

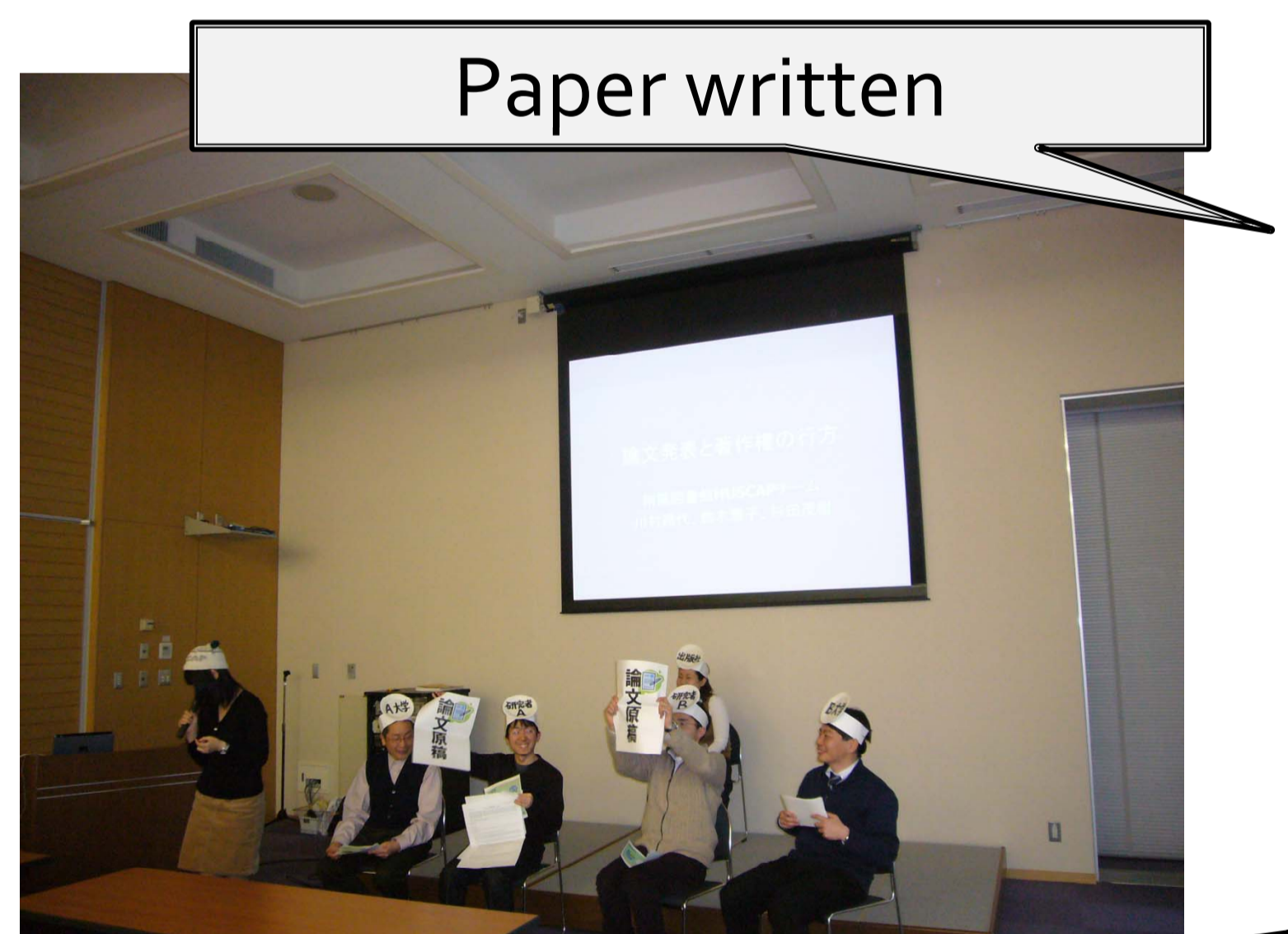
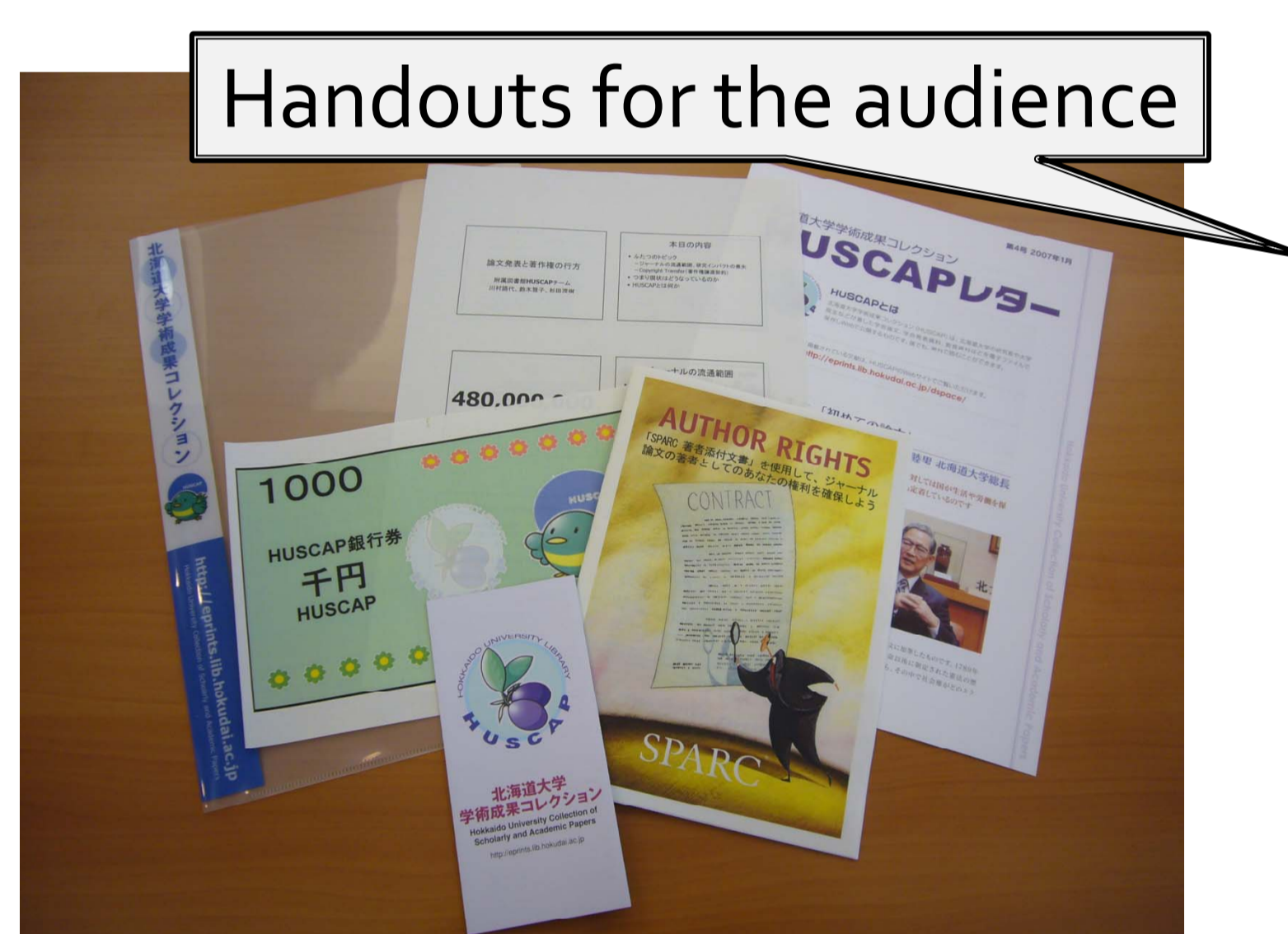
A Comedy Skit "Author Rights"

to be performed by library staff for encouraging authors' self-archiving

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- In IR promotion, it is tough to adequately explain the technical notions such as "Serials Crisis", "Open Access", "Author Rights" within a short oral presentation.
- A comedy skit was written by Hokkaido University which describes the idea of Green OA essentially and primitively.
- Casting

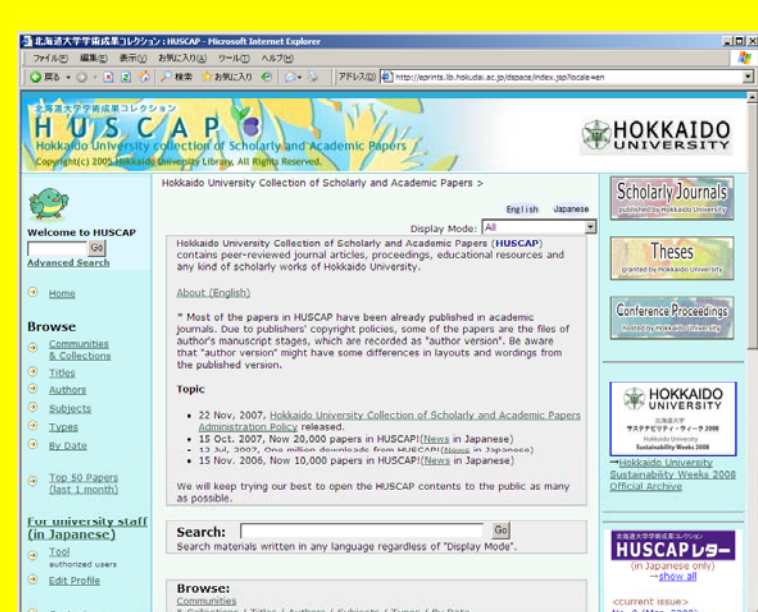


The Scenario (15 minutes)

- The audience (citizens) pay taxes to the government.
- The government hands budget to each university. JPY 2,000 for Univ-A and JPY 1,000 for Univ-B.
- Each clerk hands the research funds (JPY 200) to each researcher.
- Each researcher writes a paper and submits it to the publisher.
- Peer-reviewed and accepted.
- "Sign the Copyright Transfer Form and pay JPY 100 as submission fee" says the publisher.
- New season comes and the publisher says "Pay JPY 1,000 for the journal subscription".
- Univ-A can pay and Univ-B cannot.
- The facilitator talk to the audience. "Dr. A seems happy, but really? Dr. A's cannot have Dr. B read his/her paper! And how about you? Originally the money was your tax, but you haven't enjoyed the fruit! The repository will make it better!"



- Performed at IR briefing meetings in Hokkaido University
 - "Easy to understand!", "Do it again at the regular faculty meeting"
 - Reenacted in the University of Tsukuba, Ochanomizu University, Otaru University of Commerce and many Open Access related workshops in Japan.



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