

PREFACE

In the fall of 1966 I returned to the United States on my fifth visit, this time to teach as a visiting professor of Japanese History at the University of California at Berkeley during the academic years 1966-1968. There I was very impressed and gratified to witness the enthusiastic efforts by which fellow colleagues and students pursued their studies on Japan. Their work was indicative of the remarkable progress made in Japanese studies in the post-war years, not only in America, but in the Western World as a whole. This progress is reflected in the increasing importance that studies on Japan occupy at Western institutions of higher learning and by the quality of the scholarship both in its scope and depth.

My experience at Berkeley impressed upon me more than ever the necessity for an up-to-date comprehensive bibliography on Japanese studies. While there have been several excellent, authoritative bibliographies edited by Western scholars to come out in the past, because of the rapid advances in Japanese studies, these previous publications are no longer adequate to the task of contemporary research.

As a professor and long time student of Japanese history I would like to share what experience and knowledge I have gained with other people interested in Japan and Japanese studies, just as so many people have freely shared the fruits of their efforts with me. Then to I hope to be able to make a contribution from the Japanese scholar's point of view to the furtherance of Japanese studies in the Western world. My efforts in compiling this bibliography will be amply justified if this, in its small way, helps promote greater mutual understanding and closer ties between people in Japan and the West.

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