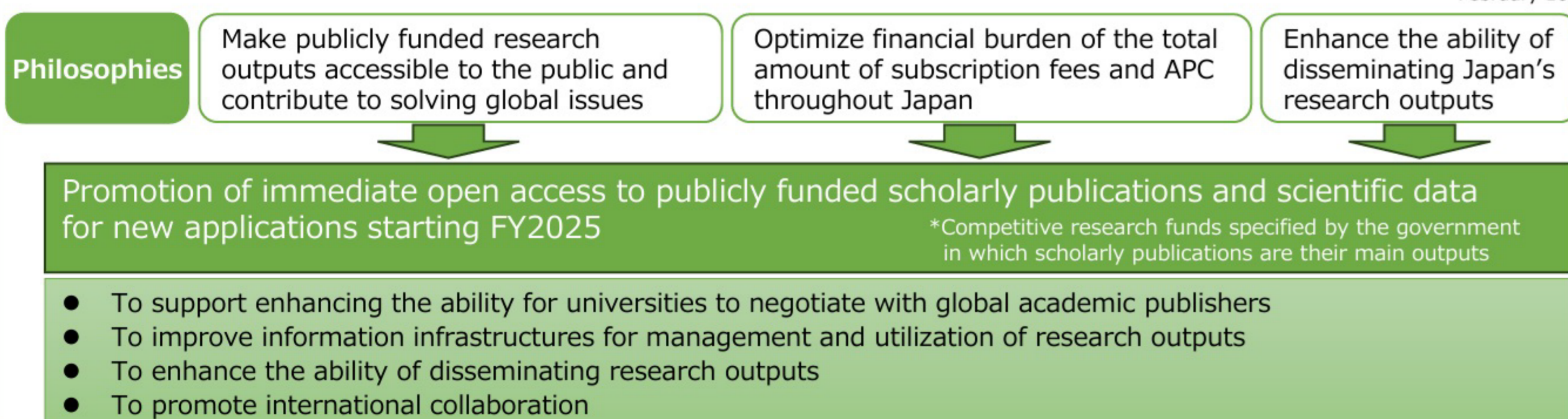
- Publicly funded research outputs including research data and scholarly publications should be widely accessible to the public, but scholarly communication is under the market dominance by global academic publishers.
- Both electronic journal subscription fees and APC have been increasing. These soaring prices have increased the financial burden on universities and researchers. Also, there is concern about the excessive reliance on quantitative indicators in research assessment and evaluation.
- In order to enhance Japan's competitiveness, it is necessary to create an environment in which researchers can freely and widely publish and share their research outputs and the public can widely access the intellectual assets.

### Context

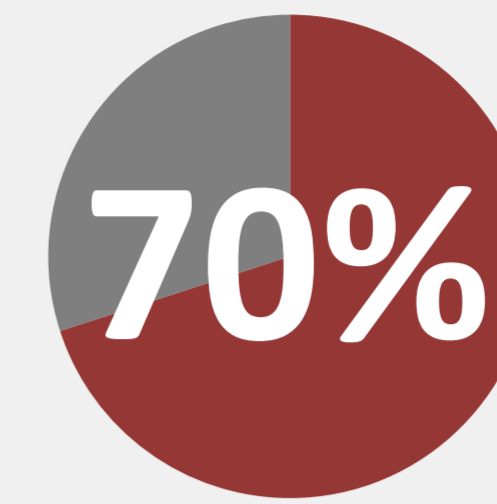
- G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué and G7 Science and Technology Ministers' Communiqué in May 2023 included promotion of open science including support for immediate open access to publicly funded scholarly publications and scientific data.
- Since formulating a national policy to promote immediate open access to publicly funded scholarly publications and scientific data is specified in "Integrated Innovation Strategy 2023", Executive Members of the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation made a report on the national policy in October 2023.
- "Basic Policy on Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform 2023" and "Grand Design and Action Plan for a New Form of Capitalism 2023 Revised Version" also specify measures to promote open access, including enhancing the ability to negotiate with global academic publishers.

### Basic Policy on Promoting Open Access to Publicly Funded Scholarly Publications and Scientific Data (Outline)

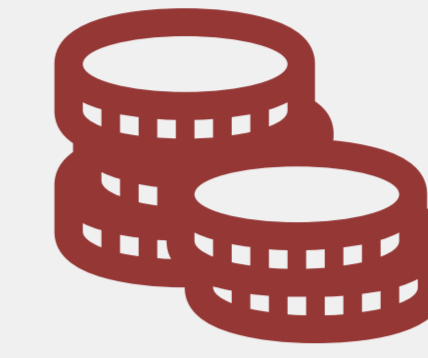
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## About JUSTICE



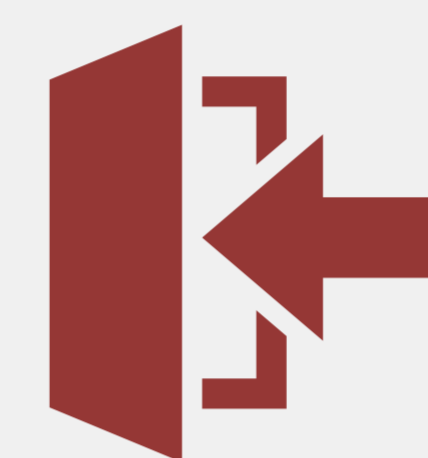
of Japanese university libraries are our members. (562 members)



Membership fee-based organization.



Staff of member libraries serve on the steering committee, working groups and secretariat.



**Opt-in consortium**  
JUSTICE negotiates basic conditions of proposals. Then each member decides whether to agree with the proposal agreed by the consortium.

## JUSTICE's approach to OA Policy in Japan

### OA Negotiation policy

- ✓ Both subscription models and TAs should be proposed so that each member libraries has a choice.
- ✓ It is desirable that the proposal includes publication in full OA journals, or that a proposal should lead to an increase in publication in full OA journals.
- ✓ TAs should be cost-neutral.
- ✓ Proposals that are not Read and Publish models (e.g., OA vouchers, APC discounts) are also welcome. ...etc.

### Challenges in our OA negotiations

- ✓ We will collaborate with OASE to promote more advantageous OA negotiations. OASE requests the involvement of the executive board for participating universities and research institutes.
- ✓ We will promote OA as a whole, including Green OA through collaboration with JPCOAR, based on the promoting OA Policy in Japan.

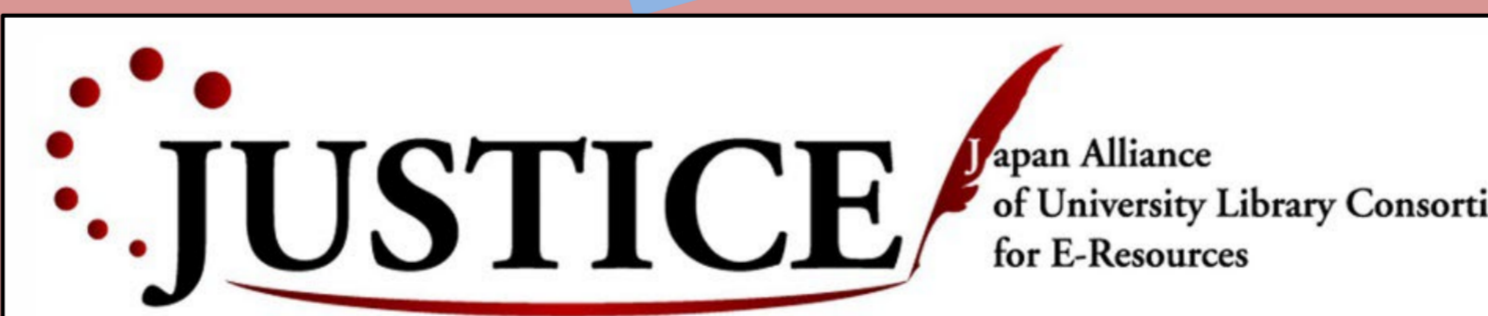
Sharing knowledges about negotiations with publishers, etc.

**OASE**  
Open Access for Scholarly Empowerment  
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(The negotiation team that receives support from the government to establish a collective bargaining system)

collaboration

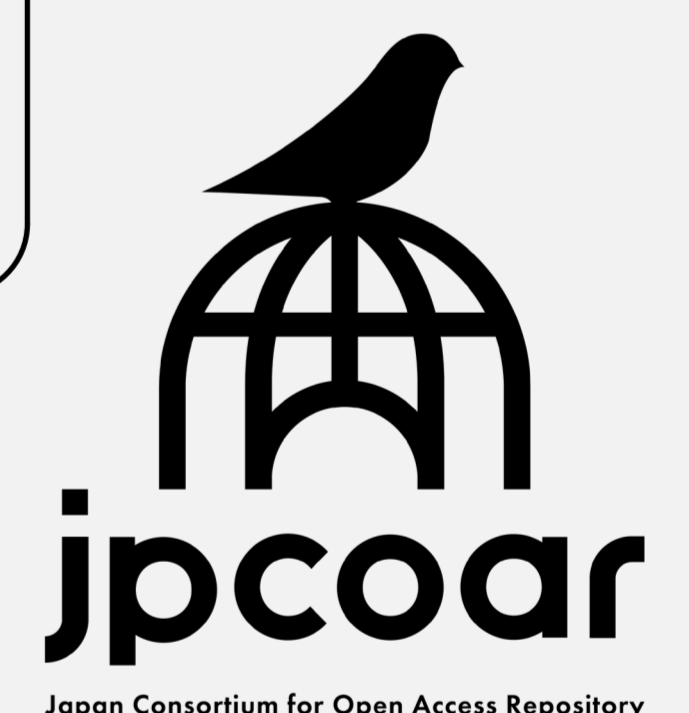
Seminar about OA-related topics, etc.

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Japan Alliance of University Library Consortia for E-Resources

- Steering Committee
  - Negotiation Working Group
  - Research Working Group
  - PR Working Group
  - **Open Access Working Group** (NEW)
    - Conducting the survey on TA
    - Sharing promotional materials for OA awareness-raising



Japan Consortium for Open Access Repository



The chair of JUSTICE(left) and the chair of JPCOAR(right)

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