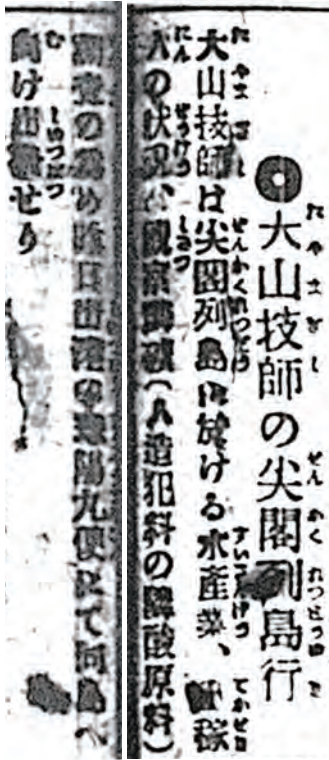


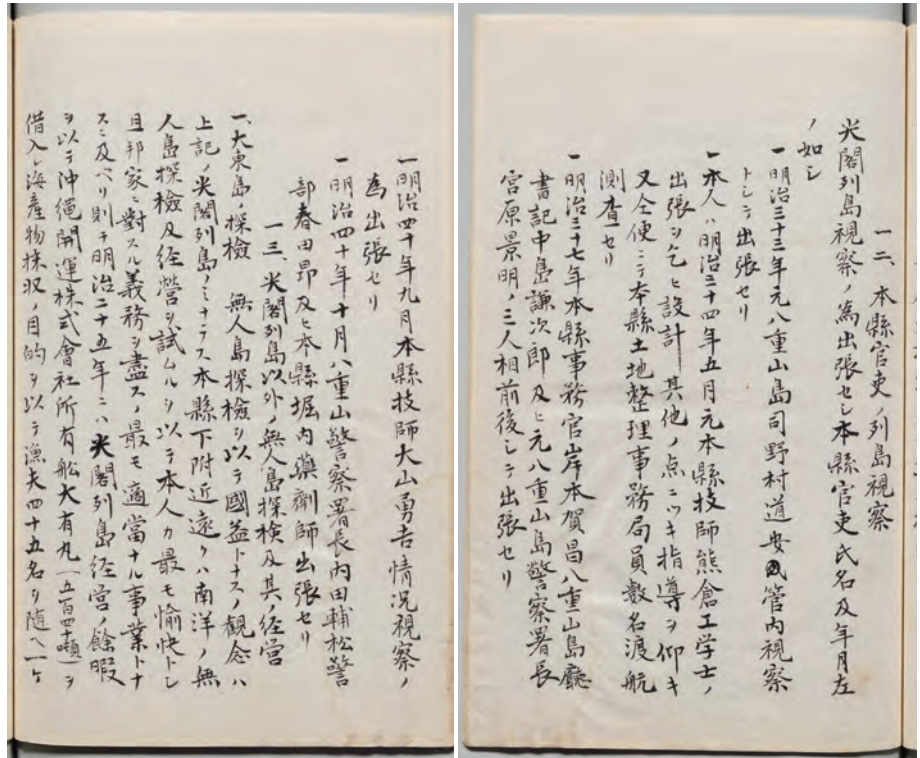
Engineer from Okinawa Prefecture travels to the Senkaku Islands for a survey

No.32 Visit to the Senkaku Islands by the engineer, OYAMA

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Overview

An article reporting on the departure of an engineer of Okinawa Prefecture (Yukichi OYAMA) from Naha Port to inspect the fisheries industry, the situation of migrant workers, and phosphate resources on the Senkaku Islands. The document "On the matter of the bestowing of the Medal with Blue Ribbon to Tatsushiro KOGA"* mentions this inspection visit and substantiates these facts.

Excerpt [English translation]

Visit to the Senkaku Islands by the engineer, OYAMA
The engineer, OYAMA, departed for the Senkaku Islands on the Kyuyo Maru, which left port yesterday, to conduct a survey on the islands regarding the fisheries industry, the situation of migrant workers, and inspection of phosphate minerals (raw material for phosphoric acid, used to make artificial fertilizers).

*Reference:
Excerpts from "On the matter of the bestowing of the Medal with Blue Ribbon to Tatsushiro KOGA"
12. Inspection of the islands by officials of the Prefectural Government
Names of the Prefectural Government officials who made business trips to conduct an inspection of the Senkaku Islands and dates of their trips are as follows:
- In 1900, Doan NOMURA, the Head of Yaeyama Islands Public office made a business trip to conduct an inspection of the areas under his jurisdiction.
- Furthermore, in May 1901, NOMURA requested a visit by KUMAKURA, a former engineer (Bachelor of Engineering) of the Prefecture, for guidance on design and other matters. Several members of the Land Consolidation Secretariat of the Prefecture traveled with KUMAKURA to conduct surveys.
- In 1904, Gasho KISHIMOTO, an administrative official of the Prefecture, Kenjiro NAKAJIMA, a Secretary of the Yaeyama Islands Public Office, and Hiroaki MIYAHARA, former Chief of Yaeyama Police Station, each traveled to the islands on business on consecutive dates.
- In September 1907, Yukichi OYAMA, an engineer from the Prefecture, made a trip to inspect the situation.
- In October 1907, Yaeyama Police Station Chief Sukematsu UCHIDA, police inspector Takashi HARUTA, and pharmacist HORIUCHI from the Prefecture made a trip.

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