The Historical Science Society of Japan has edited a collection of documents of world history, which is a long awaited enterprise for the students of history and is being published by Iwanami Shoten in 12 volumes.

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A Message from the Editors

With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 a “sea change” took place. In consequence, most people, including historians, had to revise the view of the world they had hitherto held, whatever position they had taken toward socialism, which was one of the elements greatly affecting the 20th century. On top of that our hope that the new century would be better than the 20th, a century of wars, was frustrated at the very start of the 21st, and is being so until today. In order to spin hopes for the future in this grim situation, it will do much to reinterpret history, above all world history, on the basis of sure sources.

The task of building up an image of world history was tackled in Japan right after World War II, especially by the teachers at schools. Historians also expanded their frontiers toward various areas of the world, overcoming the traditional framework centered on China and Europe. There were changes also in viewpoints in the sense that many new aspects such as ordinary life and groups outside of a nation state became the topics.

The editors of this series, “Sources of World History”, tried together with more than 500 contributors to make the most recent achievements of Japanese historical community reflected. It took more than 10 years to get it into shape. Sources of various nature that shed light to different ages and societies were chosen, and translated into Japanese mostly from the original. We flatter ourselves, this series is a great adventure that no other historical community would dare to. Let us hope that this series will be put into practical use both in research and education.

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