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RODUCT DESCRIPTION

- This is the first part of a new series to reprint all volumes of *The Japan Year Book* published in the pre-war period.
- Launched in 1905 and edited by Yoshitaro Takenobu, professor of Waseda University and a founding editor of *The Japan Times*, *The Japan Year Book* was one of the most influential periodical sources of information on Japan in early 20th century and was widely used and cited by overseas journalists, scholars and authors.
- Despite its fame and importance, very few libraries even in Japan hold the early volumes of *the Year Book* in their collection. This long-awaited new reprint will therefore be especially welcomed by libraries seeking to fill these gaps.

Press comment on the 1910 edition:-

***Financial Times* (May 30th , 1910)** – This very useful manual should be of greater service than ever this year, on the one hand, of the steady expansion of business between Great Britain and Japan and, on the other hand, of the interest which is now being directed to Anglo-Japanese matters by the exhibition at Shepherd’s-Bush. ... The book should prove extremely useful to those who desire information with regard to anything “Japanese”.

***The Times* (July 19th, 1910)** – Those who are interested in the Japanese Empire will find this little book of great value. It is to a larger extent what it claims to be – namely, “a complete cyclopaedia of general information and statistics on Japan”. The editor, Professor Y. Takenobu, of Waseda University, formerly editor of the *Japan Times*, is a well-known economist and writer, He has apparently spared no pains to include in the fifth annual volume of his publication the most recent data, and in many cases the figures have been brought down to 1909. Not the least important feature of the *Japan Year Book* is Chapter V., which comprises a “Who’s Who in Japan”. In the compilation of the Japanese number of *The Times* frequent reference has been made to Mr. Takenobu’s work, and in nearly all instances the information sought has been found.

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