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Imperial Press Policy in Northeast China: The *Shengjing Shibao* and Japan's Foreign Ministry, 1907-31

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From the late Meiji era, the development of a China-based press network functional to the national interest became an integral part of Japan's imperial agenda. After the defeat of Russia in the 1904-05 war, the Northeast, compared to other regions, offered to Japanese initiative more favorable conditions to achieve a dominant position in the media landscape. One of the most successful enterprises was the government-sponsored *Shengjing Shibao*, which became the largest newspaper in Fengtian (Shenyang). As a tool of foreign policy, however, press management suffered from the lack of unified decision-making among different agencies. This policy area is therefore representative of the polycentric character of strategic planning in imperial Japan.

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