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## Keio University Becomes only Member University in Asia of “HathiTrust,” the Digital Library Run by American University Libraries

The Keio University Media Centers formally joined HathiTrust in February 2022. HathiTrust is an expansive digital library based at the University of Michigan and structured and run with a focus on university libraries in the United States. Keio University is the first member to join from the Asian region. Keio’s membership signals the following developments.

- Keio will contribute to Japan studies both in Japan and overseas by broadening the possibility of persistent and global use of its approximately 90,000 volumes registered to HathiTrust in 2014.
- The member-only features such as the ability to download a whole book will make the platform a more useful resource for research and education at Keio University.

### **1. What is HathiTrust?**

HathiTrust is a collaborative repository administered in partnership among university libraries in the United States. It seeks to create a digital library that consolidates the outcomes of the digitization of resources at academic institutions, with the overarching mission of collecting, organizing, preserving, communicating, and sharing the collective intellectual legacy of humanity.

HathiTrust was launched in 2008. As of May 2022, more than 240 universities and academic institutions have joined. Since its launch, over 17 million digitized resources have been registered to its database. Hathi is a Hindu word meaning “elephant,” which is said to evoke memory, wisdom, and strength.

HathiTrust website: <http://www.hathitrust.org/>

### **2. Keio University Library's holdings in HathiTrust**

The collection that Keio University Library has registered on HathiTrust comprises 90,000 volumes of resources for which copyright protection has expired. This collection was digitized when Keio participated in Google’s Library Project (2007-2010) as part of its own 150th Anniversary Commemorative Project.

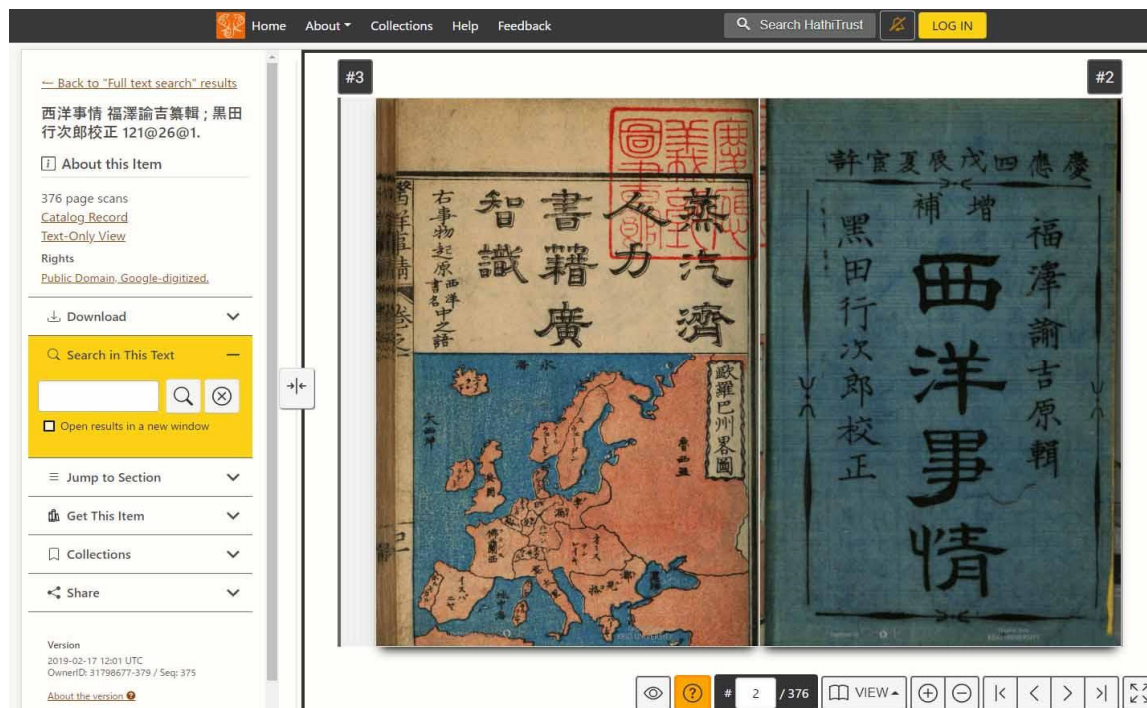
#### **Main registered materials**

- 173 volumes of Keio University publications and works authored by Yukichi Fukuzawa
- Approximately 23,000 Japanese books bound in Western style published before 1941 (textbooks, research materials in the humanities and sociology, and literary works)
- Approximately 71,000 Japanese books bound in Japanese style (Wasobon) from around the middle of the Edo period to 1889 (classical literature and related commentaries, and research materials)

Click below to access the list of Keio University's collection registered to HathiTrust.

<https://bit.ly/3wyA2ZQ>

<Screenshot of a Keio University Library resource listing on HathiTrust>



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