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 Katipunan 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
Japanese labor migration to the Philippines

- Karayuki-san (1890 - 1920)
- "illegal" migration
- "Betrayal" by the governments
Thank you

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