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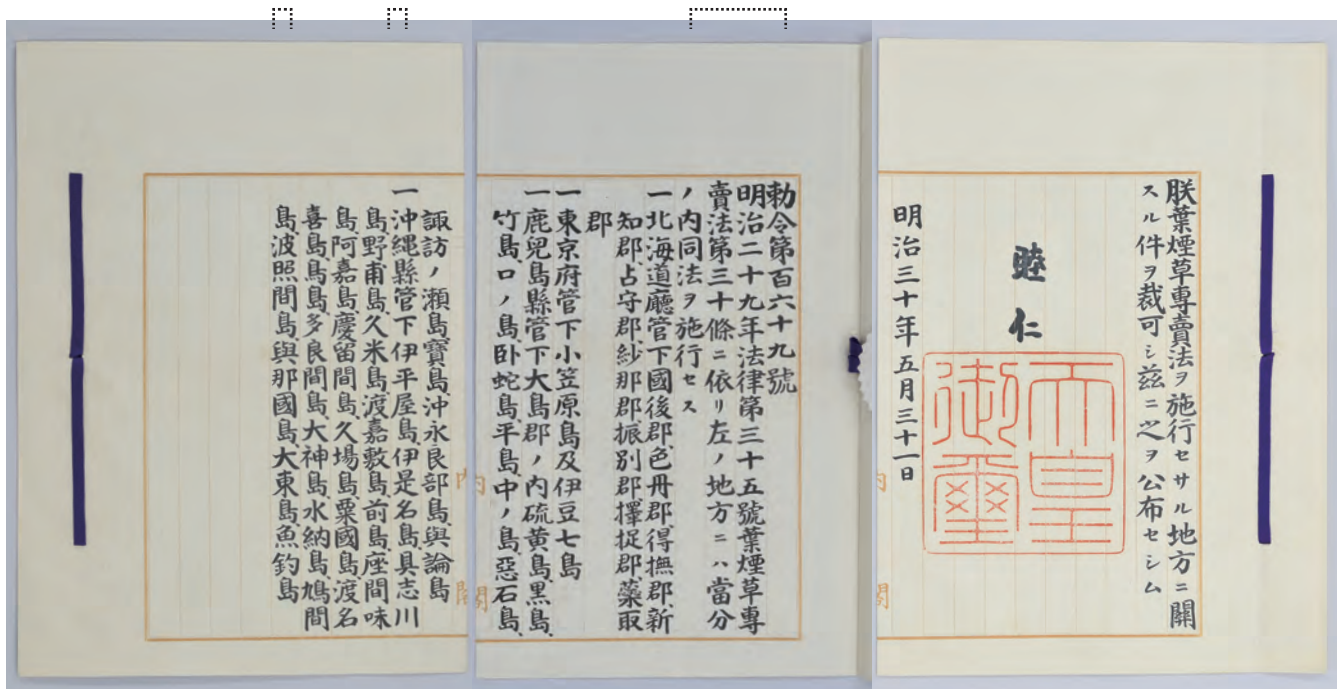
(2) – ii. Documents showing that Japanese laws were stipulated on the premise that Japan has legislative jurisdiction over the Senkaku Islands

Imperial Edict that stipulates the areas to be exempt from enforcement of the Leaf Tobacco Monopoly Law and includes Uotsuri Island among them

No.24 Imperial Edict No. 169 [To designate the local districts to be exempt from enforcement of the Leaf Tobacco Monopoly Law]

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Overview

An Imperial Edict designating the areas that are exempt from the Leaf Tobacco Monopoly Law was promulgated on May 31, 1897. Many of the remote islands of Okinawa Prefecture were placed within the designated exempt areas, and Uotsuri Island was included among them.

This document confirms that the Senkaku Islands (Uotsuri Island) had been included as an administrative area of Okinawa Prefecture.

* There is a “Kuba Island” listed between Zamami Island and Aguni Island, but this refers to the Kuba Island that is a part of the Kerama Islands, and not the one that is part of the Senkaku Islands.

Excerpt [English translation]

Imperial Edict No.169

According to Article 30 of the Leaf Tobacco Monopoly Act (Law No. 35 of 1896), the Act shall not be enforced for the time being in the regions set out as follows.

(text omitted)

1. Under the jurisdiction of Okinawa Prefecture (text omitted) Uotsuri Island

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