Exhibit A
User License Agreement

Application by an Organization to Use the Nihon Keizai Shimbun Text Research Collection distributed by the Linguistic Data Consortium (LDC) of the University of Pennsylvania

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