"Record of Items" showing the Cabinet decision on the incorporation of Takeshima into Shimane Prefecture under its administrative jurisdiction

No.15 "The matter of the jurisdiction over an uninhabited island (located 85 nautical miles to the northwest of the Oki Islands)" found in the "Record of Items" 1905

Overview

This "Record of Items" is a compilation of items such as the titles of official documents sent out by all government ministries and agencies. It is compiled and registered by the Cabinet Secretariat, which has jurisdiction over administrative matters such as the organizing of Cabinet matters. Among the "Record of Items" for 1905, No.1 for the Ministry of Home Affairs shows records concerning the administrative processes for the Cabinet decisions pertaining to the incorporation of Takeshima into Shimane Prefecture and the prefecture's jurisdiction over the island. The flow of events as shown in the document is as follows.

January 10: The Cabinet Secretariat received the request for a Cabinet meeting from the Ministry of Home Affairs

January 11: Circulation to the Cabinet Legislation Bureau (Relevant documents sent on January 13)

January 28: Cabinet decision (signing of the agenda item by the respective ministers)

February 2: Notification of approval from the Cabinet Legislation Bureau to the Cabinet Secretariat (approval by the Emperor). Issuance of the circular concerning this approval from the Cabinet Secretariat to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Return of the relevant documents to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Excerpt [English translation]

No. 1 37 Hi (SECRET) Otsu No. 337 "The matter of the jurisdiction over an uninhabited island (located 85 nautical miles to the northwest of the Oki Islands)" Received: January 10 Cabinet Legislation Bureau January 11 February 2 Report January 28 Approval February 2 Record (Seal) Letter of request, 12th To Legislation Bureau, 13th

As this was a special case, the relevant documents submitted by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Legislation Bureau were returned from the Bureau, and these were then returned to the Chief Cabinet Secretary. January 26



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