

OKI AND ME

A staff member from the OKI corp., Mr. Kazumasca Kobayashi, bought one of my Digney registers on 2 December 1999 to offer it, in the name of all personnel, to their president on the occasion of the festive celebration of the company's 120th anniversary. I had to go to their headquarters in Paris in order to demonstrate the good working and deliver it.

(Fortunately, I was used to eating with chopsticks ;o).

OKI

Recently I found the message below from the president of OKI (extract from a book about the company).

It shows him with my Digney telegraph register!!

President's Message



In 1999, I happened to attend an exhibition that included one of the original Morse telegraph machines made by the French company Digney Frères. There I learned that Kibataro Oki himself once owned that same machine and later donated it to the Ministry of Communications. As I paused to look closely at that simple machine, I felt some of the excitement, even passion, Kibataro Oki must have felt when he started out in the communications industry in the 1880s. In considering Oki Electric's progressive spirit over the 120year history brought together in this book, And it goes on about the company...

PS: Oki Data Americas ceased sales of all Oki-branded hardware as of March 31, 2021. Oki data produced printer will continue to be sold in the United States under their distribution partners brand, IntoPrint

A little bit of history

OKI celebrated the 120th anniversary of foundation in November, 2001 and published the History book "The 120-Year History of Oki Electric."

With his enterprising spirit, Kibataro Oki (1848-1906) was far ahead of his time in the late 1800s. In January 1881, convinced that the nation was about to enter the age of communications, he founded Meikosha, the origins of today's OKI:

*1874 . Kibataro Oki enters **Telegraph** Bureau's School of Technology

1881 Kibataro Oki establishes Meikosha, Ltd.,

1889 Changes Meikosha's name to Oki Electric Works

