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Imperial Ordinance
Relating to the
Organization of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs

Article 1.

The Minister of Overseas Affairs shall supervise affairs concerning the Government-General of Chosen, the Government-General of Taiwan, the Government of Karafuto and the Government of the South Seas, and shall superintend the business of the Toyo Takushoku Kabushiki Kaisha (Oriental Development Company, Ltd.).

The Minister of Overseas Affairs shall, with the exception of matters concerning foreign affairs, assume control of affairs concerning emigration and of affairs concerning the guidance and encouragement of overseas development enterprises in other than Manchuria and China.

The Minister of Overseas Affairs shall, in connection with the affairs mentioned in the preceding paragraph, direct and superintend the Consular Offices concerned acting through the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Article 1 (Second).

The Secretariat of the Minister shall take charge of affairs concerning the examination in general of administrative affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry, in addition to the affairs mentioned in the General Rules applicable to all the Ministries.

Article 2.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Overseas Affairs the following one Division and four Bureaus:

Chosen Division.
Control Bureau.
Industrial Bureau.
Northern Development Bureau.
Southern Development Bureau.

Article 3.

The Chosen Division shall take charge of affairs concerning the Government-General of Chosen.

Article 4.

There shall be the Director of the Chosen Division. This post shall be assumed concurrently by the Vice-Minister of Overseas Affairs. The Director shall, under the instruction of the

Minister of Overseas Affairs, take charge of the affairs of the Division.

Article 5.

The Control Bureau shall take charge of affairs concerning the Government-General of Taiwan, the Government of Karafuto and the Government of the South Seas, excepting those of which the competency belongs to the other Bureaus.

Article 6.

The Industrial Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Affairs concerning industry, transportation, communication and finance of the Government-General of Taiwan, the Government of Karafuto and the Government of the South Seas.
2. Affairs concerning the superintendence of the business of the Toyo Takushoku Kabushiki Kaisha.
3. Affairs concerning the guidance and encouragement of overseas development enterprises in areas prescribed by the Minister of Overseas Affairs.

Article 6 (Second).

The Northern Development Bureau shall take charge of affairs concerning emigrants to Manchuria and other areas prescribed by the Minister of Overseas Affairs.

Article 7.

The Southern Development Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Affairs concerning emigrants, with the exception of those which pertain to the competency of the other Bureaus.
2. Affairs concerning the guidance and encouragement of overseas development enterprises, with the exception of those which pertain to the competency of the other Bureaus.

Article 7 (Second).

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Overseas Affairs the Southern Development Bureau Councilors who shall take part in the affairs of the Southern Development Bureau.

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The Southern Development Bureau Councilors, upon recommendation by the Minister of Overseas Affairs to the Emperor, be appointed by the Cabinet from among the "Chokunin" Rank officials of the Government Offices concerned.

Article 8.

The prescribed number of full-time Overseas Affairs Senior Secretaries shall be 15.

Article 9.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Overseas Affairs 19 full-time Junior Secretaries. They shall be of "Sonin" Rank, provided that one of them may be accorded "Chokunin" Rank. They shall, under the instruction of their superiors; take charge of the affairs assigned to them.

Article 10.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Overseas Affairs 14 full-time Secretary-Technicians. They shall be of "Sonin" Rank. They shall, under the instructions of their superiors, take charge of technical affairs.

Article 11.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Overseas Affairs six full-time Clerk-Secretaries. They shall be of "Sonin" Rank. They shall, under the instructions of their superiors, take charge of the affairs assigned to them.

Article 12.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Overseas Affairs two full-time Secretary-Interpreters. They shall be of "Sonin" Rank. They shall, under the instructions of their superiors, take charge of interpretation.

Article 13.

The prescribed number of full-time Overseas Affairs Clerks shall be 92.

Article 14.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Overseas Affairs 36 full-time Clerk-Technicians. They shall be of

"Hannin" Rank. They shall, under the instructions of their superiors, engage in technical affairs.

Article 15.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Overseas Affairs 11 full-time Clerk-Interpreters. They shall be of "Hannin" Rank. They shall, under the instructions of their superiors, engage in interpretation.

Article 16.

The personnel mentioned in Articles 10 and 14 may be stationed in foreign countries and attached to the Japanese Consulates.

Supplementary Provisions.

The present Ordinance shall come into force on the date of its promulgation.

The Imperial Ordinance No. 179, 1908, and the Imperial Ordinance No. 150, 1920, shall cease to be in force.

The Undersigned hereby certifies that this is the accurate and exact translation of the Japanese Original attached hereto.

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