

# History of Science and Technology in Japan\*

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## 1. Introduction

Japan took her first step towards modernization with the Meiji Restoration of 1868. *Nihon Kagaku-Gijutsu-shi Taikei (History of Science and Technology in Japan)* covers the period 1853–1960. It is a fact worthy of special attention in modern world history that Japan, having become conscious of her status as a non-European nation during the latter part of the 19th century, groped to find a way of self-modernization and began to tread the road to industrialization.

In 1960, the History of Science Society of Japan planned to publish as its twenty year commemoration publication a series of source books on the history of science and technology in Japan since 1853. Entitled *Nihon Kagaku-Gijutsu-shi Taikei*, this series consists of historical surveys, sources, documents with commentaries, together with many illustrations. (The proportion is approximately 80% historical materials and 20% explanatory descriptions.)

The following gives the translated title of each volume:

Vol. 1	Outline History I	(Chief Editor, M. Yuasa)
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3	Outline History III	( " K. Oka)
4	Outline History IV	( " C. Kamatani, T. Tsuji, T. Hirose)
5	Outline History V	( " C. Kamatani, T. Tsuji, T. Hirose)
6	Philosophy	( " T. Tsuji)
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9	Education II	( " S. Ooya, M. Hara)
10	Education III	( " K. Itakura, J. Hasegawa)

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