

The beginning of the Geological Survey of Japan

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The Geological Survey of Japan was founded in 1880 as the Imperial Geological Survey of Japan after some trial of affiliation. The Imperial Geological Survey of Japan had some differences from Recent Geological Survey. The Imperial Geological Survey of Japan had three sections, Geological, Geographical and Aglonomical Section. In 1890, two publications were published from the Imperial Geological Survey of Japan. The first publication is "Die japanischen Inseln. Eine topographische-geologische Übersicht (The Japanese Islands. A topographical-geological overview)" written by Toyokitsi Harada who was the vice-director of the above survey. The second publication is "Beitrage zur Kenntniss der japanischen Landwirthschaft, I, Allgemeiner Teil (Contributions to the knowledge of Japanese agriculture, I. general part)" written by M.Fesca who was the chief of the agronomic section of the above survey. This paper also performed a role of explanatory text of "Atlas of the Agricultural Production of the Japanese Empire" edited by Fesca in 1889.

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