

Kinokuniya hosts Masao Maruyama events

Kinokuniya Company Limited (President and Chairman Masashi Takai) will host a series of events at Shinjuku Main Store in collaboration with Tokyo Woman's Christian University (TWCU) to celebrate the completion of the research project on a late intellectual giant, philosopher and political scientist Masao Maruyama conducted by the university.

TWCU began the Masao Maruyama Research Project in 2012. The formal name of this project is 'Intellectuals and culture in 20th century Japan- the construction and use of The Masao Maruyama Library Digital Archive-'. The project has been funded by the support program of the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology* in addition to the university's special budgetary provision. It will be completed in March 2017 after five years of research.

TWCU preserves the book collection donated by Maruyama's family and has made it available to the public. The Masao Maruyama Library consists of approximately 36,000 books and over 6,000 notebooks and manuscripts. The Virtual Tour of Masao Maruyama Library was released in March 2015 and is one of the major accomplishments of the Masao Maruyama Research Project. Maruyama's private library was recreated on the internet with the same layout as it was at his home in order to enable users to explore how Maruyama would have built up his thoughts and developed his academic outputs, as his book arrangement reflects his intellectual arts and methodology. The Masao Maruyama Manuscript Digital Archive was made available to the public in June 2015, enabling searches of his notebooks and manuscripts and the image data of notable documents from the collection on the internet. Kinokuniya collaborated with the researchers on this project to develop these online archives.

In parallel with the progress of the Maruyama project in the past five years, many books on Masao Maruyama have become available. The year 2014 was the 100th anniversary of his birth (22 March 2014) and 2016 was the 20th anniversary of his death (15 August 2016), and many research books were published to mark these anniversaries. The Masao Maruyama Research Project has contributed to bring more opportunities for a wider audience to revisit the work of Maruyama and appreciate his philosophy and intellectual achievements from various new angles. Such contributions are manifested in a series of new books with annotations and commentaries based on the insights and knowledge that have been derived from a deeper understanding of his library. *Masao Maruyama Shu Besshu* (Collected works of Masao Maruyama, additional volumes), *Seiji no Sekai Hoka Jippen* (World of Politics and 10 other essays), *Chokokka Shugi no Ronri to Shinri Hoka Happen* (The Logic and Psychology of Ultrationalism and 8 other essays), *Teihon Maruyama Masao Kaikodan* (Definitive edition of the Memoirs of Masao Maruyama) and so on are among those publications. (The above books are published by Iwanami Shoten.)

To celebrate the completion of the Maruyama project, Kinokuniya will open a Masao Maruyama Book Fair at Shinjuku Main Store for a limited time period and host an event and exhibition as below. The product range of the Maruyama selection is not limited to the works of Masao Maruyama, but it also includes the canons of Maruyama studies and a wide range of outstanding works by the researchers in this project. We hope this will offer an opportunity for the wider public to discover the extent of Maruyama's ideas and scholarship which is an essential part of liberal arts education today. We invite you to come to our bookstore and enjoy the world of Masao Maruyama and the fruits of this project.

Running: 3 – 31 January 2017

Location: Kinokuniya Shinjuku Main Store

1. Masao Maruyama Book Fair: the 3rd floor book fair shelf in front of the cashier counter.
2. A panel display “the World of Masao Maruyama”: the C staircase display space between the 2nd and 3rd floors
3. A talk event “Introduction to Tokyo Woman’s Christian University’s creation of the Virtual Tour of Masao Maruyama Library and the Masao Maruyama Manuscript Digital Archive”: the 8th floor event space. (Scheduled for Saturday 21 January 2017 at 16:00 – 17:00).

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