

Quest for Prosperity

人類の平和と幸福を願った発明王に学ぶ

創業者は、人類の幸福を願い、電球をはじめ幾多の発明をしたエジソンに、終生深い関心と尊敬の念をいだいていた。「松下電器も電球をつくりたいと思っていた時(1935年)ですので、いたく私は興味をもちました。そこでエジソンの写真を大きく引き伸ばしまして、私の部屋にしばらく掲げておったことがあります」

この頃からすでに創業者は、世界に手本を求めていたのである。1968年には、次代を担う人々にとってよき“道しるべ”となることを祈念し、本社構内に、エジソンの全身像を中央に配した、11人の「科学と工業の先覚者の銅像」を建立した。「エジソンは、これという師匠を持っていませんでした。それに関するような話なり、いろいろの目に映るところの事物なり、また物語等を聞いて、それを手本とし、師匠とし、導きとした。そういうようなものを師匠として、みずからそこにものを生み出していく、みずから考案していくということに成功した代表者の一人であります」

(1973年 ラジオ事業部にて)



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