

Completion of the digitized Kobe Collection

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An eight-year project which aims at digitizing the Japanese historical marine meteorological observations known as the Kobe Collection finished in March 2003. The project has been carried out by the Japan Meteorological Agency and the Japan Weather Association with a financial support of the Nippon Foundation. The completed digitized Kobe Collection contains 5.8 million in situ marine meteorological observations out of 6.8 million observations in the form of log sheets for the period from 1890 to 1960. The 2.7 million observations for the period from 1933 to 1960 had been included in the Comprehensive Ocean-Atmosphere Data Set (COADS) before the project. The rest of those for the period from 1890 to 1932 have been digitized under the eight-year project and are now available on a CD-ROM. It is a remarkable Japanese contribution to the development of the International COADS.