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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Kenji Niki, M.L.S.**, librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on April 29, 2011.

Mr. Niki received his B.A. degree from Sophia University (Japan) in 1973, his M.A. degree from St. John's University in 1979, and his M.L.S. degree from Pratt Institute in 1983. He served as the Japanese librarian at St. John's University Library (1979-83), Japanese curator at the East Asia Library of Columbia University (1986-92), and Asian collection librarian at St. John's University Library (1992-99) before joining the University of Michigan faculty as senior associate librarian in 1999. He was promoted to librarian in 2006 and served as interim co-director of the Asia Library from 2003-08.

As curator of the Japanese collection and coordinator for acquisition operations, Mr. Niki made significant contributions to the Asia Library and the Japanese language collection. With his expertise in Japanese language and culture, Mr. Niki selected thousands of Japanese materials each year to support the relevant academic programs on campus. He established close relations with faculty and students with academic interest in Japan and offered high-quality reference services to library users. As an *ex officio* member of the Center for Japanese Studies Committee, he participated in many scholarly events. Within the library, he was respected for his profound professional knowledge, easy-going personality, and willingness to provide help whenever needed. Mr. Niki was active in national professional organizations, including the Council on East Asian Libraries, the Japan Foundation Library Support Advisory Group, and the National Coordinating Committee for Japanese Library Resources. He has published articles on library science, given presentations at professional conferences, and co-authored the *National Union List of Current Japanese Serials in North America*.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for his dedicated service by naming **Kenji Niki librarian emeritus**.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

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