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*Shibusawa Eiichi Denki Shiryo* Digital Version

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The *Shibusawa Eiichi Denki Shiryo* is now available in a digital version from the Information Resources Center, Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation. The details are as follows.
The Shibusawa Eiichi Denki Shiryo - From Print to Digital Version

The Shibusawa Eiichi denki shiryo is a 68-volume set of materials on not only the personal achievements of Eiichi but also a variety of topics such as economic development, private-sector diplomacy, philanthropy, society education, religion, and culture in Japan from the end of the Edo period through the Meiji, Taisho, and Showa eras. The digital version allows users to search the full text and view images of pages from the print edition.

Structure of the Denki Shiryo

The Shibusawa Eiichi denki shiryo was compiled with the goal of creating not a biography, but a “resource for the writing biographies.” It is made up of headings and summaries of events (content summaries) followed by materials related to each event.

A. Headings
Book, part, chapter, and section titles as listed in the table of contents (arranged by topic in chronological order)

B. Content Summary 1
Summary of an event (approx. 7,500 summaries in total)
C. Materials 1-1
D. Materials 1-2
Reference materials illustrating event described in B (approx. 38,000 in total for an average of five reference materials per content summary)

B. Content Summary 2
C. Materials 2-1
D. Materials 2-2

As a Chronology
Detailed table of contents includes the headings and a listing of the content summaries for the volume giving you a chronological overview of Eiichi’s life as well as modern Japanese history in general.

As a Collection of Materials
The main body of the digital version of the Denki shiryo is structured in the same way as the print version - with headings, content summary, and materials. Content can be viewed both as full text webpages and images of pages from the print version.

Multiple entry points to content:
1) Keyword search (basic and detailed):
   Free keyword search of entire contents of the digital Denki shiryo
2) Volume links:
   Overall table of contents (headings) with links to each volume
3) Table of Contents (with summaries):
   Volume by volume listing of headings and content summaries
4) List of Materials:
   Lists of materials included in each content summary
5) Authors List:
   List of the authors of all the materials included in the Denki shiryo
There are multiple ways to search the contents of the digital Denki shiryo. You can choose from the following links on the home page:

1. Keyword search
2. Volume links (to individual volumes within the Denki shiryo)
3. Tables of Contents (volume by volume)
4. Lists of Materials (for each content summary)
5. Read the full text
6. Authors List (of materials included in the Denki shiryo)

The page also includes explanatory notes and the site map.

You can search for up to 8 keywords at a time (separate words with a space).

You can select what type of pages (tables of contents, lists of materials, full text, and authors list) and the volume numbers to be searched.

Search results are listed with the page type, volume number, and the keyword highlighted in a short section of text.

The Shibusawa Eichi denki shiryo is divided chronologically into three books which are further divided thematically (into parts, chapters, sections, and sub-sections).

The table of contents for each volume includes the divisions and content summaries in that volume as well as links to the lists of materials and full text for each entry.
Authors List (individuals only)

1. The author list page lists materials penned by Shibusawa Eichi by volume number, all other Japanese authors in Japanese syllabic order, and non-Japanese authors in alphabetical order.

2. Authors are listed under their most common name. Those with pennames and variant readings or spellings include a note to the right of the table.

3. Clicking on an author link will take you to a list of links to all materials in the Denki shiryo by that author.

List of Materials (with full text and page images)

Each content summary has a List of Materials page and a Full Text page.

Navigation buttons at the top of these pages allow you to jump between the two and to the next content summary in the volume.

Items in the list of materials are linked to the full text version.

The “page image” button on the full text page links to an image of the corresponding page from the print version that opens in a separate window.

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When conducting research into Japan’s modern history we invite you to take advantage of this exhaustive and reliable resource now available in digital form!

— Shibusawa Eichi Memorial Foundation
Composition of the Denki Shiryo

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Published: 1955-1971

Contents

Time period: 1840-1940 (from Eiichi’s birth to 9 years after his death)
Field: economics, politics, diplomacy, education, religion, culture
Type of primary sources: diaries, correspondence, business reports, official documents, books, newspaper and magazine articles, lectures, photographs

Eiichi’s involvements divided into categories

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