

**Period II** (1)-ii. Documents related to the Cabinet decision on the incorporation of Takeshima into Shimane Prefecture

**A document recording a Cabinet decision that Takeshima would be brought under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Oki Islands branch office in Shimane Prefecture**
**No. 14** The uninhabited island, located 85 nautical miles northwest of the Oki Islands, is to be named Takeshima and is to come under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Oki Islands branch office of the Shimane Prefectural Government  
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**Overview**

A document recording a Cabinet decision that, following a proposal tabled by Akimasa Yoshikawa (Minister of Home Affairs), the uninhabited islands would be called Takeshima and would be brought under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Oki Island branch office in Shimane Prefecture.

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**Excerpt [English translation]**

The matter of the jurisdiction over an uninhabited island (text omitted). The uninhabited island, located at 37°9'30" North, 131°55' East, and 85 nautical miles northwest of the Oki Islands, has no trace of occupation by any other states, and the year before last, in 1903 (Meiji 36), a Japanese man named Yozaburo NAKAI constructed a fishing hut, transferred laborers, provided hunting equipment and started to undertake the hunting of sea lions there. On this occasion, he has submitted a request for the island's incorporation into Japanese territory and for a lease, and for this reason it became necessary to decide on the jurisdiction over the island and on its name. He requested that it be named "Takeshima" and that it come under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Oki Islands branch office of Shimane Prefecture.

Then, having examined (the request), it is clear from the related documents that this person, named Yozaburo NAKAI, since 1903, has moved to the island and engaged in fishery activities. We recognize the fact of its occupation under international law, and therefore we consider that there would be no obstacle to regard the island as belonging to Japan and to bring it under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Oki Islands branch office of the Shimane Prefectural Government.

Consequently, it can be considered to be appropriate that a Cabinet decision be made as requested.