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As some of you have been informed via the Facebook announcements a while ago, we have completed processing of a collection of ephemera (brochures, flyers, advertisements, pamphlets) material related to LGBTQ communities in Japan. Below please find a link to the finding aid and a description of the materials.

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We are also looking to expand and improve the collection in the future so any feedback or directions for further exploration from researchers would be appreciated.

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Japanese lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer collection

Finding Aid: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ms.2067 [1]

The collection consists of fliers, newsletters, brochures, and other educational material published and distributed by Japanese lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) organizations, primarily from the Tokyo area. Materials focus on gay and bisexual men’s health, sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention and testing, and community activities for HIV positive individuals. The collection includes publications documenting bars and clubs, community spaces and support services, art and cultural events, and political activism, as well as newsletters from
over thirty LGBTQ organizations located in Tokyo and other regions of Japan. Materials date from 1993 to 2016.