

CURRICULUM VITAE

KADOWAKI, Suemitsu

Prefecture and Social Status: SHIMANE Prefecture, Commoner
Date of Birth: Jan. 4, 1897

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- 1923 Mar 31 Graduated from the Political Department of the Law College,
the Tokyo Imperial University.
- 1924 Jan 19 Passed the Higher Civil Service Examination (Diplomatic
Service)
- 1924 Jun 2 Appointed clerk of the Foreign Ministry(Foreign Ministry);
Granted 5th Grade Salary (Foreign Ministry);
Ordered to serve in France (Foreign Ministry)
- 1925 Dec 26 Appointed diplomatic probationer;
Received 7th Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet);
Granted 3rd Grade Salary (Foreign Ministry);
Ordered to serve in France (Foreign Ministry)
- 1926 Mar 2 Appointed member of suite to the Japanese Representative
at the Extraordinary Session of the League of Nations
General Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland (Cabinet)
- 1926 Jan 15 Conferred 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
- 1926 Aug 11 Appointed member of Suite to the Japanese Representative
at the 7th Session of the League of Nations General
Assembly. at Geneva, Switzerland. (Cabinet)
- 1927 Apr 5 Appointed member of suite to the Delegate to the International
Economic Conference at Geneva, Switzerland. (Cabinet)
- 1927 Jun 30 Received 6th Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet);
Granted 2nd Grade Salary. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1927 Aug 30 Appointed member of suite to the Japanese Representative
at the 8th Session of the League of Nations General
Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland. (Cabinet)
- 1927 Sep 22 Relieved of service in France (Foreign Ministry);
Appointed administrative official at the Japanese office
of the League of Nations. (Foreign Ministry);
Ordered to serve at Paris (Foreign Ministry)
- 1927 Jul 15 Conferred 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade.

- 1927 Oct 7 Appointed member of suite to the Japanese Representative at the International Conference concerning the Prohibition and Abolition of Export-import Trade at Geneva, Switzerland. (Cabinet)
- 1928 Jul 28 Appointed member of suite to the Japanese Representative at the 9th Session of the League of Nations General Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland. (Cabinet)
- 1928 Oct 25 Appointed member of suite to the Japanese Representative at the International Conference concerning the Economic Statistics at Geneva, Switzerland. (Cabinet)
- 1929 Jun 29 Granted 1st Grade Salary (Foreign Ministry)
- 1929 Aug 23 Appointed member of suite to the Japanese Representative at the 10th Session of the League of Nations General Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland. (Cabinet)
- 1929 Oct 22 Appointed member of suite to the Japanese Representative at the Paris International Conference concerning the Treatment of Foreigners. (Cabinet)
- 1930 Feb 13 Appointed member of suite to the Japanese Representative at the International Conference concerning Suspension of the Increase of Customs Duties at Geneva, Switzerland. (Cabinet)
- 1930 Jul 30 Appointed member of suite to the Japanese Representative at the 11th Session of the League of Nations General Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland. (Cabinet)
- 1930 Nov 11 Appointed administrative official of the Foreign Ministry; Received 6th Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet); Granted 6th Grade Salary; Ordered to serve at the 3rd Section of the Treaty Bureau. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1930 Dec 26 Received 5th Rank of Higher Civil Service; Granted 5th Grade Salary (Foreign Ministry)
- 1931 Feb 2 Conferred 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
- 1934 Sep 6 Appointed 3rd Grade secretary of the Legation; Received 5th Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet); Granted 2nd Grade Salary (Foreign Ministry); Ordered to serve in the Republic of China. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1934 Dec 26 Granted 1st Grade Salary (Foreign Ministry)

- 1935 Mar 15 Ordered to serve at Tientsin. (Foreign Ministry);
Concurrently appointed Consul;
Received 5th Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet)
- 1935 May 17 (According to the Foreign Ministry Notification
No.28 of 1935, the Japanese Legation in China was
raised to the Japanese Embassy)
Appointed 3rd Grade secretary of the Embassy;
The concurrent duty as the consul as before;
Received 5th Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet);
Granted 1st Grade Salary;
Ordered to serve in the Republic of China.
(Foreign Ministry)
- 1935 Oct 12 Relieved of main duty and exclusively appointed
consul (Cabinet);
Granted 1st Grade Salary;
Ordered to serve at Tsingtao (Foreign Ministry)
- 1934 Apr 29 Awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 6th Order
of Merit, for services in 1931-1934 Incident.
- 1936 Feb 15 Conferred 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
- 1936 Dec 26 Received 4th Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet);
Granted 2nd Grade Salary (Foreign Ministry)
- 1937 Oct 27 Appointed 2nd grade secretary of the Embassy with
additional post as Consul;
Received 4th Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet);
Granted 2nd Grade Salary;
Ordered to serve in the Republic of China. (Foreign Ministry);
Ordered to serve at Tientsin. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1938 Jun 29 Ordered to serve in Peking. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1938 Dec 27 Granted 1st Grade Salary. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1939 May 9 Appointed administrative official of China Affairs
Board. (Cabinet);
Appointed liaison officer of China Affairs Board in
North China. (Cabinet)
- 1939 May 19 Awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Order
of Merit.
- 1940 Jan 11 Appointed secretary of Foreign Ministry;
Received 4th Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet)
Granted 2nd Grade Salary;
Appointed Chief of Second Section of East Asia Bureau.
(Foreign Ministry)

- 1940 Jan 23 Appointed secretary of the China Incident Damages Investigation Committee (Cabinet)
- 1940 Feb 8 Appointed administrative official of Manchurian Affairs Bureau. (Cabinet)
- 1940 Feb 20 Appointed secretary of the Overseas Colonization Investigation Committee. (Cabinet)
- 1940 Mar 20 Appointed chief of Personnel Section of the Minister's Secretariate. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1940 Apr 5 Relieved as administrative official of Manchurian Affairs Bureau. (Cabinet)
- 1940 Apr 1 Appointed standing member of the Higher Civil Service Examination Committee. (Cabinet);
Appointed standing member of the Higher Civil Service Examination Committee, 2nd Section. (Cabinet)
- 1940 Apr 6 Relieved as secretary of the China Incident Damages Investigation Committee. (Cabinet)
- 1940 Jan 11 Granted 2nd Grade Salary;
Appointed chief of Second Section of East Asia Bureau. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1940 Mar 20 Appointed chief of Personnel Section of the Minister's Secretariate. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1940 May 9 Relieved as acting chief of a counts Section of the Minister's Secretariate for Secretary of Foreign Ministry ISHII, Yasushi, returned home. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1940 Jun 29 Received 3rd Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet)
- 1940 Jul 15 Conferred 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
- 1940 Sep 12 Concurrently appointed chief of Protocol Section of the Minister's Secretariate. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1940 Sep 21 Relieved as chief of Protocol Section of the Minister's Secretariate (Foreign Ministry)
- 1940 Oct 31 Appointed member of the Cabinet Celebration Committee. /TN. for the 2600th Anniversary of the National Foundation/ (Cabinet);
Appointed Chief of the General Affairs Section of the Second Entertainment Department of the Cabinet Celebration Committee. (Cabinet)
- 1940 Dec 10 Relieved as secretary of the Overseas Colonization Investigation Committee. (Cabinet)

- 1942 Nov 10 Appointed assistant secretary of the Investigation Committee for establishing the Greater East Asia. (Cabinet)
- 1942 Jan 24 Appointed concurrently to serve in the Investigation section of the Minister's Secretariate. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1942 Nov 1 Appointed secretary of the Liaison Committee of the Greater East Asia Ministry (Cabinet);
Appointed chief of 1st Section of Political Affairs Bureau. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1942 Nov 21 Appointed secretary of the Liaison Committee of Home Ministry (Cabinet)
- 1942 Dec 26 Appointed acting Chief of the Second Section of Political Affairs Bureau while Secretary of Foreign Ministry, OKUMURA, Katsuzo, was absent (Foreign Ministry)
- 1943 Jan 19 Relieved as acting chief of Second Section of Political Affairs Bureau, when Secretary of Foreign Ministry, OKUMURA, Katsuzo returned home. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1943 Feb 4 Relieved as standing member of the Higher Civil Service Examination Committee (Cabinet)
- 1943 Mar 31 Received 2nd Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet);
Granted 2nd Grade Salary (Foreign Ministry)
- 1943 Mar 22 Concurrently appointed chief of 2nd Section of Political Affairs Bureau. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1943 Mar 26 Relieved of concurrent post as chief of 2nd Section of Political Affairs Bureau. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1943 May 1 Conferred 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade.
- 1943 May 11 Awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Order of Merit.
(This was cancelled by Kunnai-hatsū No.898, dated May 23, 1940)
- 1943 Jun 30 Appointed acting chief of Political Affairs Bureau of Foreign Ministry during the absence of the Bureau chief, UEMURA, Shinichi. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1943 Jul 12 Relieved as acting chief of Political Affairs Bureau, for the Bureau Chief, UEMURA, Shinichi returned home. (Foreign Ministry)
- 1940 Apr 29 Awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Order of Merit, for services in China Incident.

- 1945 Jan 10 Appointed councillor of the Embassy;
Received 2nd Rank of Higher Civil Service. (Cabinet);
Appointed to serve in the U.S.S.R. (Cabinet)
- 1945 Aug 10 Temporarily appointed to serve in the Foreign Ministry.
 (Foreign Ministry);
Relieved of service in the U.S.S.R. (Cabinet)
- 1945 Nov 29 Awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd Order of
 Merit.

Qualifications examines /T.N. under the purge directive/

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

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- Defendants -

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KADOWAKI SUEMITSU



*Logo, forged
foreign office
1941*

Having first duly sworn an oath as on the attached sheet, in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

1. I entered the Foreign Ministry in June 1924, and served as Chief of the Personnel Section from March 1940 to October 1942, under Foreign Ministers Arita, Matsuoka, Toyoda and Tōgō.

2. Toward the end of spring of 1941 (I do not recall the date), as Chief of the Personnel Section I called on Mr. Tōgō one evening at his private residence, at the order of my superiors, and in accordance with my instructions requested him to tender his resignation from his post as ambassador. Mr. Tōgō then had the rank and held the nominal post of ambassador; but since his return from Moscow in the preceding October, after his recall by Foreign Minister Matsuoka, he had had no assignment in the Foreign Ministry, and in fact had already been requested by Minister Matsuoka personally and through the Vice-Minister to resign. In answer to my request for his resignation, Ambassador Tōgō told me that he was not only opposed to the foreign policy of Foreign Minister Matsuoka, but was entirely dissatisfied with the way the Minister conducted personnel affairs, that he would not submit his resignation because submission of a resignation might be construed as concurrence with the Minister's policies, and that therefore the minister should take steps on his part to remove him from his ambassadorship if he so desired. Mr. Tōgō further stated to me in more detail his views critical of Mr. Matsuoka's policies. Thus Mr. Tōgō refused to submit his resignation in spite of the request made by Foreign Minister Matsuoka, and I so reported to my superiors.

*Matsuoka
who was
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3. Shortly after Mr. Tōgō's assumption of the Foreign Ministership in the following October I was informed by Foreign Vice-Minister Nishi that Minister Tōgō was considering the purging of radical elements in the Foreign Ministry in order to execute his policies. Soon afterward, Vice-Minister Nishi at the direction of the Foreign Minister requested the resignation of one of the ambassadors who had been closely identified with the Southern policy of Japan, and as a result his resignation was given, effective on 25 October. Subsequently, Mr. Nishi at the request of the Foreign Minister informed two section chiefs and one junior secretary, who were deemed to be extremely radical and who had violated the discipline proper to government officials, that the ministry was to order them into temporary retirement. These three officials tendered their resignations to me, saying that they would rather resign than be ordered to temporary retirement. When I reported the matter to the Vice-Minister, I was instructed to accept the resignations if they preferred it so,

and their resignations at their request were accepted on 29 October. The resignations of these four officials are recorded in the official gazette.

4. There had been some officials in the Foreign Ministry who were not satisfied with the moderate foreign policy of the government and were urging a strong external policy especially toward Britain and America. These officials not only openly criticized the policy of the Foreign Minister of the time, but went so far as to violate official discipline by asking cooperation of the radical elements of the Army and Navy in order to obtain their objectives. The purge carried out by Foreign Minister Tōgō was the first in the true sense of the word ever conducted in the Foreign Ministry, with the design of putting an end to such conditions. Only a few were actually purged, but the effect on the discipline of the Ministry was remarkable.

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In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth, withholding nothing and adding nothing.

Kadowaki Suemitsu (seal)

On this 18th day of November, 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT: KADOWAKI SUEMITSU (seal)

I, Nishi Haruhiko, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: Nishi Haruhiko (seal)

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the Defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko

Tokyo
18 November 1947