

Project title: From Enemy to Employee: Japanese Soldiers in Shanxi Province, 1945-1949

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Project summary:

I conducted research at the Tokyo-based Toyo Bunko (Oriental Library) from 15-29 May; at Stanford University from 17-23 July; and at the Library of Congress from 7-16 August 2005. I perused, recorded, and photocopied related research material. For example, at Stanford I found articles in Chinese newspapers published in the late 1940s, which discussed Japanese military activities in Shanxi Province. At the Library of Congress I located Japanese sources written by those former Japanese soldiers who had helped the Communists to fight the Nationalists in Shanxi Province during the Chinese Civil War of 1945-49. At Toyo Bunko I discovered Japanese memoirs on how and why some former Japanese soldiers had decided to stay on and serve the Nationalists by combating the Communists in Shanxi.

Presentations:

(1) "From Enemy to Employee: Japanese Soldiers in Shanxi Province, 1945-1949."

Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver, Colorado, 29 September-1 October 2005. (2) "The Japanese

Involvement in the Chinese Civil War, 1945-1949: The Case of Shanxi Province."

Presented at the annual meeting of the World History Association of Texas, San Marcos, Texas, 26 April 2005.