

Early Domestically-Produced 8-Bit Personal Computers

Registration No.	Number 00206		
Registration Date	September 15, 2015	Registration Category	Category 1

Name (Model, etc.)	BASIC MASTER MB-6890
Location	Hadano, Kanagawa
	Hitachi, Ltd.
Owner (Custodian)	Hitachi, Ltd.
Manufacturer (Company)	Hitachi, Ltd.
Year Manufactured	1980
Year first appeared	1978
Reason For Selection	A development model for Japan's first 8-bit personal computer, the BASIC MASTER MB-6880, released in 1978. The BASIC MASTER triggered the transition from the microcomputer era, in which computers were often sold in their circuit board form, to the PC era, in which the finished product could be obtained and put to use for a moderate price. This model had the MC6809 CPU, referred to as the finished version of the Motorola 6800 series that were used in the early years. The operating system was not only a BASIC interpreter, but also OS-9 Level 1 capable. It had a hiragana-capable display as a standard feature; it had a cassette tape recorder for recording data, but could also be connected to a floppy disc drive, which led on to future PC developments.
Registration Standard	2-A (Played a notable role in improving people's way of life and creating new ways of living.)

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