Period I (2)-i. Documents showing the OYA and MURAKAWA families' understanding of Takeshima

Arrangements about earnings from Utsuryo and Takeshima Islands concluded between the OYA family and MURAKAWA family

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Overview

The OYA family and MURAKAWA family, who continued to travel to the Utsuryo and Takeshima Islands for more than 50 years, concluded an arrangement to divide the profits and losses proportionately because their earnings were unstable due to the weather and other factors.

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Excerpt [English translation]

- As we will carry on our business based on mutual consultations and decisions concerning Takeshima and Matsushima from the end of the present year, any losses or profits shall be divided at a ratio agreed upon without miscalculation.
- All products harvested and brought back from Takeshima and Matsushima shall be made known without any deceit.
- There shall be no concealment of any matters related to the calculation of earnings and profits from Takeshima and Matsushima.

This bond for the said arrangements shall remain effective until the generation of our children.

* In the original text, Takeshima is referred to as "Matsushima," and Utsuryo Island as "Takeshima."