

HISTORICAL PERIODS

I have converted Japanese dates into their Western equivalents whenever possible, but in many cases Nishiyama's use of Japanese-year periods has proved to be more convenient. Beginning and ending dates of periods are provided in the text, but for the sake of convenience a list of all period names used in this volume is given here:

Heian (784–1185)
Kamakura (1185–1333)
Muromachi (1333–1573)
Edo or Tokugawa (1600–1868)
 Genna (1615–1624)
 Kan'ei (1624–1644)
 Keian (1648–1652)
 Meireki (1655–1658)
 Kanbun (1661–1673)
 Genroku (1688–1704)
 Kyōhō (1716–1736)
 Kan'en (1748–1751)
 Hōreki (1751–1764)
 Meiwa (1764–1772)
 An'ei (1772–1781)
 Tenmei (1781–1789)
 Kansei (1789–1801)
 Bunka (1804–1818)
 Bunsei (1818–1830)
 Kasei (Bunka and Bunsei: 1804–1830)
 Tenpō (1830–1844)
 Kaei (1848–1854)
 Ansei (1854–1860)
 Meiji (1868–1912)



1. Mutsu
 2. Dewa
 3. Sado
 4. Echigo
 5. Etchū
 6. Noto
 7. Kaga
 8. Echizen
 9. Wakasa
 10. Hitachi
 11. Shimotsuke
 12. Kōzuke
 13. Shimōsa
 14. Kazusa
 15. Awa
 16. Musashi
 17. Sagami
 18. Kai
 19. Shinano
 20. Hida
 21. Mino
 22. Izu
 23. Suruga
 24. Tōtōmi
 25. Mikawa
 26. Owari
 27. Ōmi

28. Iga
 29. Ise
 30. Shima
 31. Yamato
 32. Kii
 33. Izumi
 34. Kawachi
 35. Settsu
 36. Yamashiro
 37. Tango
 38. Tanba
 39. Tajima
 40. Harima
 41. Awaji
 42. Awa
 43. Tosa
 44. Iyo
 45. Sanuki
 46. Bizen
 47. Bitchū
 48. Mimasaka
 49. Inaba
 50. Hōki
 51. Ōki
 52. Izumo
 53. Iwami
 54. Bingo

55. Aki
 56. Suō
 57. Nagato
 58. Chikuzen
 59. Chikugo
 60. Buzen
 61. Bungo
 62. Hyūga
 63. Ōsumi
 64. Satsuma
 65. Higo
 66. Hizen
 67. Iki
 68. Tsushima

Chūgoku area: 46–57

Hokuriku region: 3–9

Kamigata area: western Japan
centering on Kyoto and Osaka

Kantō area: eastern Japan center-
ing on Edo/Tokyo

Kinai area: 31, 33–36

Kinki area: 27–29, 31–41

San'in area: 37–38, 49–53

San'yō area: 46–48, 54–57

Chichibu area: western part of 16

Premodern Provinces and Districts of Japan, 645–1868.