

Foreword

This booklet uses a number of graphs in its presentation of basic statistical data regarding education for maximum comprehension, enabling the reader to visually grasp the trends in school education, social education, sports, culture and educational costs. School education is the principle focus.

We have endeavored, in editing this document, to allow for an understanding of the information from as many perspectives as possible by including statistical data from other government ministries and agencies. This information will assist the reader in grasping the changing conditions and nature of education chronologically throughout the postwar decades, while international comparisons will enable the reader to appreciate a cross-border perspective.

It is my hope that educators and many others will make use of this book in its inaugural edition.

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