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He has numerous books and articles in Japanese and English. His major books are as follows:

[English Books]

- Self-Respect and Independence of Mind: The Challenge of Fukuzawa Yukichi (Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture (JPIC), 2017)
- The Political History of Modern Japan: Foreign Relations and Domestic Politics (Routledge, 2018)
- From Party Politics to Militarism in Japan, 1924–1941 (Lynne Rienner Publishers in association with JPIC, 2021)
- GOTŌ SHINPEI, Statesman of Vision: Research, Public Health, and Development (JPIC, 2021)

[Japanese Books]

- Kiyosawa Kiyoshi [Biography of Kiyoshi Kiyosawa] (Tokyo: Chuokoron-sha, 1987; Expanded Edition, Tokyo: Chuokoron-Shinsha, 2004).
- Nichibei kankei no realism [Realism in Japan-U.S. Relations] (Tokyo: Chuokoron-sha, 1991).
- Jiminto [The Liberal Democratic Party of Japan: The 38 Years in Power] (Tokyo: The Yomiuri Shimbun, 1995; Tokyo: Chuokoron-Shinsha, 2008).
- Sekai Chizu wo Yomi Naosu [Reviewing the World Map] (Tokyo: Shincho-sha, 2019)
- Meiji Ishin no Imi [The Significance of Meiji Revolution] (Tokyo: Shincho-sha, 2020)

He received many honors and awards including the Medal with Purple Ribbon for his academic achievements in 2011.