

IMPERIAL ORDINANCE NO. 707.

1 November, 1942.

Having referred the matter to the Privy Council for deliberation, we hereby sanction the organization of the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs and order its promulgation.

Organization of the Greater East Asia Ministry.

Article I.

The Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs shall administer the execution of various political affairs (excepting purely diplomatic affairs) concerning Greater East Asia (herein and hereafter defined as excluding Japan Proper, Korea, Formosa and Saghalien), affairs concerning the protection of the commercial interests of Japan in the countries within the aforesaid sphere, affairs concerning Japanese subjects residing in that sphere and affairs concerning emigration, colonization and cultural works in that sphere.

The Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs shall superintend affairs concerning the KWANTUNG Bureau and of the South Seas Government Office.

The Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs shall direct and supervise diplomatic and consular officials stationed in Greater East Asia in respect of the affairs specified in the first Paragraph.

Article II.

There shall be instituted the following four Bureaus in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs:

The General Affairs Bureau

The Manchurian Affairs Bureau

The Chinese Affairs Bureau
The Southern Area Affairs Bureau.

Article III

The General Affairs Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning the planning of important policies with regard to Greater East Asia and the coordination and adjustment of the affairs of the Ministry.
2. Matters concerning researches, preparation of reference material and information with regard to Greater East Asia.
3. Matters concerning the training of the Japanese personnel in Greater East Asia.
4. Matters concerning general inspection of the administration under the jurisdiction of the Ministry.
5. Matters which do not come under the jurisdiction of the other Bureaus.

Article IV

The Manchurian Affairs Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning the KWANTUNG Office.
2. Foreign affairs concerning Manchoukuo.
3. Matters concerning the supervision of the businesses of the juridical persons established in accordance with special laws and ordinances for the purpose of conducting enterprises in Manchoukuo.

4. Matters concerning emigrants, settlers and colonization enterprises in Manchuria.
5. Matters concerning cultural works for Manchoukuo.
6. Other matters concerning KWANTUNG and Manchoukuo.

Article V.

The Chinese Affairs Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning foreign affairs with reference to China.
2. Matters concerning the supervision of the businesses of the juridical persons established in accordance with special laws and ordinances for the purpose of conducting enterprises in China.
3. Matters concerning cultural works for China.
4. Other matters concerning China.

Article VI.

The Southern Area Affairs Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning the South Seas Government Office.
2. Foreign affairs concerning Thailand and Indo-China.
3. Matters concerning the supervision of the businesses of the juridical persons established in accordance with special laws and ordinances for the purpose of conducting enterprises in the Southern Areas.
4. Matters concerning cultural works with regard to the Southern Areas.

5. Other matters concerning the Southern Areas.

Article VII.

There shall be six full-time Councillors of Chokunin rank in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs. They shall take charge of investigations, deliberations and planning by order of the Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs.

Article VIII.

The number of full-time Senior Greater East Asia Secretaries shall be fixed at twenty-six.

Article IX.

There shall be fourteen full-time Research Secretaries in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs. They shall be of Sonin rank. They shall take charge of researches by order of their superiors.

Article X.

There shall be thirty full-time Junior Greater East Asia Secretaries and eleven full-time Greater East Asia Associate Secretaries in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs. They shall be of Sonin rank and take charge of routine affairs by order of their superiors.

Article XI.

There shall be fourteen full-time Greater East Asia Technical Experts in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs. They shall be of Sonin rank and take charge of matters by order of their superiors.

Article XII.

There shall be two full-time Secretary-Interpreters in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs. They shall be of Sonin rank and shall take charge of translation and interpretation by order of their superiors.

Article XIII.

There shall be three full-time Code Secretaries in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs. They shall be of Sonin rank and take charge of affairs concerning telegraphic codes by order of their superiors.

Article XIV.

The number of full-time Greater East Asia Clerks shall be fixed at one hundred and twenty-two.

Article XV.

There shall be twenty-eight full-time Assistant Greater East Asia Technical Experts. They shall be of Hannin rank and engaged in technical matters under the direction of their superiors.

Article XVI.

There shall be four full-time Assistant Secretary-Interpreters in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs. They shall be of Hannin rank and engaged in translation and interpretation under the direction of their superiors.

Article XVII.

There shall be seven full-time Assistant Code

Secretaries in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs. They shall be of Hannin rank and engaged in affairs concerning codes under the direction of their superiors.

Article XVIII.

In addition to the personnel specified in the preceding Articles, the Cabinet may appoint Junior Secretaries from among the higher officials of the Government offices concerned in accordance with the recommendation to the Throne by the Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs.

Article XIX.

To extend cooperation to the Army and the Navy, the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs shall conduct affairs concerning administration of the occupied areas within the Greater East Asia area.

Supplementary Provisions.

This Ordinance shall be effective as from the date of promulgation.

The Imperial Ordinances on the Organization of the Manchurian Affairs Bureau, the Organization of the Liaison Offices of the Asia Development Board and the Organization of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs shall be abolished.