





Informational Repository of Modern Japan History Over 130 Years

The Asahi Shimbun Online Newspaper Database

"Kikuzo II Visual"

The complete data for extra editions is accessible and article searches have been supplemented.

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Meiji Period: Asahi Shimbun premiere issue



Taisho Period:
The death of Natsume Soseki

pre-war Showa Period: The May 15 Incident



post-war Showa Period: Japan World Exposition





Kikuzo II Visual is an online database system which enables its users to read articles of the Asahi Shimbun Newspaper.

Now used in over 800 universities and institute around the world.



"Kikuzo II Visual" has become a database on the largest scale which enables its users to search articles carried by the Asahi Shimbun over the past 130 years.





As of November, 2010, all extra editions from Meiji, Taisho and Showa periods are accessible and content augmented.



You can also search extra editions by both publication date and keyword.



Kikuzo II Visual's article search

Searches are possible across Meiji, Taisho and Showa periods.

「Asahi Shimbun Reduced-size Facsimile Edition」

New!! As of November, 2011, all extra editions from Meiji, Taisho and Showa periods are accessible and content augmented.

> You can search from 1985 until the present.

Asahi Shimbun from 1985 to present, Shukan Asahi and AERA



Meiji + Taisho periods Database(1879 to 1926)

★Articles 1,530,000 ★Advertisements 780,000

+ Extra editions (new!)

pre-war Showa period Database(1926 to 1945)

★Articles 850,000

★Advertisements 470,000

+ Extra editions (new!)

post-war Showa period Database(1945 to 1989)

★Articles 2,150,000

+ Extra editions (new!)



- •Users can see the original newspaper as PDF files.
- •In addition to publication date and title, it is also possible to categorize searches based on names, places, and topical keywords.
- •It is possible to view pages from both the Tokyo headquarters and Osaka headquarters editions.



Visual comparison between the Tokyo and Osaka editions

It is possible to view pages from both the Tokyo headquarters and

Osaka headquarters editions.

Nationwide editions are displayed from the Meiji period



Osaka edition

First issue on January 25th of 1879 Size of Newspaper: 32cm×23cm



Tokyo edition

First issue on July 10th of 1888 Size of Newspaper: 50cm×36.5cm





The red marks appearing to left and right are easy indications for article searches.

Jul 31,1948 (Showa 23)
morning edition of the Asahi Shimbun
The London 1948
Summer Olympics
begins



Feature of database search system

History keyword



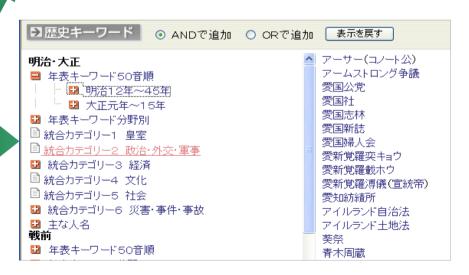
Reference to "History keyword"

(historical themes,

persons' names, and topics)

Reference to chronological table

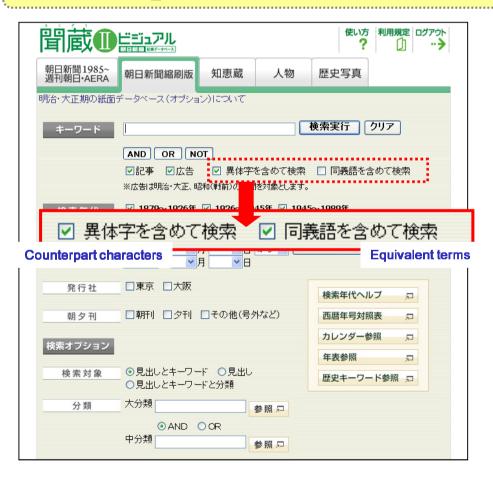






Feature of database search system

Counterpart characters and Equivalent terms



【Counterpart characters】(異体字)

•沢 and 澤, 国 and 國, 島 and 嶋
Users can search by either character.

< e.g. > 芥川竜之介 - 芥川龍之介

· and a, I and I

Even when searched by neglecting the difference between capital letters and small letters, users can get the same result.

< e.g. > キャッツ - キャッツ ジョージ5世 - ジョージ5世

【Equivalent terms】(同義語)

Users can search by either term because they are processed to mean the same issue.

< e.g. > 日露講和条約 - ポーツマス条約 欧州 - ヨーロッパ 英国 - イギリス



「Asahi Shimbun from 1985 to present, Shukan Asahi and AERA」

You can search from 1985 until the present.

★Articles 6,680,000 (2011.9.5) ★clipped images 2005.11 ~



- •Full text database & clipped images (PDF files)
- You can easily search in each edition of the Asahi Shimbun with the search criteria you require, such as complete keyword match, publication date, category and Chinese character variant.

Enriched contents

Contemporary Dictionary Chiezo

- ◆ Inculdes over 8,000 entries
- A new version is updated every spring.

Get to know remarkable individuals

- ◆ Includes over 36,000 entries
- ◆ The latest data arrives daily!
- Noted personage database
- Covering important figures from politics to research
- ◆ Incredible coverage on display

Wartime photographs bequeathed to the future

Asahi Shimbun Historical Photo Archived personage database

- ◆ An accumulation of wartime photographs rigidly selected by historical researchers
- More than 10,000 photographs are archived, the majority ranging from before and after the Manchurian Incident to after the defeat in war.



July,1937:Khalkhyn Gol Captured Soviet tank (Battles of Khalkhyn Gol)

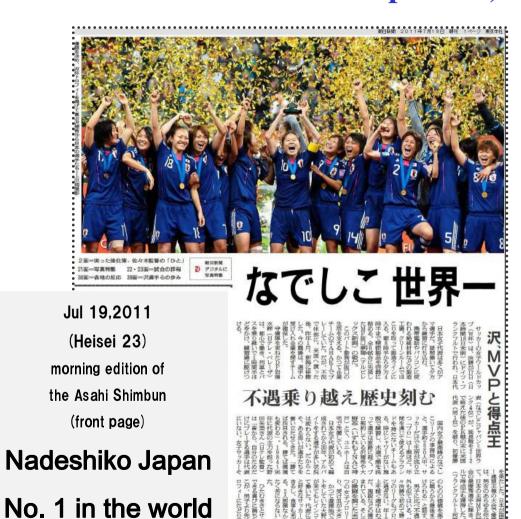


1934: Manchuria Modern Girls (Mo-Ga)





Search on most recent news from "Asahi Shimbun from 1985 to present, Shukan Asahi and AERA"



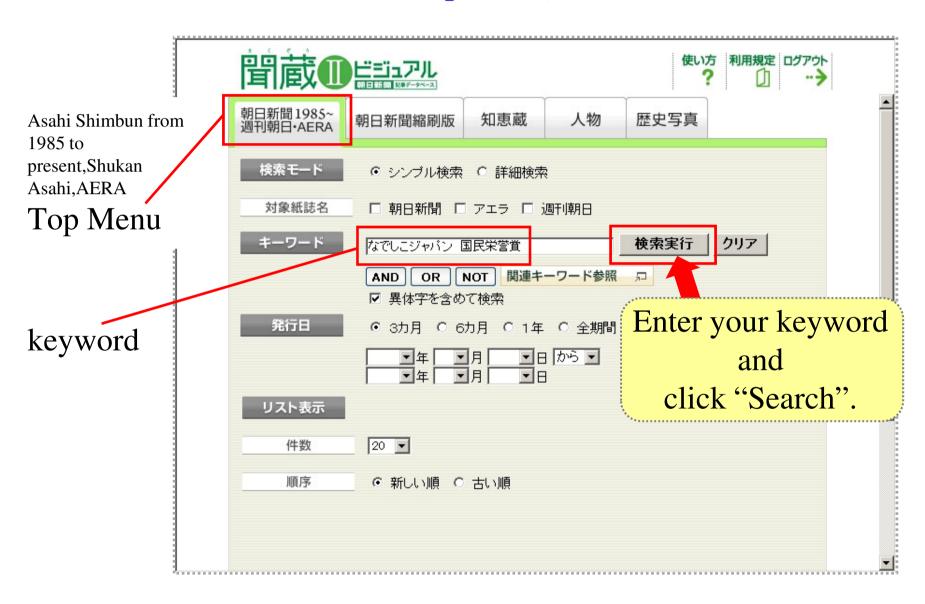
Let's do a search on Nadeshiko JAPAN and their acceptance of the People's Honor Award.



Nadeshiko (a pink)



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The full text of The article will be displayed.

If you click on the thumbnail, a clipping will be displayed.

Aug 19,2011
(Heisei 23)
morning edition of the Asahi Shimbun

Nadeshiko Japan accepts the People's Honor Award

朝日新聞 2011年8月19日 朝刊 32ページ 東京本社



たたえる盾と化粧筆 なでしこ国民栄誉賞

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The Asahi Shimbun

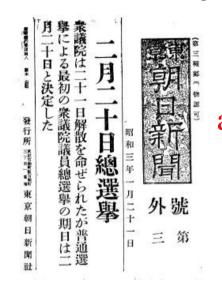
Clipping display (PDF)

Smiling, Player Sawa commented,
"I want to be able to
get a gold medal
at next year's London Olympics."



expanded its content.

First universal suffrage



Extra editions

From the premier issue of the Meiji period to the Showa period, all 7,000 extra editions can be searched.



Manchurian Incident



Russo-Japanese War

World War I

Searches on 4000 major news events are not only possible by publication date, but also keyword such as title, incident name, and person's name.





expanded its content.

Former
Prime Minister Tanaka
arrested



The Crown Princess of the Showa Period begins her reign.



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all 7,000 extra editions can be searched.





The Demise of the Showa Emperor



campaign against the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty

Searches on 4000 major news events are not only possible by publication date, but also keyword such as title, incident name, and person's name.



Search on Extra editions from "Asahi Shimbun Reduced-size Facsimile Edition"

Asahi Shimbun Reduced-size Facsimile Edition **Top Menu**

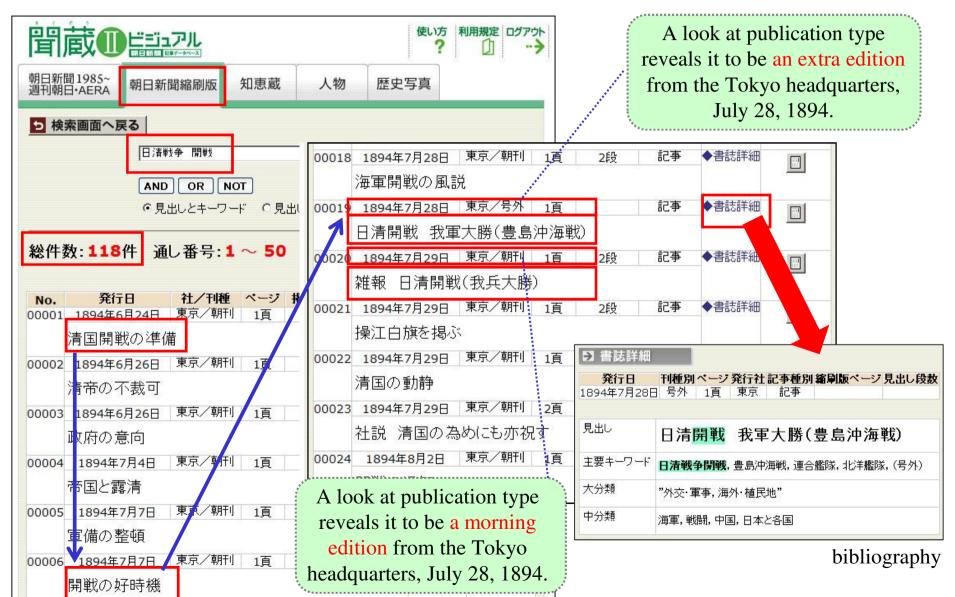
keyword

It's possible to search throughout Meiji,
Taisho and Showa Periods.





Search on Extra editions from "Asahi Shimbun Reduced-size Facsimile Edition"







Search on Extra editions from "Asahi Shimbun Reduced-size Facsimile Edition"

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Extra editionsPage image

July 28,1894 (Meiji 27) The Asahi Shimbun (Tokyo edition)

extra edition

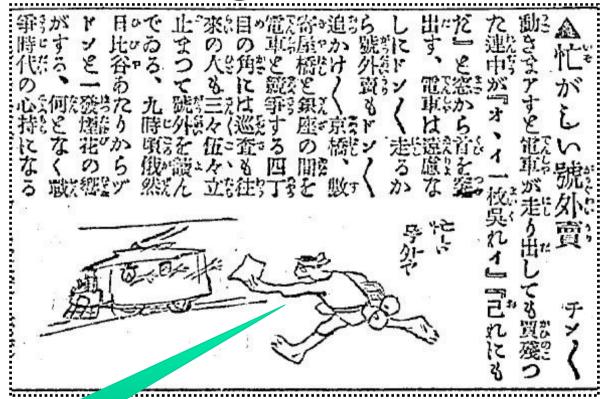
Outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War

(Victory of Japan)





selling extra editions



the present

GO-GAI!!

Aug.30 1910 (Meiji 43)
The Asahi Shimbun
(Tokyo edition)

Busy selling extra editions







Japan



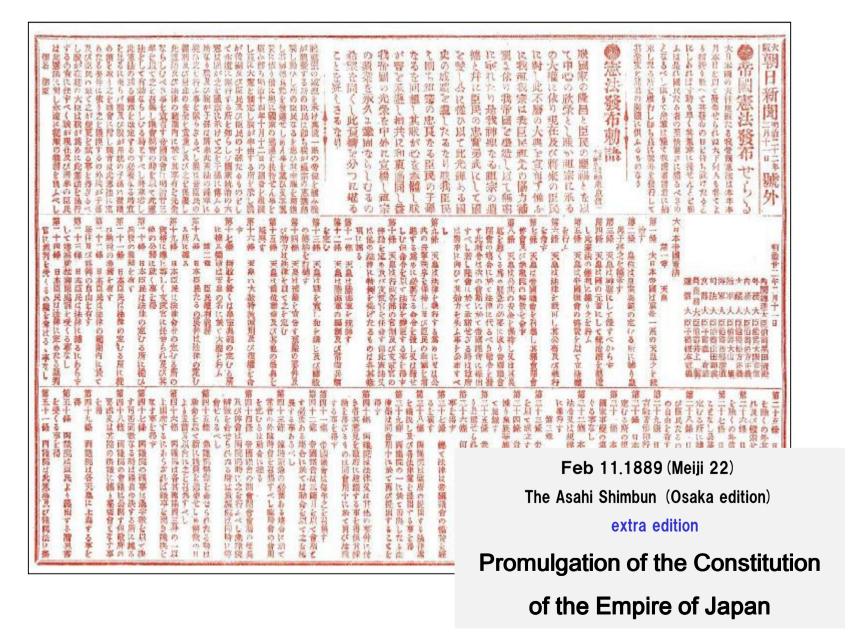
Feb 11.1889 (Meiji 22) The Asahi Shimbun (Osaka edition) extra edition

Promulgation of the Constitution of the Empire of Japan

Entire contents of the constitution of the Empire of



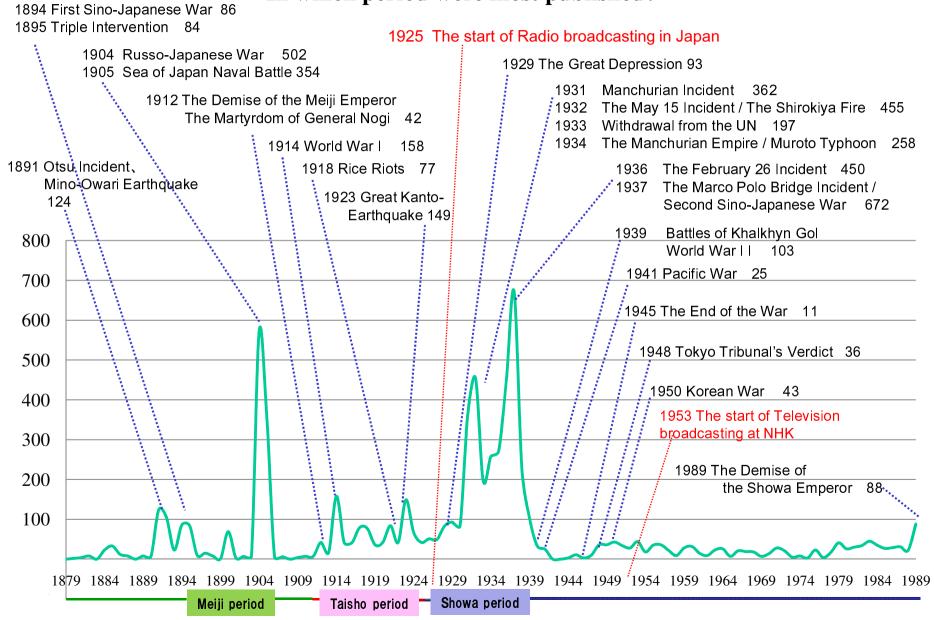






Look at the number of times extra editions were published.

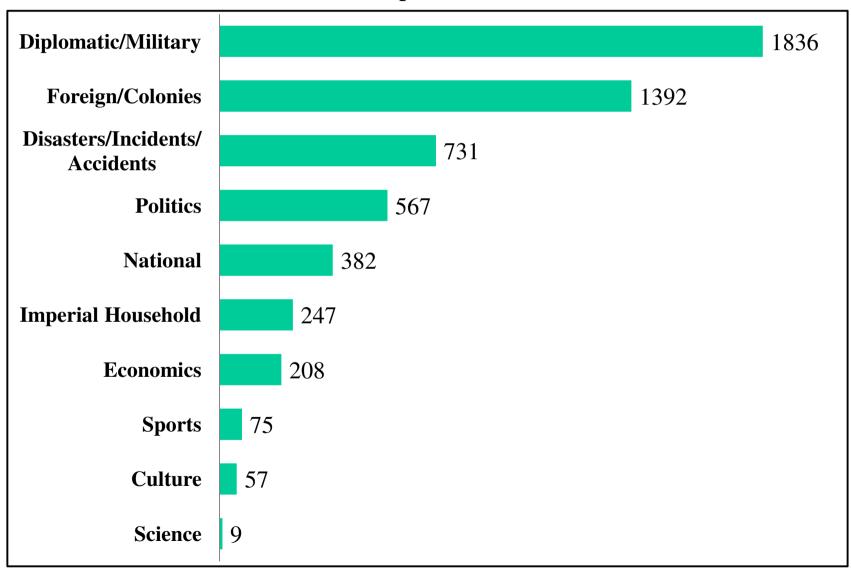
In which period were most published?



Look at published extra editions separated by area.

(Meiji, Taisho and Pre-war Showa)

Which extra edition was published the most times?







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Jan 21,1936

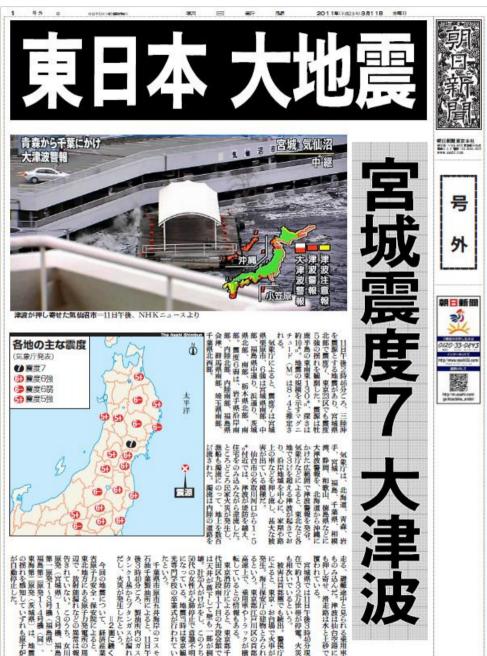
(Showa 11)

the Asahi Shimbun (Tokyo edition)

Extra edition

The Demise of the Britain Emperor (George V)





Mar 11.2011 (Heisei 23) the Asahi Shimbun

Extra edition

Great East Japan Earthquake



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Extra editions

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Sep 1.1923 (Taisho 12)

the Asahi Shimbun

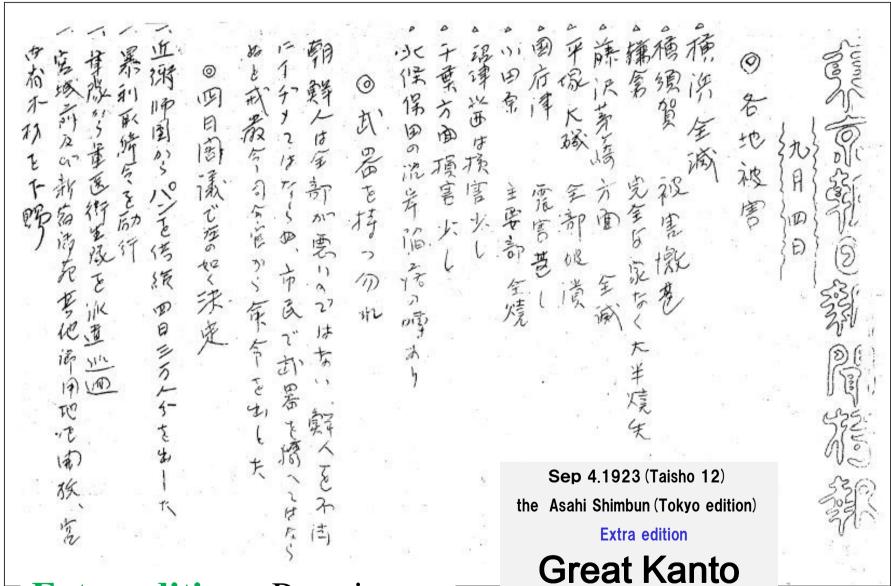
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Extra edition

Great Kanto Earthquake







Extra editions Page image

Great Kanto Earthquake





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Sep 4.1923 (Taisho 12)

The Asahi Shimbun

(Osaka edition)

Extra edition

Great Kanto Earthquake

-Confused Tokyo-





Extra editions

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Mar 3.1933 (Showa 8)

The Asahi Shimbun

Extra edition

Sanriku
Earthquake and
Tsunami





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Jun 5.1928 (Showa 3)

the Asahi Shimbun

Extra edition

Zhang Zuolin Assassination Incident





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Feb 25.1933 (Showa 8) the Asahi Shimbun Extra edition

Withdrawal from the UN





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Aug 15.1945 (Showa 20)
the Asahi Shimbun
Extra edition

Radio broadcast announcing acceptance of the Potsdam Declaration and the end of the war

Extra editions Page image

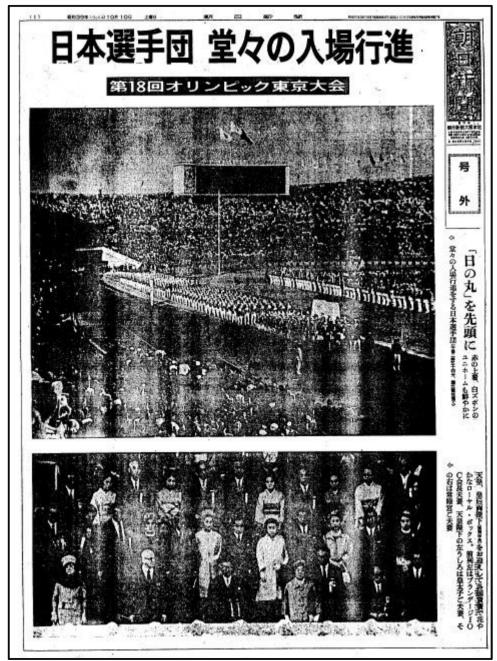
Dec 4.1936 (Showa 11) the Asahi Shimbun

Extra edition

The British Monarch's **Marriage Problem**

反對を言上





Extra editions

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Oct 10.1964 (Showa 39)

the Asahi Shimbun

Extra edition

Opening ceremony of The Tokyo 1964
Summer Olympics





Extra editions

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Jul 18.1971 (Showa 46)

the Asahi Shimbun

Extra edition

The Return of Okinawa to Japan





Extra editions Page image

Jan 7.1989 (Showa 64/Heisei 1)

the Asahi Shimbun

Extra edition

The Demise of the Showa Emperor

Jan 7.1989 (Showa 64/Heisei 1) the Asahi Shimbun

Extra edition

New era name







- Kikuzo II Visual is a repository of materials of modern Japanese history.
- We do hope it would be instrumental in examining the present, as well as the past.

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