# Creativity Development in Japan

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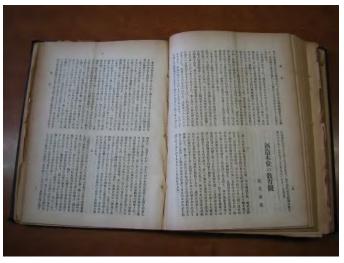
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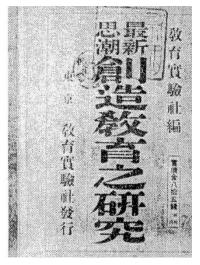
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#### Before the War

- The first research paper on creative education "The view of education based on creation" was published in the *Journal of Domestic & Foreign Education Review* (November, 1912). The author is Sofu Inage.
- A special issue on creative education was published by the *Journal of Educational Practices* in June 1918. It included 28 papers.
- Meikichi Chiba (1919). *The Theory and Practice of Creative Education*. It was the first book on creative education in the world.









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## The Methodology of Creative Research

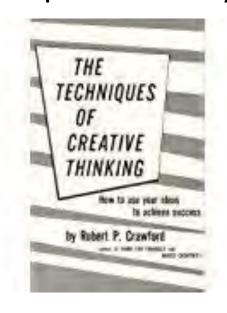


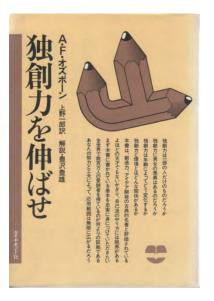
- Kikuya Ichikawa (1915-2000) who is an assistant professor at Kyoto University published his first book in 1944.
- Also, he created Equivalent Transformation Theory in 1970s.

## After the War (1950s)

- M. Wertheimer's *Productive Thinking* was translated by Tatsuro Yatabe into Japanese and published by Iwanami in 1952.
- Robert P. Crawford's *The Techniques of Creative Thinking* was translated by Ryo Fujii into Japanese and Published by Diamond in 1957.
- The next year, Alex F. Osborn's *Applied Imagination* was translated by Ichiro Ueno and published by Diamond.





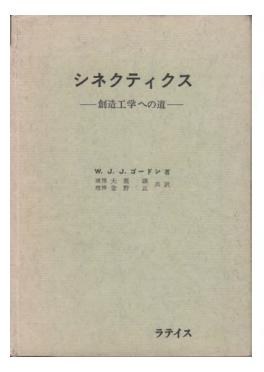


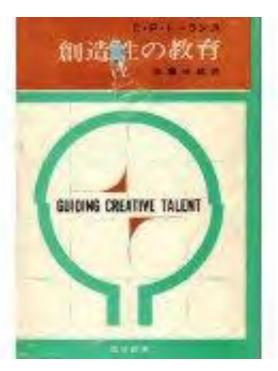
Sanno University developed the Creative Thinking Course in 1955. And it has been teaching for 64 years.

#### 1960s

• Eugene K. von Fange's *Professional Creativity*, W.J.J.Gordon's *Synectics*, E.P. Torrance's *Guiding creative talent*, Arthur Koestler's *The Art of Creation*, Calvin W. Taylor and Frank Barron's *Scientific Creativity: Its Recognition and Development*, these books were translated into Japanese one after another.









#### Japanese Scholars' books

- Takanori Akiyama's *Psychology of Creation* (1962)
- Tadahiko Oguchi's Psychology of Creativity (1966)
- Jiro Kawakita's *The Method of Creation* (1967)
- Masakazu Nakayama's The Method of Creative Engineering (1967)
- Kikuya Ichikawa's Science of Creativity (1970)
- Akira Onda's *Devoloping of Creativity* (1971)and *Creative Psychology* (1974)











#### Journal's special issues

- "Children's Creativity" Child psychology, five times.
- "Creative Education" Modern Educational Science, two times.
- "Creativity Development" Management Guide, three times.





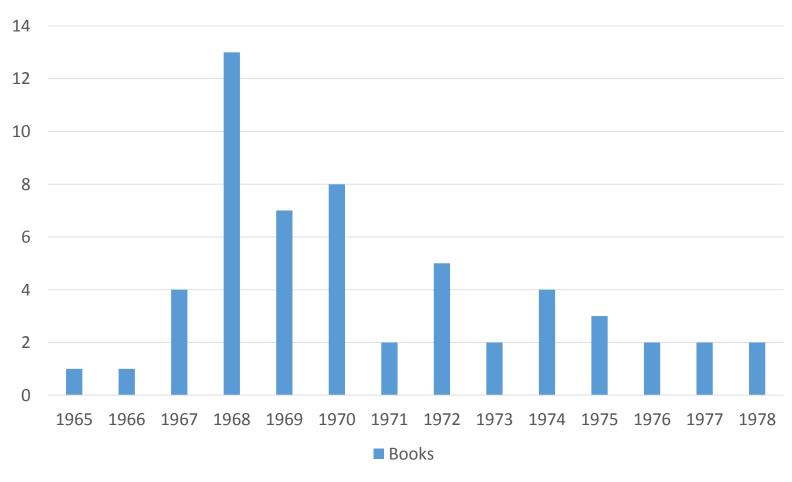
### Symposiums on Creativity

- "The Symposium on Modern Education and Creativity Development" was held by Mantarou Gito (1893-1985) in 1963.
- Japan Association of Applied Psychology held the symposium on "Psychological Problems related to Ability Development: Focusing on Creativity Development" in 1964.
- Japanese Society of Social Psychology held the symposium on "Modern Society and Creativity Development" in 1967.
- Japan Audio-Visual Education Association held the symposium on "Creativity Development and Visual Education" in 1974.

## Practices at elementary and middle schools

- From the beginning to the late half 1970s, a lot of researches and practices of creative education were actively conducted in elementary and middle schools attached to national universities.
- Tokyo University of Education (Tsukuba University), Kyoto University of Education, Osaka University of Education, Ochanomizu University, and so on.
- 57 books on creativity education were published between 1965 and 1978. The authors were are the schools. And 40 books (70% of them) were published by the schools attached to universities.

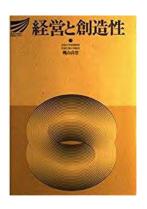
#### The transitions of books



Source: the author.

### The Masterpieces of Prominent Scholars

- Prof. Takanori Akiyama (1970). Creativity. Baifukan
- Prof. Kikuya Ichikawa (1977). *Creative Engineering*. Rateisu
- Prof. Hiromoto Ogita (1979). *Reform into Creative Education*. Daiichishobou
- Prof. Akira Onda (1981). The Research of Creativity Development. Kouseisha
- Makoto Takahashi (1981). The Handbook of Creative Thinking Techniques.
   Nihon Business Report
- Prof. Jiro Kawakita (1986). *KJ Method*. Chuokoron
- Prof. Masakazu Nakayama (1986). All of NM Method. Sanno University















#### Academic activities

- In 1966, Prof. Kikuya Ichikawa organized a research group on creativity development. The group became the Creative Society of Equivalent Transformation in 1985.
- Prof. Jiro Kawakita established the KJ Method Society in 1977.
- Prof. Akira Onda established Japan Creativity Society in 1979.



With Prof. Ichikawa in 1991



With Prof. Kawakita in 1999



With Prof. Onda in 1983

### The trends of public institutions

- Science Council of Japan held three symposiums on creativity in the middle of 1970s. And published the proceedings.
- National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology started an examination about the regional development of creative research activities and published the report in 1982.
- Government entrusted Nomura Research Institute and conducted a survey, "The conditions of promoting creative R & D" in 1983.

# The history of creativity development at enterprises

- Sanno University started Creative Thinking Course (CTC) in 1955. Mr. Youichi Ueno who is psychologist and the founder of the university and pioneer of efficiency studies.
- Japan Productivity Center launched Creativity Development Committee in 1968 and published the research result in 1971.
- Japan Management Association did a research on creativity development at enterprises and published the report in 1988.









#### Keidanren's action



- Japan Business Federation (Keidanren) launched a research group on nurturing creative human resources in order to restore the economy and create a vibrant society.
- The group published their policy advice to government on the magazine of *Keidanren*.
- The magazine had published three special issues on creativity in 1990s.

# Characteristics of creativity development in Japan

- 1) Under the influence from the United States, researches and practics on creative thinking techniques were actively conducted.
- 2) Management-related organizations were actively involved. Such organizations have big influence in industry.
- 3) After introducing creative thinking techniques from outside, big companies actively carried out in-company training.

# Penetration rate of Creative Thinking Technique in Japanese companies

CTT	%
Brainstorming	86.6
KJ Method	73.0
NM Method	22.4
Lateral Thinking	13.4
Ichikawa Method	10.1
Synectics	4.4
Brain-writing (635 Method)	1.1
Others	16.9

Source: Drawn by the author basted on the survey in October 1991.

#### →日本創造学会 Japan Creativity Society



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# ANNIVERSARY



# From the founding to the 40th anniversary

- The proposal to establish the society was initiated by group of founding members such as Sadanori Akiyama, Ichiro Ueno, Hayao Kawai, Jiro Kawakita, Toru Kumon, Sakyo Komatsu, Akira Tago, Kazuma Tateishi, Masakazu Nakayama, Eizaburo Nishiboriand Yujiro Hayashi in September 1979.
- The kick off meeting of the society and the first research conference were held in Shinjuku Ward, Tokyo, in October 20th and 21st, 1979.

- Published total of ten issues of "Creativity Research" (Kyoritsu Publishing).
- 19 members participated in the "Symposium of International Creative Studies (Shanghai)," which was the officially approved conference by the Chinese government.
- Privately published "The History of Creativity Research" commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japan Creativity Society.







# Outlook to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Held "International Conference on Creativity and Innovation (ICCI)" at Kindai University in Osaka in 2018.
- Established the International Association of Creativity and Innovation on 12 September 2018.

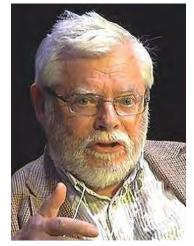


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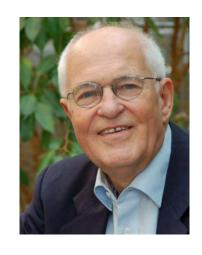
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