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278 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
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Luminosity / Porosity / Steven Holl
Tokyo : TOTO Shuppan (TOTO Ltd.), c2006
248 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
4-88706-270-2
\$ 30.00

[Luminosity / Porosity investigates aspects of porosity and light, the fusion of architecture, urbanism and landscape and ultimately the fusion of matter and spirit. The former arguments for fusion of architecture, urbanism and landscape can be reinforced with a testament for the fusion of spirit and matter as well as fusion of light with form, shade and shadow. Rather than a pre-occupation with independent object-like forms, it is experimental phenomena of spatial sequences within, around and between which triggers emotions and joy in the experience of architecture.]

Herzog & de Meuron 2002-2006 / Edited by Naomi Shibata
Tokyo : A+U Publishing Co., Ltd., c2006
324 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
4-900211-62-1
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\$ 97.50 (Including Air Mail Delivery)

Hiroshi Hara Discrete City (4 Vol.set) / Ciudad Discreta and Hiroshi Hara
Tokyo : TOTO Shuppan (TOTO Ltd.), c2004
4v. : ill. ; 26 cm.
4-88706-247-8
In Japanese and English
\$ 49.50
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Jun Aoki Complete Works 2 – Aomori Museum of Art / Text by Jun Aoki, Noi Sawaragi and Hideyuki Nakayama
Tokyo : Inax Publishing, c2006
218 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.
4-87275-136-1
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Architectural – Structural survey of Hagia Sophia (Contour Maps) / Edited by Kenichiro Hidaka, Tatsuki Sato
Japan : Hagia Sophia surveying project, c2006
326 p. : ill. ; 35 cm.
Includes Maps.
4-8055-0479-X
\$ 650.00

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Business

Nurturing the Samurai Mind : one of Japan's most successful entrepreneur shares universal principles on the cultivation of highly capable and intensely loyal staff / Kesao Fukae
Tokyo : EShuncho-sha, c2005
xxvi, 164 p. ; 21 cm.
4-915096-80-7
\$ 25.00

[Nurturing the Samurai Mind is an inspirational handbook for business people who crave a fresh approach to succeeding in the corporate world without losing their souls. Kesao Fukae, Japan's leading economic warrior, distills the wisdom of his forty years' experience and tells how he logged record sales, cultivated legions of repeat customers and loyal employees, and built an empire by championing compassion, decency, and love. Whether you are a corporate CEO, an ambitious midlevel manager, or a small-business owner, you cannot fail to be moved by this book's gentle advice for success. Fukae dispenses Japanese-style insight on such topics as:

- Surrounding yourself with people who radiate the success you dream of
- Setting goals and envisioning where you want to be today, tomorrow, and years from now
- Cultivating a maturity beyond your years
- Speaking frankly but courteously, even to close friends
- Adroitly avoiding financial schemes too good to be true.
- Properly honoring the ones you love
- And much more

Packed with anecdotes, fables, and astute observations on the winning behaviors of successful people, Nurturing the Samurai Mind will help anyone go confidently in the direction of their dreams.]

Working Japanese : Conflict, cultural difference, and the Japanese multinational in Southeast Asia / Jun Onishi
Philippines : Center for research and communication foundation Inc., c2006
xix, 249 p. ; 23 cm.
Includes index.
971-91786-4-7
\$ 15.00

[In working Japanese: Conflict, cultural differences, and the Japanese multinational in Southeast Asia, Onishi trains his sights on Japanese companies that have set up affiliates in Southeast Asia, especially in Thailand. He asks: how does conflict arise between Japanese managers and their local subordinates, and how can such conflict be avoided or eased? Drawing upon his extensive field research as well as his own experience in the multicultural workplace, Onishi's ideas into the interplay of culture and conflict are thought-provoking, often surprising, and immensely instructive. Working Japanese makes an important contribution to both the theory and practice of management.]

Gender and Japanese Management / Kimiko Kimoto ; Translated by Teresa Castelvetera
Melbourne : Trans Pacific Press, c2005
xiv, 274 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
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ISSN : 1443-9670 (Japanese Society Series)
Japanese Society Series
\$ 39.95

Cinema Studies

Ozu Yasujiro's Two Post - War Films - Late Spring -Early Summer / Translated from the Japanese by D.A. Rajakaruna
Colombo : Godage International Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., c2006
vii, 177 p. ; 22 cm.
Japanese Classic Screenplays
955-20-8936-0
\$ 15.00

Economics

Shrinking-Population Economics : Lessons from Japan / Matsutani Akihiko ; Translated by Brian Miller
Second English Edition (First English Edition March 2006)
Tokyo : International House of Japan, Inc., c2006
xiv, 200 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Includes Index
4-903452-03-4

\$ 19.50

[Japan's population has been aging for years. And now it is shrinking. Policy makers and corporate planners are understandably concerned. A smaller and older workforce will mean a decline in productive potential. Declining tax revenues will starve already-strapped municipalities. Regions and industries accustomed to subsisting on public works spending will lose their traditional grubstakes. Japan's pension and health insurance programs will become unviable.

Although the demographic writing has been on Japan's walls for decades, Japanese have been largely oblivious to the impending change. The nation is utterly unprepared for the increasingly conspicuous implications of population shrinkage and aging. Government, business, academia, and the mass media are rushing to come to terms with the new demographic realities. Their haste is all too evident in a flurry of unfounded pronouncements and half-baked theories about Japan's social and economic prospects.]

Interfirm Relations under Late Industrialization in China : The Supplier System in the Motorcycle Industry / Moriki OHARA

Chiba, Japan : Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization, c2006 x, 154 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

I.D.E. Occasional Papers Series No.40

4-258-52040-3

\$ 36.25

[How different are the development paths of major Chinese national manufacturers from those of the dominant Japanese firms and of other Asian latecomers? What brought about these differences? This study attempts to answer these questions through an in-depth comparative analysis based on repeated field surveys carried out between China and Japan on the interfirm divisions of labor that have been formed by indigenous motorcycle makers and parts suppliers to fit their respective domestic demand and market institutions. As China developed rapidly into the world's largest producer of motorcycles in the 1990s, numerous firms with homogenous capabilities emerged in a short period of time. In the ensuing decade or more, the major firms have been continuously conducting "minor-change-type" development without showing any clear signs of escaping from the fierce price competition. These features are major complementary factors behind the formation and evolution of their specific interfirm organizations-the "isolated type" supplier system. This study, adopting the late industrialization approach, explores the essential features of the industrial development process in contemporary China and its international competitive advantages.]

Asian International Input-Output Table 2000- Vol.1 : Explanatory Notes

Japan : Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization, c2006 292 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.

I.D.E. Statistical Data Series No.89

4-258-12089-8

\$ 65.00

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Part 1: Compilation of the Asian international input-output table
Part 2: Compilation of national input-output table
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Asian International Input-Output Table 2000- Vol.2 : Data
Japan : Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization, c2006
344 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
I.D.E. Statistical Data Series No.90
4-258-12090-1
\$ 72.50

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General – Cookery

The Book of Sake : A Connoisseur's Guide / Philip Harper
Tokyo : Kodansha International, c2006
96 p. : ill. ; 27 cm.
Includes Index
4-7700-2998-5
\$ 36.75

[Once found only in sushi bars and Japanese restaurants outside its native land, sake now lines the shelves of our gourmet food shops, liquor stores, supermarkets, and restaurants of all types. And as sake increasingly becomes a part of the way we dine and entertain, people everywhere are looking for guidance in sorting out the confusing and intimidating array of choices available. In the Book of Sake, brew master Philip Harper provides all the information anyone needs to discover the many pleasures of Japan's national tippie. Harper, the only non-Japanese to rise to the official rank of Master Brewer, describes

- how to find each sake's sweet spot
 - how to distinguish all types of sake
 - how to enjoy their distinctive flavor and bouquet
 - what makes a good sake
 - how to match sake with food
 - where sake is made, and its regional flavor
 - how sake is made
 - how professional tasters judge sake
 - how to have a home sake-testing party and much more.]
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History

Lightning in the Void : The Authentic History of Miyamoto Musashi / John Carroll
Tokyo : Printed Matter Press, c2006
518 p. ; 21 cm.
1-933606-02-9

\$ 32.50

[In what is certain to be a controversial book, John Carroll presents a totally new and deeply disturbing portrait of the renowned swordsman Miyamoto Musashi. It will change forever the way you think about this Japanese popular hero and cultural icon.

Carroll describes his first novel as an "exploration of Buddhist themes against the backdrop of the Musashi legend." The book introduces the reader to various elements of a society which was as violent and as vital as Italy during the Renaissance. It is a Japan that will surpass your widest imaginings!]

Politics, Memory and Public Opinion : The History Textbook Controversy and Japanese Society / Sven Saaler

Tokyo : Deutschen Institut fur Japanstudien, c2005

202 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography

Monographien Band 39

3-89129-849-8

\$ 71.00

[This volume explores the political and social backgrounds of the ongoing history textbook controversy in Japan. In Chapter 1, the resurgence since the 1990s of the conservative interpretation of history known as historical revisionism is identified as the major reason for the renewed debate. Chapter 2 demonstrates that, as a consequence of this strong connection between revisionism and politics, perspectives on Japan's recent history underlying the "culture of memory" as it is manifested in the public sphere –in memorials, museums and ceremonies–are increasingly similar to those advocated by historical revisionism. This is particularly true regarding the interpretation of the Asia-Pacific War (1931-1945), which here is often depicted as a defensive war or as a war waged for the "liberation" of Asia.

In Chapter 3, a number of opinion surveys inquiring into the "historical consciousness" of the Japanese are analyzed. The explosive character of the history textbook controversy above all reflects the discrepancy between the historical views of the political class and those presented in the public sphere, and those predominant in the wider society on the other.]

Politics of Memory and History: Shusen in Japanese "Apologetic" Historiography / Hui-yu Caroline Ts'ai

Taipei : ISEAR PROSEA Information Service for East Asian Research, Program for Southeast Asian Area Studies, Academia Sinica, 1999

29 p. ; 30 cm.

Includes Bibliography

ISEAR Occasional Paper No.8, August 1999

\$ 5.00

Toppamono : Outlaw, Radical, Suspect. My Life in Japan's Underworld / Miyazaki Manabu

Tokyo : Kotan Publishing, Inc., c2005

xviii, 460 p. ; 23 cm.

Includes Index and Maps.

0-9701-7162-5
\$ 65.00

[Shot, stabbed, and beaten, Miyazaki Manabu somehow emerged intact from his first fifty years to put his astonishing life story down on paper. Born the son of a yakuza boss in 1945, he grew up in a household of gang members and social misfits before his conversion to Marxism launched him into the violent world of 1960s student radicalism. After dropping out of university and spending a brief sojourn in South America, he became a reporter on a fast-rising weekly magazine. Called back home to Kyoto to take over the family demolition business, he was plunged into a maelstrom of bankruptcy and debt, forcing him to raise funds however he could. Along the way, he became the chief suspect in one of Japan's most sensational criminal cases-still unsolved-before getting caught up in the crazy years of Japan's bubble economy, when land speculators tipped their favorite bar hostesses millions of yen and Dom Perignon flowed like water. More than just one man's incredible story, unflinchingly told, Toppamono is a sophisticated analysis of Japan's postwar half-century that will astound and enlighten.

Devastatingly critical of banks and bureaucrats, questioning of Japan's understanding of democracy, and cogent on the role played by the yakuza in Japanese society, this underground best seller, first published in 1996, will keep you enthralled until the very last page.]

A Social History of Science and Technology in Contemporary Japan – Volume 3 : High Economic Growth Period 1960-1969 / Edited by Shigeru Nakayama and Kunio Goto with Hitoshi Yoshioka

Melbourne : Trans Pacific Press, c2006

xii, 612 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

Includes Bibliography

1-8768-4329-2 (HB)

ISSN : 1443-9670 (Japanese Society Series)

Japanese Society Series

\$ 135.00

[This title is the third volume of a comprehensive survey documenting the miraculous growth of Japanese science and technology from post war devastation to attaining leading global status. The team of more than fifty Japanese experts labored for ten years in assembling the unique materials into a monumental work of careful scholarship. The study won the prestigious Mainichi Publications Award in 1995.

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Consolidated Bibliography.]

Literature

The Snake that Bowed / Okamoto Kido, Tr. Edward Seidensticker
Tokyo : Printed Matter Press, c2006
viii, 143 p. ; 22 cm.
1-933606-03-7
\$ 20.00

[Edward Seidensticker, translator of many works of twentieth-century Japanese literature and author of several books on Japan, brings to life three stories from Okamoto Kido's A Record of Hanschichi's Arrests (Hanschichi Torimonochō) in his latest book, The Snake that Bowed. Hanschichi, a fictional okappiki (police officer under the Tokugawa shogunate), was born in Nihombashi, the wealthiest part of Edo, pre-modern Tokyo. The opening story set in 1861, just a few years prior to the shogunate's overthrow and the rise of Tokyo—a severed alien head is found. In the other two stories, Seidensticker has Hanschichi going about his police work and working on the other two cases simultaneously. Through Hanschichi's intriguing detective work, glimpses of old Edo are marvelously exposed.]

Tokyo Fragments / Ryuji Morita, Tomomi Muramatsu, Mariko Hayashi, Makoto Shiina and Chiya Fujino
Tokyo : IBC Publishing, c2004
206 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
Includes a Map
4-925080-88-1
\$ 25.00

[What does Tokyo mean to you? Businessmen in gray suits? costumes? or could life in this city of 35 million souls have a little more variety and depth than the stereotypes would have us believe?

Find the answers here in Tokyo Fragments where five of Japan's most popular contemporary writers of fiction present their vision of life in different quarters of Japan's capital. Spend a day with Ryota and Hiroshi on the mean streets of Shinjuku, spying on visitors to the local love hotel and sniffing glue in station toilets. Eavesdrop on the regulars at a bar in the old town as they fantasize about a fellow-customer who claims to work in the insurance business—but may be more experienced at taking life than insuring it. Join Eriko as she hunts for Mr. Right in trendy western Tokyo. Can you judge men by the same standards you apply to consumer goods? May be you can... but you'd better watch out for counterfeits!

Experience Tokyo as you never have before: from the inside. These five stories break down the world's biggest city into fragments of experience anyone can relate to and enjoy.]

Inside and Other Short Fiction : Japanese women by Japanese women / Foreword by Ruth Ozeki ; Compiled by Cathy Layne
Tokyo : Kodansha International, c2006
238 p. ; 24 cm.
4-7700-3006-1
\$ 25.00

[Fresh, bold, and vibrant, Inside and other short fiction paints a vivid portrait of the lives of contemporary Japanese women through the most original, thoughtful, and cutting edge fiction from Japanese women writers today.

With provocative titles such as "Piss," "The Unfertilised Egg," and "My Son's Lips," these eight short stories explore the issue of female identity in a rapidly changing society, where

women have unprecedented sexual and economic freedom. From teens to fifties; married, single, divorced; the high school girl, the career woman, the sex worker, the housewife, the mother-this anthology deals frankly and explicitly with a broad range of women's experiences, and showcases the very best of recent writing by Japanese women.]

Official Publications

Statistical Handbook of Japan 2006 / Edited by Statistical Research and Training Institute, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan

Tokyo : Japan Statistical Association, c2006

xvi, 211 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

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Administrative reform in Japan : Trends in the latter half of the twentieth century and future directions in the twenty-first century / Toshiyuki Masujima

Tokyo : Institute of administrative management, 2006

143 p. ; 24 cm.

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Japan's zombie politics : A tragedy in four parts / Hajime Fujiwara

Taipei : Creation culture Co Ltd, c2006

iv, 318 p. ; 23 cm.

978-957-9567-78-7

\$ 39.50

[Though Japan still has the world's number-two economy, the rising sun is setting because of political incompetence and corruption. Japanese politics today is controlled by Zombies. The liberal democratic party, which did whatever it wanted in its fifty-year monopoly on Japanese politics, was in its last throes at the end of the twentieth century. But with the inauguration of Prime Minister Koizumi Junichiro and his Zombie Cohorts in 2001. This party

has come back from the dead. Since then, A darkness reminiscent of Walpurgis night has crept over Japan. Japan's national debt has reached nearly ten trillion dollars while Zombies have simultaneously protected vested interests and failed to make necessary reforms. Zombies have also misled the Japanese people about their shady pasts. It would be bad enough if Koizumi was an Isolated case. Unfortunately. He is just one of modern Japan's many Zombie politicians. Koizumi, whose own family parallels the rise and fall of modern Japan, is a copy cat of the ultra-nationalistic Kishi administration (1957-1960). Under Koizumi and his likely Zombie successors. Japan is showing ominous signs of neo-fascism.]

Japanese Politics : An Introduction / Takashi Inoguchi

Melbourne : Trans Pacific Press, c2005

x, 235 p. ; 22 cm.

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Essentials of Buddhist Scriptures : A Guide to the Major Sutras and Sacred Writings / Kodo Matsunami

Tokyo : Omega-Com, Inc. JABICS (Japanese Buddhism International Communications Service) Department, c2006

xxii, 272 p. ; 23 cm.

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Essentials of Buddhism Series

4-9902154-4-3 (HB)

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[This third volume in the Essentials of Buddhism Series explains the origins, development, and dissemination of the Buddhist scriptures. It also offers an overview of the texts most key to the vast canon. In so doing it reveals the nature of sutras.]

This volume is an English introduction to the Buddhist scriptures designed to respond to the needs of all people interested in Buddhist thought and teachings.

- An overview of the origin and content of over 150 representative sutras and writings from among the Buddhist scriptures, which are said to total 3,360.
- Readings of the sutras from our perspective as people living today and not simply as records of past teachings.
- Answers to such basic questions as how did the sutras come into being, why do so many exist, and are all of them the direct teachings of the Shakyamuni.
- Commentary on the ways in which the sutras were translated into various languages and changes in the form of the sutra books themselves.
- An introduction to the texts emphasized by the respective Buddhist schools and to those that apply to everyday life situations.]

Sociology

Getting Wet : Adventures in the Japanese Bath / Eric Talmadge

Tokyo : Kodansha International Ltd., c2006

256 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

4-7700-3020-7

1. Bathing customs--Japan

2. Prostitution--Japan

\$ 34.50

[A rollicking dip into Japanese culture, Getting Wet is one man's journey from his home tub into the many facets of the country's bathing scene, where he learns, among other things, that:

- the number of Japanese who die in the bath each year rivals the number killed in traffic accidents
- Tokyo's largest bathing theme park celebrated the arrival of its one-millionth visitor within one year of its opening
- archaeological digs suggest the Japanese were bathing in hot springs 10,000 years ago; aristocrats were singing their praises more than 1,000 years ago.
- direct descendents of feudal-era public bath attendants called "hot water girls" are a central part of Japan's sex industry
- an American-born Japanese who was denied entry into a bath took his case all the way to the Japanese Supreme Court

electroshock therapy is alive and well, and coursing through a popular kind of tub found in public baths.]

Trends in Crime Rates in Postwar Japan: A Structural Perspective / Won-Kyu Park

Japan: Kuniaki Tachibana, Shinzansha Co., c2006

xii, 255 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.

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A Nagging Sense of Job Security : The New Reality Facing Japanese Youth / Genda Yuji ;
Translated by Jean Connell Hoff
Second Edition (First Edition Published by the International House of Japan, Inc., 2005)
Tokyo : I-House Press, c2006
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Domestic and Social Origins of Land Reform in Japan: Landlord System, Village Community,
and Bureaucracy / Noriaki Iwamoto
Taipei : ISEAR PROSEA, Information Service for East Asian Research, Program for Southeast
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15 p. ; 30 cm.
ISEAR Occasional Paper No.4, April-1999
\$ 6.00

From Tenant to Owner Cultivator : An Analysis of the Diary of NISHIYAMA Kouichi / Sonoko
Kumagai-Matsuda
Taipei : ISEAR PROSEA, Information Service for East Asian Research, Program for Southeast
Asian Area Studies, Academia Sinica, 1999

15 p. ; 30 cm.
Includes Bibliography
ISEAR Occasional Paper No.3, April-1999
\$ 6.00

A Sociology of Happiness : Japanese Perspectives / Edited by Kenji Kosaka
Australia : Trans Pacific Press, [The Center for the Study of Social Research for the Enhancement of Human Well-being, Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya, Japan], c2006

xviii, 220 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
1-876843-28-4 (PB)
1-876843-27-6 (HB)
Advanced Social Research Series- Vol.1
\$ 42.00

[This book explores issues of happiness from a wide variety of sociological perspectives. It includes: a meta-analysis of suffering: an axiomatic approach to constructing a disadvantage index; a proposal for a new qualitative methodology for social science research; a Nietzschean analysis of happiness; a proposal to codify linguistic rights drawing on notions of the universal rights to pursue well-being ; an analysis of the role of folklore in articulating a society's implicit understandings of happiness and suffering; a critical exploration of the impact of social surveillance on happiness; and a clinical sociological approach to happiness and unhappiness.]

Inequality amid Affluence : Social Stratification in Japan / Junsuke Hara and Kazuo Seiyama ; Translated by Brad Williams
Australia : Trans Pacific Press, [The Center for the Study of Social Stratification and Inequality, Tohoku University, Japan], c2005

xxxii, 202 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
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Australia : Trans Pacific Press, c2006

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[Unlike religions in the West which require that human sexuality be repressed to the point that it is traumatizing rather than nurturing, Shinto, the native religion of Japan, recognized, respected and celebrated the sensual side of life with gusto. The Japanese were thus saved from the fears, frustrations and violence that result when this natural and essential human need is denied and subverted. The sexual attitudes and customs of present-day Japanese continue to reflect this ancient wisdom in ways that are both practical and imaginative. Sex and the Japanese reveals the ins and outs of these attitudes and customs, from the institutions of "love hotels" and erotic massage parlors, weekend trysts at hot spring spas, the use of cell phones and the Internet, to well-publicized date clubs and escort services.]
