Preface

This volume is a result of a research project to compile the history of trade and industry policy of Japan in the late-20th century, especially from 1980 to 2000. Based on the direction from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) formerly named as the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) undertook comprehensive, systematic research for this purpose. The project was carried out under the leadership of the Committee on the History of Japan's Trade and Industry Policy set up within RIETI and chaired by Professor Konusuke Odaka. The project started in 2006 and were completed in 2013. The results of the project were presented in 12 volumes in Japanese language written by 40 authors shown in the table below.

The 12 volumes which amount to almost 8,000 pages were summarized by Professor Haruhito Takeda, Deputy Chief Editor of the Committee, and translated into English by Dr. Louisa Rubinfien as this volume.

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