

## Translation of the Terms and Scope for Linking

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Project in National Museum of Japanese History (NMJH):

### Integrated studies of cultural and research resources (ISCRR)

- Conducting interdisciplinary studies on resources across institutes
- Enabling access to primary evidence of research results
- Promoting Japanese studies outside Japan
- Data backup of resources in case of disaster



Networking and visualizing resources in universities and museums all over Japan.



# khirin Knowledgebase of

**Historical Resources in Institutes** 



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## Japanese AAT translation: contribution of

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notes in Japanese

- a. Translation of terms related to Japan
  (200 terms of hits for a search on
  'Japan') in Aug.- Sept. 2017
- b. Translation of terms in descending
  order across the hierarchies of
  abstraction: 320 terms (as of Jan. 2020)

#### FINDINGS from

#### a. Translation of terms related to Japan

- Most of the terms related to Japan need to **be updated or supplemented** with reliable current sources from Japan.
- Some Japanese terms might need to be interpreted in the context of East Asia using various sources within and outside Japan.
  - e.g. A single-panel screens (screens (furniture), <furniture by form or function>, ... Furnishings and Equipment (hierarchy name))

**Note:** Refers to screens consisting of one panel, typically made of wood with low legs. The single-panel screen is generally the smallest of the three types of screens in East Asia. Single-panel screens in China were set in stands and were usually of lacquer; the panels often framed a painted picture, jade panel, or looking glass. In Japan such screens were stationery and used at the entrance of a house to denote status or a ceremony in progress.

taiko (ID: 300217917, Page Link: http://vocab.getty.edu/page/aat/300217917)

#### **Hierarchical Position:**



#### FINDINGS from

#### b. Translation of terms in descending order across the hierarchies of abstraction

- Lack of terms from non-western culture. e.g. terms on materials, material conditions and restorations are mostly of western materials such as leather, parchment, etc.
- Some terms might not be translated to Japanese by anyone yet?
   We can use katakana, one type of Japanese syllabary, but can we decide it?
- Some definitions of terms are **too abstract** to select a Japanese equivalent precisely. e.g. 'Agents(general)' can be translated to エージェント, 代理人, 行為者 etc. depending on the context.

Examples of usage of terms are helpful.

#### FURTHER EFFORTS

To contribute for promoting preciseness and multiculturality of AAT, we will conduct:

- Compilation works of **new Preferred Terms from Japan** interpreted and proved with reliable Japanese history dictionaries and other sources, and translation of them to English.
- **Cooperative interdisciplinary projects** with different institutes, such as those for art studies, from all over Japan.

3. Scope for linking

#### CURRENT WORKS FOR

Find correspondence between

#### khirin subjects and wikidata, getty AAT and paper dictionaries (国史大辞典, 日本考古学用語事典, 浮世絵大辞典)

#### 3. Scope for linking

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3. Scope for linking

# 60 Subjects straightforward

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superclass exists

not a subject

7 from them have corresponding AAT terms



• Straightforward and has getty AAT

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Exact match

• Found Manually

鉄剣=wd:Q11649534 "鉄剣・鉄剣碑文"

A bit wider concept "Sword and <u>sword inscription</u>"

## Examples

• Superclass exists 軒丸瓦 is-a 瓦(Q268547)



### A kind of a roof tile.

男神像 is-a art of sculpture (Q11634) ~="male gods statue"



## Examples

- Not a subject
- "産業・技術" ="Industry & technology"

(e.g. 養蚕業 the sericultural industry the silkworm-raising industry)





## Kokushi Daijiten 32 / Wikidata 31



- Mostly the same coverage
- Wikidata has more synonymous terms.
- Kokushi Daijiten has more terms about roop tiles (瓦: 軒平 瓦、軒丸瓦など).



- Wikidata and general historical dictionary covers ~50% of our subject terms
- Domain specific dictionaries (Archeology, Ukiyo-e) cover ~75% of our subject terms
- Rest 25% of our subject terms should accompany more general one.
- Getty AAT covers ~12% of our subjects



DISCUSSION

Input Wikidata entry first and suggest them to AAT? or the other way? (cf. CC0 vs ODC-By)