

**Role and Influence of the Extraordinary Military Balloon Study  
Group on the Formation of the Imperial Japanese Navy Aircraft  
Production System : Focusing on the Establishment of the  
Extraordinary Military Balloon Study Group and the Activities of the  
Three Ministries Collaborative Research Institute**

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This study focuses on the establishment of the Extraordinary Military Balloon Study Group, the first effort to systematically promote aviation projects in Japan. Indeed, few studies on Japanese aviation history address this area, and so not a few questions remain unanswered. This study considers the Extraordinary Military Balloon Study Group the starting point of the Navy aircraft production system, and from this perspective, it looks to elucidate the subsequent features of Imperial Japanese Navy aviation.