

## Conference on Northeast Asia

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An International Seminar devoted to Source Materials on the History of Chinese Northeast was held at the Japan-China Friendship House in Tokyo on October 21-22, 1994. Attended by over a hundred scholars, the seminar featured, among others, a seven-member delegation from Liaoning (six from the Provincial Archives and one from the Provincial Academy of Social Sciences). Three of the four sessions dealt with research materials in China, Japan, and the USA, while the fourth was concerned with different approaches to the study of the Northeast region.

Of particular interest to the students of modern Sino-Japanese relations were the reports on the state of archival materials related to the South Manchurian Railway Company (SMR) and, to a lesser extent, Manchukuo. Apparently, archivists in Liaoning have indexed all the SMR materials (some 13,690 volumes of archival materials and 45,000 volumes of reference works) stored at the Liaoning Provincial Archives. A published version will come out in March 1995.

If language barrier still seems to exist for many who attended the seminar (myself included), Professor Mizuno Akira 水野明 was certainly one of the privileged exceptions. Author of the recently published Hōten gunbatsu seiken no kenkyū 豊天軍閥政權の研究 [A Study of the Fengtian Warlord Regime], he was born and raised in northeastern China before the end of the war. The fact was borne out by his obvious native fluency in both Japanese and Chinese as he did his own interpretation at the seminar. [Editor's note: I have seen Mizuno in action several times, and he is a sight to behold--JAF.]

### Session I: The State of Historical Materials Concerning Northeast China

- Wang Weige 王維閣 (Liaoning Archives), "The History, Current State, and Strength of the Liaoning Provincial Archives"
- Kanda Nobuo 神田信夫 (Meiji University), "Japanese Research on Manchu History and the Search for Historical Materials"
- Xie Zhaohua 謝肇華 (Liaoning Academy of Social Science), "A Survey of Research on Northeast (Chinese) History at the Liaoning Academy of Social Science in the 1990s"
- Imura Tetsurō 井村哲郎 (Institute of Developing Economies), "Historical Materials on the SMR and Manchukuo in the United

States, Japan, and China"

**SESSION II: Approaches to Northeastern China**

- Hosoya Yoshio 細谷良夫 (Tohoku Gakuin University), on historical sites and historical research
- Nie Lili 聶莉莉 (Seinan Gakuin University), on her socio-anthropological fieldwork on Han Chinese in Northeast China
- He Fuyin 何溥滢 (Liaoning Institute of Ethnology), on research on ethnic groups in Liaoning
- Ogawa Tsuneko 小川津根子 (Teikyo University), on her study of the Man-Mō kaitokudan, especially its women members
- Takeba Takeshi 竹葉夫 (Nagoya Municipal Art Gallery), on photographic materials related to Manchuria and the organization of an exhibition in Nagoya on the former Manchurian Photographers' Society

**SESSION III:**

- Wu Fushen (Liaoning Archives), "On the Use of the Archives by Foreign Scholars"
- Andō Masato 安藤政人 (The National Archives, Japan), "Archives and Preservation of Historical Materials in Japan"
- Li Shaode 李紹德 (Liaoning), "The Present and Future of Modernized Management at the Liaoning Archives"
- Wang Tianping 王天平 (Liaoning Archives), "Ming-Era Documents in the Liaoning Archives and the Relationship between Liaodong and Shandong during Ming"
- Kawauchi Yoshihiro 河内良弘 (Tenri University), on Japanese research on Northeast China for the Ming period and on Korea-related materials
- Shen Wei 沈微 (Liaoning Archives), on compilation of materials of the Shengjing neiwufu liangzhuang 盛京內務府糧庄 archives
- Enatsu Yuki 江夏由樹 (Hitotsubashi University), "'Manshū kyūkan chōsa hōkoku' and the Archival Materials in the Liaoning Archives--The Case of Land Issues"

**SESSION IV:**

- Saitō Seiji 齊藤聖二 (Sion Community College), on recently published materials on Japanese political and diplomatic history
- Mizuno Akira (Aichi Gakuin University), on materials related to Machino Takema 町野武馬, adviser to Zhang Zuolin
- Zhang Xiuchun 張秀春 (Liaoning Archives) "On the Relationship between Zhang Xueliang and Yan Xishan"
- Nagai Akira 長井暁 (NHK), "Discovery of Historical Material through

Making Documentaries on Sino-Japanese History and Chinese History"

- Zhao Huanling 趙煥林 (Liaoning Archives), "On the Research and Development of SMR Archival Materials"
- Kobayashi Hideo 小林英夫 (Komazawa University), on the activities of the "Shokuminchi shi kenkyūkai" 植民地史研究会 and the "Mantetsu shi kenkyūkai" 滿鉄史研究会
- Yamamoto Yūzō 山本有造 (Kyoto University), on Japanese research of Manchukuo and the Zhang Gongquan Papers
- Takahashi Masuyo 高橋益代 (Hitotsubashi University), on the Minobe Papers and other statistical materials on Manchuria at Hitotsubashi University
- Murakami Katsuhiko 村上勝彦 (Tokyo University of Economics) on Okura Zaibatsu materials