

Important Materials for Earth Sciences in the Archives of Earth and Planetary Science  
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The first generation of geologists in Japan studied at the Geology Institute (now Earth and Planetary Science Department) of the University of Tokyo, which was first founded in 1877. The Archives of the Institute has many valuable used books, maps and journals, as well as graduation theses of all students and many reprints collected by successive professors. Unfortunately, however, most geoscientists and historians in Japan have not realized the importance of above mentioned 'treasure'.

There is a plan to make a new library in the Faculty of Science of the University of Tokyo in a few years. The new library will not have adequate base area to accept all the 'treasure'. It is problem. The archives are important enough not only to register the history of geosciences in the East Asia from their beginnings but also to promote future historical study of the sciences. Please visit the Library of Earth and Planetary Sciences, explore the archives, and consult magnus opus, maps and manuscripts.

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