

News About *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.

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デジタル版『渋沢栄一伝記資料』

<https://eiichi.shibusawa.or.jp/denkishiryo/digital/main/>

Who was Shibusawa Eiichi ?

Shibusawa Eiichi (1840-1931) was a leading figure in the development of Japan's modern society. A dynamic force in the industrial world, he was involved in the founding and management of approximately 500 enterprises and roughly 600 philanthropic social organizations.

The Shibusawa Eiichi denki shiryo
(Shibusawa Eiichi Biographical Materials):
An invaluable source of information
on Japan's modern history -
Digital Version now available!

Photo: Shibusawa Memorial Museum

The Shibusawa Eiichi Denki Shiryō - From Print to Digital Version

The Shibusawa Eiichi denki shiryō 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 Shiryō

The Shibusawa Eiichi denki shiryō 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.

Print version

As a Chronology

Detailed table of contents includes the headings and a listing of the content summaries for the volume gives you a chronological overview of Eiichi's life as well as modern Japanese history in general!

Table of contents with content summaries

As a Collection of Materials

The main body of the digital version of the Denki shiryō 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:**
- a) Keyword search (basic and detailed): Free keyword search of entire contents of the digital Denki shiryō
 - b) Volume links: Overall table of contents (headings) with links to each volume
 - c) Table of Contents (with summaries): Volume by volume listing of headings and content summaries
 - d) List of Materials: Lists of materials included in each content summary
 - e) Authors List: List of the authors of all the materials included in the Denki shiryō

Full text webpage showing the heading, content summary, and materials



page image

Authors List (individuals only)

① The author list page lists materials penned by Shibusawa Eiichi 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 shiryō* by that author.

If you are unsure of the reading of a name in kanji characters, you can use the name in a keyword search and select only "authors list" pages from the page options menu.

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.

- The inclusion of the full text of materials is based on Japanese copyright law. In cases where materials are still under copyright protection the full text and page images are not available online.
- Materials have been replicated faithfully with the exception of some kanji characters that have been modernized.
- Scholarly use of the contents of the digital *Denki shiryō* is allowed, but for all other use please refer to detailed information on the web site.

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 Eiichi Memorial Foundation

Composition of the *Denki Shiryo*

Main Volumes

Volume	Book	Part	Chapters (selected)
1-3			1. Formative Years and Service to the Hitotsubashi Family and the Meiji Government (1840-1873)
			1. Formative Years Childhood; Loyalist Youth 2. Exile and Years of Service Service to the Shogunate; Service to the Ministry of Popular Affairs and the Ministry of Finance
4-29			2. Building the Japanese Economy and Contributing to Public and Social Works (1873-1909)
			1. Business and the Economy Finance; Transportation; Commerce and Industry; Mining and Extraction; Agriculture, Ranching, Forestry, and Fisheries; Foreign Enterprises; Economic Organizations and Various Private Sector Associations; Political Associations 2. Public and Social Works Social Programs; International Friendship; Morality and Religion; Education; Scholarly and Other Cultural Projects; Politics and Local Administration; Military-related Projects 3. Personal Affairs Home Life; Honors; Friends and Acquaintances; Travel; Retirement from the Business World; Residence
			3. Contributing to Social Welfare, International Understanding, and Education (1909-1931)
30-57			1. Public and Social Works Social Programs; Cooperation between Labor and Capital and Other Integration Projects; International Friendship; Morality and Religion; Education; Scholarly and Other Cultural Projects; Administration; Various Military-related Projects 2. Business and the Economy Finance; Transportation and Communication; Commerce and Industry; Mining; Agriculture, Ranching, Forestry, and Fisheries; Foreign Enterprises; Economic Organizations and Various Private Sector Associations; Various Political Associations 3. Personal Affairs Home Life; Honors; Friends and Acquaintances; Travel; Death; Will; Succession; Commemorative Projects
58	Index		Chronology by Industry; General Table of Contents; Index to the Table of Contents

Supplementary Volumes

1-2	Diary (1868-1930); List of Meeting Dates and Times
3-4	Correspondence; List of Addresses
5-8	Lectures and Talks
9	Calligraphy
10	Photographs

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

Eiichi's Age (years)	<i>Denki shiryo</i> Category	Number of Companies and Organizations
0-33 (1840-1873)	Personal Affairs	-
33-91 and after (1873-1940)	Business and the Economy	500
	Public and Social Works	600
	Personal Affairs	-

Can be used as an information resource for the study of Japan's modern history.

Vols. 1-57 now available online!
Please check out!



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