

Sekishu hanshi

Sekishu is a glossy fine quality paper; it is considered as very long-lasting and resistant to insect attack thanks to the use of "medecines" added to the dyes. It is used for writing documents and for printing. The colored papers are used in the manufacture of book-bindings, wallpapers and for lining fusumas. In Ehime Prefecture kozo will be replaced by mitsumata during the Meiji period (1868-1912); it is called Kairyo hanshi ie improved paper.