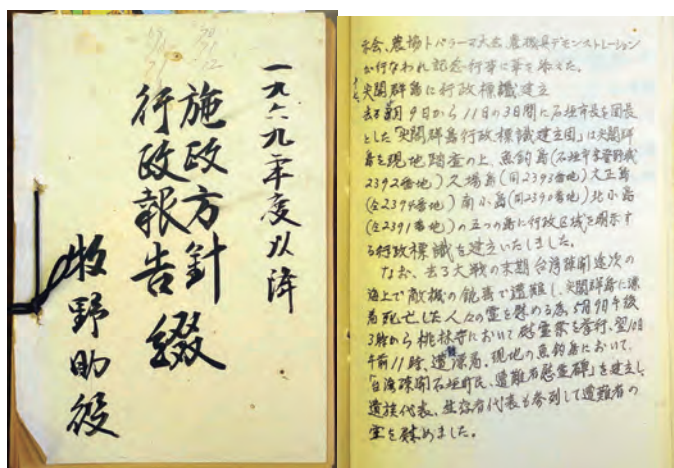


Government report prepared by the Mayor of Ishigaki City, which included the matter of the erection of administrative markers on the Senkaku Islands

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Overview

A bundle of materials collected by the late Kiyoshi MAKINO, a local historian who lived on Ishigaki Island and worked for Ishigaki City Office, are archived at Ishigaki City Library under the title “Kiyoshi MAKINO Series Collection.”

The material above is a portion from a book on the Administrative Policies and the Governments Reports of the Mayor of Ishigaki, compiled during MAKINO’s term of office as Deputy Mayor. The FY1969 Administrative Report includes, as items relevant to the Senkaku Islands, the report by the Mayor of Ishigaki (Kiko ISHIGAKI) on the “Erection of both the administrative signposts for the Senkaku Islands and the memorial monument for the war victims on the islands.”

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The Senkaku Islands

Suddenly, because they seem to have large reserves of superior oil resources, our Senkaku Islands have come under the international spotlight, with the Chinese Nationalist government (Taiwanese government) now claiming the islands as its own territory.

However, the islands have belonged to Okinawa Prefecture since the early Meiji period as a part of Ishigaki City. Moreover, the Senkaku Islands were included in the territory of the Ryukyu Islands under Article 3 of the San Francisco Peace Treaty, and the U.S. also includes them under the area of administration which will be returned to Japan.

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As far as Ishigaki City is concerned, there is no doubt that the islands belong to Japan. Our City has long been collecting property tax from KOGA, owner of a number of the islands.

Based on these indisputable facts, and having immense concern over the development of oil resources seemingly centering on the Senkaku Islands, Ishigaki City set up the Society for the Protection of Senkaku Islands Oil Resources, in Ishigaki City, around July last year.

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June 11, 1969

FY1969 Government Report

Kiko ISHIGAKI, Mayor, Ishigaki City

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17. Erection of administrative markers in the Senkaku Islands

During the three days from May 9th to 11th the Senkaku Islands Administrative Marker Installation Team, headed by the Mayor of Ishigaki City, conducted field surveys on the Senkaku Islands and erected markers announcing the administrative districts of the islands.

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Also, toward the end of WWII, evacuees on their way to Taiwan came under fire from enemy aircraft while at sea, resulting in the deaths of many who were shipwrecked on the Senkaku Islands. From 3 p.m. on May 9th, a memorial ceremony was held at Torinji Temple to console their spirits. At 11 a.m. on the 10th, the Memorial Monument for Ishigaki Shipwreck Victims during Evacuation to Taiwan was erected on Uotsuri Island, where the victims washed ashore, and representatives of the victims’ families and the survivors gathered to comfort the victims’ spirits.

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