



**THE NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY'S COLLECTION OF BOOKS PRINTED  
IN THE FIRST SHOWA PERIOD. CD-ROM Collection**

Following on from the Meiji Books Project, Maruzen Co. Ltd has published, in CD ROM format, approximately 35,000 books (50,000 volumes) of the original publications from the First Showa Period (1926-1948) covering all aspects of the social sciences. These books form part of the collection of the National Diet Library.

While the Meiji Books were published in microform about 14 years ago, it is only now that the first Showa Books are being published. They have been digitised in CD-Rom format so they can be utilized in local networks. The first Showa period covers the first 23 years of the era. The books collected cover most publications during these dates and as such represent a collective mirror like historical document from the time. Events discussed include the economic instability of the Showa Period, The Pacific War and Defeat in World War II etc. Approximately 30% of the books are what the Japanese call 'the prohibited books and pamphlets' which were never generally released. The reasons for prohibition are given as political, military, ethical, and social factors.

1. The social sciences contain 10 subjects, and each subject is subdivided in two (Individual Authors and Journals, Series and other publications).
2. Each subject is divided into many subsets. The subset is the minimum unit of sale.

**Price Information:**

For a complete set the price is ¥110,000 (US\$915 approx) per CD ROM

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