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Foreword

We write as chief coordinators of the Anglo-Japanese History Project, a project for studying the history of the relationship of these two countries from 1600 to 2000. The project originated in the statement of 31 August 1994 by Mr Tomiichi Murayama, on behalf of the coalition cabinet which he led. In this he announced the setting up of the Peace, Friendship and Exchange Initiative which would begin in 1995, the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Asia-Pacific war. One part of the Initiative consisted of support for historical research, and particularly support for researchers in order ‘to enable everyone to face squarely the facts of history’. The relationship between Japan and Britain was deemed to be one of the areas which came within the Initiative.

In order to implement this policy decision, the Japanese government announced that it would ‘support the compilation of a series of volumes forming a comprehensive history of the UK–Japanese Relationship (Nichi-Ei kankeishi)’. The project was to be conducted by researchers from both Japan and the United Kingdom and to be funded over five years by a subvention administered by the Japan Society, London. Project offices were opened in London and Tokyo. After preliminary discussions in London and Tokyo in 1995, it was agreed that the project would aim at conducting academic research and publishing volumes covering four central fields in Anglo-Japanese historical relations. Coordinators from the Japanese and British sides were appointed as follows:

The Political-Diplomatic Dimension (2 volumes)
(Editors Yoichi Kibata and Ian Nish)

The Military Dimension (1 volume)
(Editors Ian Gow, Yoichi Hirama and John Chapman)

The Economic-Business Dimension (1 volume)
(Editors Shinya Sugiyama and Janet Hunter)

The Social-Cultural Dimension (1 volume)
(Editors Chushichi Tsuzuki and Gordon Daniels)

These coordinators, in turn, selected experts in these fields and commissioned them to conduct research and write chapters.

The first fruits of this research were discussed by both sides at Workshops held at the Civil Service College, Sunningdale, UK in July 1996, Shonan Village Centre, Hayama, Japan (September 1997), and Stephenson Hall, Sheffield University (August 1998). On these occasions draft chapters were presented by the contributors; and the discussion which ensued led to the revision of manuscripts.
It is too early for us to make sweeping generalizations about Anglo-Japanese relations over four centuries since the majority of papers from the four sections have not yet come in. But discussion at the workshops has pointed out the positive aspects of the relationship between the two countries, which has been strong enough to survive setbacks and even disasters. Just as Britain’s naval actions at Shimonoseki and Kagoshima in the 1860s were followed by the years of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance (1902–23), so the dark years culminating in the Asia-Pacific war have been followed by the broadly favourable development of bilateral relations over the last 50 years, strengthened by wider common interests and deeper and more extensive exchanges in every field of activity. We recognize that there are problems outstanding between the two countries and hope that this series will make some contribution to their solution by clarifying some of the issues and will help to promote better understanding.

We as chief coordinators would like to thank the contributors who have devoted much time and effort to the Project. Thanks are due to the Japan Society (and the Tokyo office of the Project) for arranging its financial and administrative aspects. Finally, we are grateful for the cooperation of the officials of the Japanese Embassy, London, and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They have made it clear from the start that they would not take any part in the publication programme itself. What appears in these volumes is the work of independent scholars.

In conclusion, we should say that the joint project, which has been administered by a Steering Committee in London, presided over by Sir Sydney Giffard, and an Advisory Committee in Japan, has since its inauguration in 1995 been conducted most harmoniously.

Chihiro Hosoya and Ian Nish
Preface

The volume consists of essays from a Japanese perspective by a team of Japanese researchers and from a British perspective by an international team of scholars. The international team comprised British researchers and British-trained Canadian and American researchers with a long-standing interest in Anglo-Japanese relations and military affairs.

Drafts of papers were exchanged and papers fully discussed and debated. However, they were all written independently and the editors have made no attempt to eliminate points of disagreement. Due to the large numbers of papers and the space limitations there have been some editorial cuts to respond to the differing lengths of English and Japanese texts. However, in the very sensitive essays by Pritchard, Flower and Kita it was agreed that these should be presented without editorial alterations and thus be exactly the same in both languages. The Kita essay was allowed greater length than other essays since it had been agreed by both sides at the beginning of the project that the Japanese side ought to be allowed to provide an essay in our volume. This was to permit a response to the two essays by Flower on POWs in the diplomatic volume and in our own volume.

We are grateful to the Japanese contributors for undertaking the double burden of arranging for the translation of the British papers into Japanese and for providing corrections or full translations to their English texts. We are very grateful to all the translators. The Japanese language version of these papers has been published by Tokyo University Press.

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In view of the long period covered by this volume, the spelling of place-names, etc. has been left to the discretion of the contributors.

In common with Western bibliographical practices, the names of Japanese chapter authors are given with the family name second. In the main body of text, the usual Japanese style is adopted, with family names first.

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List of Abbreviations

ADM  Admiralty
ALP  Admiralty Library, Portsmouth
AWM  Australian War Memorial, Canberra
BL  British Library, London
CAB  Cabinet Office
CID  Committee of Imperial Defence
CIGS  Chief of the Imperial General Staff
COIS  Chief of Intelligence Staff
COS  Chiefs of Staff
DDMI  Deputy Director of Military Intelligence, War Office
DMO  Directorate of Military Operations, War Office
DMOI  Directorate of Military Operations & Intelligence, War Office
DNDO  Department of National Defence, Ottawa
DNI  Directorate of Naval Intelligence
FAA  Fleet Air Arm
FECB  Far Eastern Combined Bureau
FEDO  Far East Direction-Finding Organisation
GC&CS  Government Code & Cipher School
GFM  German Foreign Ministry
GOC  General Officer Commanding
HF–DF  High Frequency Direction-Finding
IJA  Imperial Japanese Army
IJN  Imperial Japanese Navy
JIC  Joint Intelligence Committee
MID  Military Intelligence Department
NAA  National Archives of Australia, Canberra
NAS  National Archives of Scotland, Edinburgh
NAW  National Archives, Washington DC
NLA  National Library of Australia, Canberra
NLS  National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh
NMM  National Maritime Museum
POW  Prisoners of War
PRO  Public Record Office, Kew
PUS  Permanent Under-Secretary of State
RAF  Royal Air Force
RAFM  RAF Museum, Hendon
RN  Royal Navy
RNAS  Royal Naval Air Service
RSS  Radio Security Service
WO  War Office