

To whom you may concern,

We, East Company, are delighted to introduce a new service we have newly developed. The request has been made from Kyoritsu Shuppan Co., Ltd. and East acts as a copyright license, digitization and sales agent.

We have started reprinting all volumes of "bit" (March 1969-March 2001) in our "Technical Magazine Electronic Reprint Edition". (<https://www.techmag.jp/>)

This project is targeting for monthly magazines but excluding special editions or extra issues.

Please see the following notice from Kyoritsu Shuppan.

Notice from Kyoritsu Shuppan on December 11, 2020. (<https://www.kyoritsu-pub.co.jp/info/>)

The objective is to succeed significant technologies in the past.

It will bring back knowledges, ideas and discussions which deserve historical heritages from the past magazines.

In order to eliminate out-of-print, each magazine will be digitized so that everyone can access and pass it on to the future generations. (Otherwise, the old magazines will disappear.)

It is necessary to distribute sales to production companies and publishers in order to have them recover the cost of work for digitization and enabling table of contents, and to reproduce new wisdom. So that the reprinted magazines have to be charged. The copyrights fee would not be returned to the rights holders since the number of articles is about 10,000 and the number of authors is 2,000 to 3,000, namely the shared payment would be small, but the payment cost would become much higher. Thank you for your understanding. If we make a profit, we will donate part of it to an organization that promotes the digitization of publications.

Please fill in the registration form by following the steps below. I would appreciate it if you could tell this to the authors you are familiar with.

<https://www.techmag.jp/> ⇒ "To authors" ⇒ "Registration form"

We will send an ID by email to enable browsing all the magazines published in "Technical Magazine Electronic Reprint Edition" after the service-in. The service for digital libraries will start in the spring of 2021 and on Amazon etc. in the fall of 2021. We will keep continuing the search for the right holders.

For more information, please contact [fukkoku@est.co.jp](mailto:fukkoku@est.co.jp).

Yours sincerely,