

Aspiring for Meiji Paradise: Philippine perceptions of the Meiji regime, Pan-Asianism, and Economic Migration

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Philippine History

- Spanish Rule of the Philippine (1565 - 1898)
- **Philippine Revolution (1896 - 1898)**
- Spanish - American War (1898)
- Philippine - American War (1899 - 1902)
- American Period in the Philippines (1900 - 1935)

Japanese History

- **Meiji Period (23 October 1868 - 30 July 1912)**
- 1853 - Matthew Perry and the black ships
- 1868 - Charter Oath is written
- 1889 - Meiji Constitution is promulgated
- 1894 - Sino - Japanese War
- 1904 - Russo - Japanese War
- 1912 - death of the Meiji Emperor

Filipino admiration of Japan

- Modernization of the Meiji government gave hope to Filipinos for their own independence
- Jose Rizal's interlude in Japan from 28 February - 13 April, 1888
- Filipino exiles in Yokohama



Japanese assistance to the Philippine Revolution

- Arrival of the training ship cruiser Kongo (金剛) 1896
- Jose Moritaro Tagawa (田川森太郎) and the written agreement
- 1.5 Million pesos for 100,000 rifles, 150 cannons and ammunitions



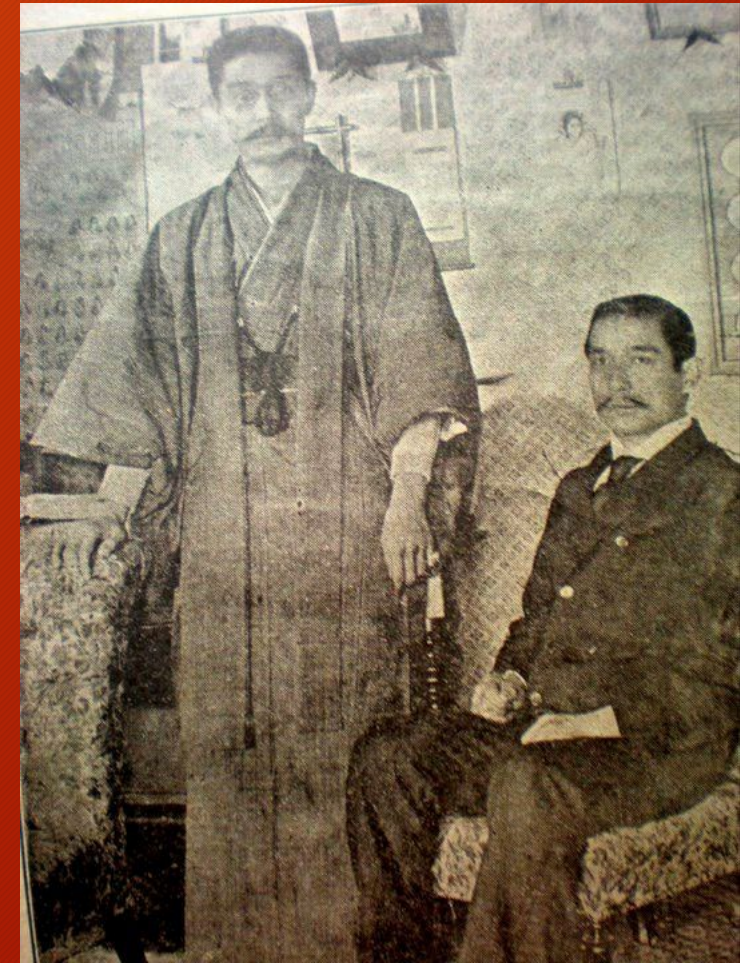
The Katipunán and the *Shishi* (志士)

Emilio Aguinaldo in Hong Kong
Artemio Ricarte in Yokohama



The failed assistance

- 10,000 Murata rifles, 1 fixed canon, 10 field guns, 7 field glasses, 1 pressing machine for gunpowder, 1 machines and materials for the manufacture of 5 million rounds of ammunition.

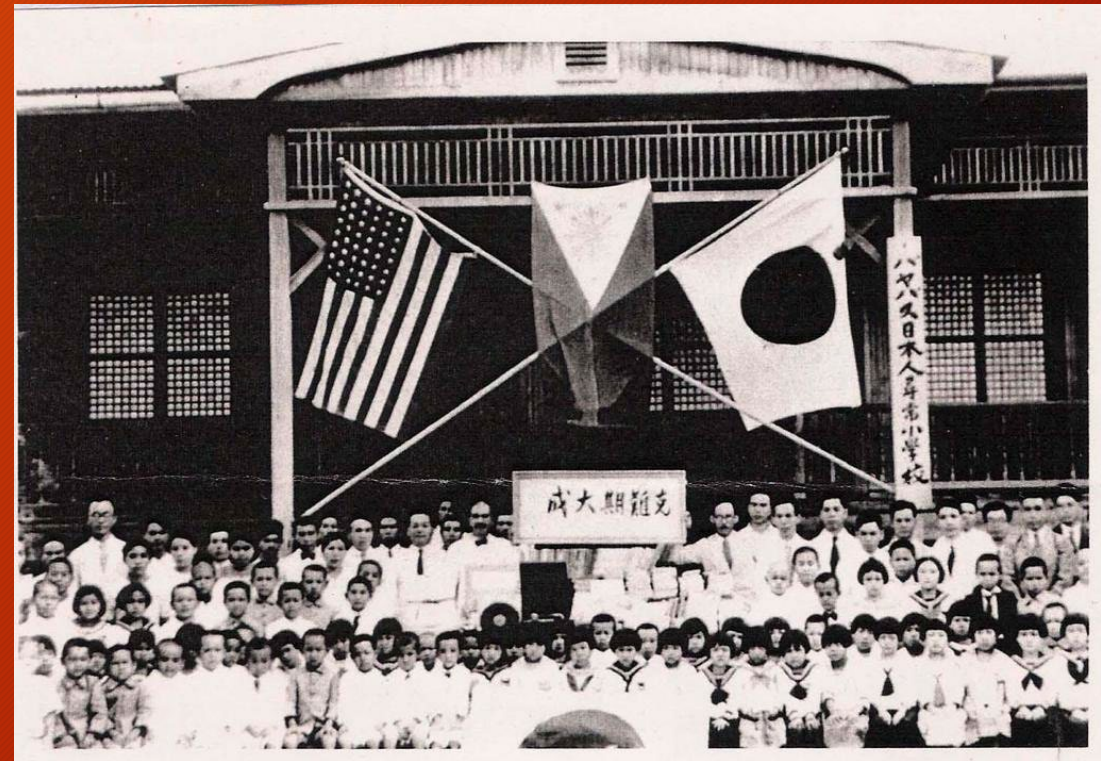


Things to consider

- The new Meiji Government and the Navy supported American annexation of the Philippines
- The army and some *shishi* Panasianists supported the Philippine revolution

Japanese labor migration to the Philippines

- 1903 - 1905: Kennon Road Construction
- "legitimate" migration
- 1903 - 1945: Abaca plantations in Davao



Profile of the labor migrants (Hayase) Diplomats of Meiji Japan in the Philippines

- Majority were from farming villages of Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Fukushima and Kumamoto prefectures
- Mortality rates were high
- Myth of the Japanese migrant worker

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- Karayuki-san (1890 - 1920)
- “illegal” migration
- ”Betrayal” by the governments w



Thank you

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