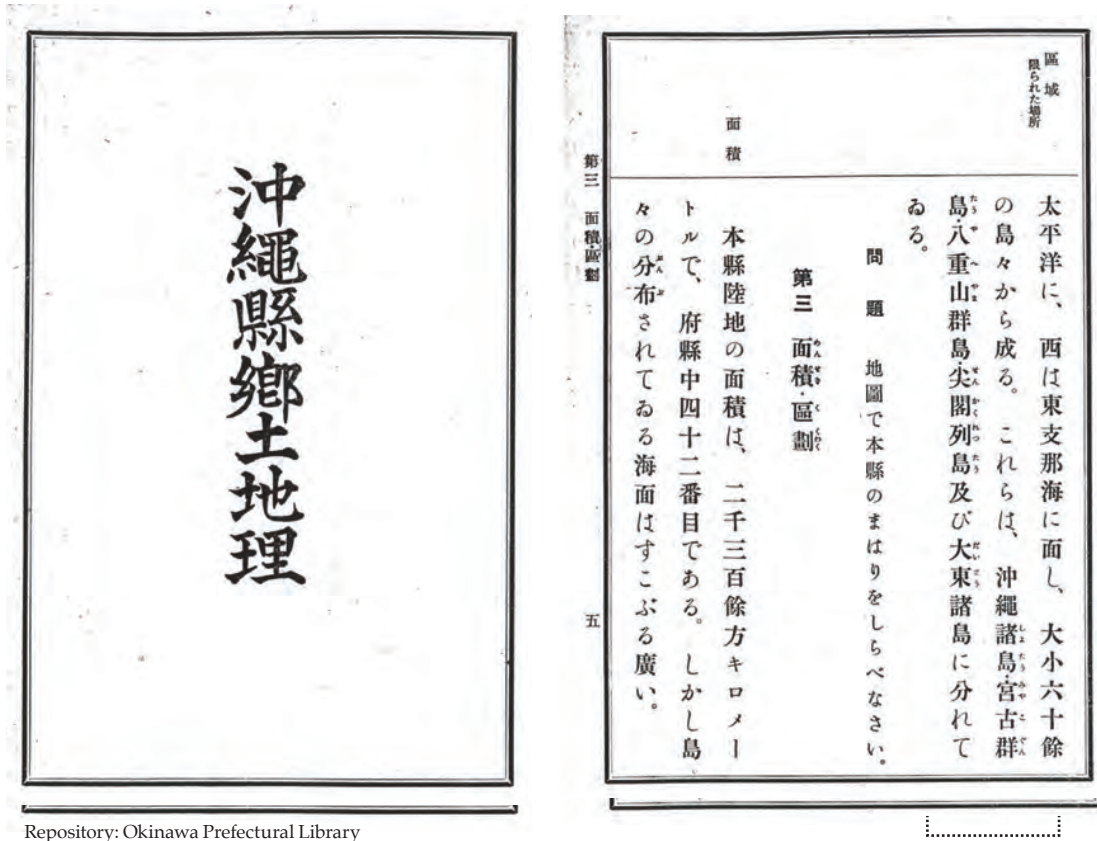


Period III (3) – i. Surveys by administrative agencies and administrative publications

Textbooks produced by Okinawa Prefecture containing descriptions of the Senkaku Islands

No.36 Local Geography of Okinawa Prefecture

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Overview

A textbook on local geography, published by the Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education, which is an association of teachers from Okinawa Prefecture, shows the Senkaku Islands as a part of the islands that make up the Prefecture. It also mentions that the Senkaku Islands (described as “Senkaku Retto” (*Retto* means archipelago) in the text) belong to Ishigaki Town.

* On April 1, 1914, Yaeyama Village was divided into Ishigaki Village (western part of Ishigaki Island) and Ohama Village (eastern part of Ishigaki Island). On December 1, 1926, Ishigaki Village became Ishigaki Town with the enforcement of the town-based administration system.

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Excerpt [English translation]

2 Area

Okinawa Prefecture, in southwest Japan, faces the Pacific Ocean on the east and the East China Sea on the west, and comprises more than 60 islands of varying sizes.

These are divided into the Okinawa Islands, the Miyako Islands, the Yaeyama Islands, the Senkaku Islands and the Daito Islands.
(text omitted)

10 Politics

The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture is the chief executive of the prefectural administration. Municipal mayors are responsible for administering their respective municipalities. Besides these, Branch Directors are specially appointed in the Miyako Islands and the Yaeyama Islands to oversee the towns and villages there. The Senkaku Islands belong to Ishigaki Town and the Daito Islands are directly administered by the Prefecture.