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ORGANIZATIONS: EAST-ASIA RESEARCH SOCIETY TO BE ORGANIZED BY PROMINENT PERSONS

Writer states:

"I wish to ask you to assist our ~~ATO~~ ^{TOA (NOT TOA)} KENKYUKAI (健康研究会 East Asia Research Society) by all means... Establishment plans are being laid out by my comrades and myself. The ATO KYOKAI (East Asia Society) has been organized in China by CHO Gum (CHANG Chung), President of GYOSEI IN (The Executive Yuan), SO Shibun (T.V. Soong), ex-President of same Yuan and many other prominent persons, excepting SHO Kaiseki (CHIANG Kai-shek), President of the National Government, aiming at construction of a new East Asia. As Japan is not yet in a position to participate openly in its movement, our association will officially start its activities next year. However, with the purpose of launching a corresponding movement in Japan though an informal one internationally for the present, and also in view of the fact that the Chinese Delegation is greatly interested to see the movement get started, we have decided to form the ATO KENKYU KAI (it will be reorganized into ZAIDAN HOJIN ATO KYOKAI (East Asia Society, A Foundation) next year) with Mr. SHIDEHARA Kijuro (Ex: ex-Premier and the supreme adviser to the MINSHU TO (Democratic Party) Source: Examiner's knowledge) as its central figure and also others mentioned in the enclosed paper as directors, and expect to hold its inaugural general meeting in the middle or at the end of September.

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"Although Chinese authorities want us to recruit as many politicians as possible for directors, we should like to avoid the so-called political coloring, so we intend to observe the situation for a while and take a prudent step. We asked only Mr. MIZUTANI (Ex: the Minister of Commerce and Industry; a Socialist. Source: common knowledge), to join as the Chinese authorities want to have some progressive persons. We admitted Mr. TAKEUCHI (Ex: TAKEUCHI Katsumi is a member of the Lower House and a Socialist. Source: examiner's knowledge) into our association because he is a student of Chinese affairs. As the government officials are unfit for directors, we intend to give them sinecures such as councillors. As those eminent purgees cannot come to the fore we will ask them to cooperate with us as honorary directors or advisers.

Organizers at present are ISHII Itaro (ex-ambassador to Brazil and Burma), YAMAMOTO Kumachi (ex-Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and Greater East Asia Affairs; ex-ambassador to Siam), MIURA Yoshiaki (Ex: ex-minister, adviser to SHO Shin (SHANG Chen) chief Chinese Delegate to Japan), MORI Takashi (ex-minister) and four or five comrades including myself. I was told that GRQ's understanding has been obtained through Mr. SHIDEHARA."

Enclosed is a mimeographed copy of draft regulations of ATO KENKYUKAI (East Asia Research Society), which reveals that the association will aim at studying conditions in various countries in East Asia developing better understanding of Japan among the peoples of those countries, training people who will be engaged in foreign trade, carrying out various activities concerned with education, research, publication, etc.

The membership will be classified as ordinary, special and corporation members. An ordinary member will pay three hundred sixty yen (¥360) per year, a special member will pay more than three thousand yen (¥3,000) and a corporation member more than ten thousand yen (¥10,000) per year. The association will hold a general meeting once a year. According to the enclosed mimeographed copy of the prospectus of the society, the society will shortly establish CHUKA BOEKI KENKYUJO (Chinese Trade Research Institute). Prospective directors of the association are as follows:

- President: SHIDEHARA Kijuro ✓
- Directors: TOKUGAWA Iemasa (Ex: ex-Prince. Source examiner's knowledge) ✓
- SEKIYA Teizaburo ✓
- IJUIN Toraichi, standing director of TOKYO GINKO (Tokyo Bank) ✓
- MATSUDAIRA Tsuneo (Ex: Speaker of the House of Councillors. Source: examiner's knowledge) ✓
- KITASHIRO Seiya, chief-director of FUKKO KINKO (Reconstruction Finance Bank) ✓
- SATO Kichiro, president of TEIKOKU GINKO (Imperial Bank) ✓
- KINOSHITA Seijiro, chief-director of SEN-I BOEKI KODAN (Textile Trade Corporation) ✓
- KAWAKITA Teiichi, vice-president of NIPPON GINKO (Bank of Japan) ✓
- NISHIDA Zenzo, vice-president of FURUKAWA DENKI KOGYO K.K. (Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.) ✓

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ITAKURA Takuzo, president of JIJI SHIMPOSHA
(Jiji Press Co.)
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(Yomiuri Newspaper Co.)
YOKOTA Minoru, president of SEKAI NIPPO SHA
(World Daily News Co.)
MIURA Yoshiaki, ex-minister
AKIYAMA Michitoshi, ex-minister
MOTOMIYA Koichi, president of IWAKI SANGYO K.K.
(Iwaki Industrial Co., Ltd.)
ONO Hiroshi, ex-adviser to KANKO-TAIYA-HYOKYO
SEITETSU KOSHI (Hankow-Tayeh-Pingsiang Iron Co.)
to be designated OKAMOTO Yaichi, president of GOKO SANGYO K.K.
(Goko Industrial Co., Ltd.; ex-director of
TAIWAN GINKO (Bank of Formosa)
NAKAJIMA Kumakichi, president of NIPPON BOEKI KAI
(Japan Foreign Trade Association)
TAKAHASHI Ryutaro, president of NIPPON SHOKO
KAIGISHO (Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry)
KAJI Ryuichi, chief of Publishing Bureau of
ASAHI SHIMBUN SHA (Asahi Newspaper Co.)
NAGATO Masaji, chief-editor of MAINICHI SHIMBUN
purpose (Mainichi Newspaper)
KONAGISA Toshinori, president of NIPPON KEIZAI
SHIMBUNSHA (Japan Economic Newspaper Co.)
ONO Yoshio, president of TAIYO KINZAN (Taio Gold
Mine Co.)
YOSHIDA Seiji, manager of MITSUBISHI GINKO
(Mitsubishi Bank)
TSUCHIYA Keizo, president of DAIICHI HOTEL (First
Hotel)
NAGAO Kin-ya, president of WAKAMOTO (Wakamoto Co.)
KANAZAWA Tosaburo, adviser to NIPPON TOGYO K.K.
(Japan Sugar Industry Co., Ltd.)
UCHIDA Shigeru, chief director of NIKKA KEIZAI
KYOKAI (Japanese-Chinese Economic Association)
KISHI Kuramatsu, secretary to SHIDEHARA Kijuro
MIZUTANI Chozaburo (Ex. Minister of Commerce and
Industry)
TAKEUCHI Katsumi
NAKATSUKASA Kiyoshi, vice-president of KANEGAFUCHI
BOSEKI K.K. (Kanegafuchi Spinning Co., Ltd.)
TOYODA Risaburo, president of TOYODA JIDOSHA K.K.
(Toyota Automobile Co., Ltd.)
SHIOZAKI Kihachiro, president of NICHIMEN JITSUGYO
K.K. (Japan Cotton Industrial Co., Ltd.)
TACHIKAWA Danzo
YASUI Seiichiro (Ex: Governor-General of Tokyo.
Source: common knowledge)
President of NOZAWA GUMI (Nozawa & Co.)
IMAZEKI Tempo
MAKINO Matsunosuke, president of KYORITSU SHOJI
(Kyoritsu Firm)
TANAKA Kotaro (Ex: ex-Education Minister Source:
common knowledge)
HOSOI Jiro
OTA Ichiro
SONE Masu
EX-EDUCATION MINISTER PRESIDES OVER
SINO-JAPANESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Writer encloses a printed copy of the inaugural number of
"CHUNICHI BUNKA KYOKAI KAIHO" (Sino-Japanese Cultural
Association Bulletin) published on 10 Jul 47 by SHIMIZU
Tozo, the editor and publisher of CHUNICHI BUNKA KYOKAI
中日文化協会 (Sino-Japanese Cultural Association) at 7-1-chome,

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Hon-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, which reveals that the assoc. was inaugurated on 4 Apr at KOGYO KURABU (Industry Club), Marunouchi, Tokyo. The association aims at contributing to the enhancement and extension of Japanese and Chinese culture, by promoting the interchange of culture between Japan and China, and also at conducting a cultural movement which will be the foundation of coexistence and coprosperity of mankind. The ordinary membership fee is twenty yen (¥20) per month and two hundred yen (¥200) per year, and the special membership fee is more than five hundred yen (¥500) per month and more than five thousand yen (¥5,000) per year.

The officials of the Association are as follows:

President: ABE Yoshishige (Ex: ex-Education Minister; president of GAKUSHUIN School; Source: examiner's knowledge)

Chief director: TAKATA Hiroshi (Ex: a member of the House of Councillors; president of NIPPON KOTSU KOSHA (Japan Travel Bureau) Source: examiner's knowledge)

Directors:

- IIMURA Hirashi
- ISHIDA Mikinosuke (Ex: ex-professor at Taisho University and Japan University. Source: examiner's knowledge)
- OTA Unosuke
- KYOKOTA Minoru (Ex: president of SEKAI NIPPOSHA (World Daily News Co.) Source: enclosed roster)
- NAGAO Tatsuzo
- FUJIYAMA Katsuji
- AKIYAMA Mitsuo (Ex: a writer Source: examiner's knowledge)
- SHIMIZU Tozo
- IWAKURA Tomoe (Ex: ex-Prince; ex-member of the House of Peers. Source: examiner's knowledge)
- HATA Hiroshi
- OTAKE Heihachiro (Ex: a writer. Source: examiner's knowledge)
- TANIGAWA Tetsuzo (Ex: Literary critic, Professor at Hosei Univ. Source: examiner's knowledge)
- YASHIRO Yukio (Ex: ex-professor at TOKYO BIJUTSU GAKKO (Tokyo Arts School) Source: examiner's knowledge)
- ABE Toyokatsu
- SAITO Michitaro
- MOROI Kan-ichi (Ex: standing manager of CHICHIBU CEMENTO K.K. (Chichibu Cement Co., Ltd.) Source: 1947 edition of Yomiuri Political Year-book.)
- IMANAKA Tsugimaro (Ex: professor at Kyushu University. Source: examiner's knowledge)
- HATANO Ken-ichi (Ex: a writer. Source: examiner's knowledge)
- WADA Kiyoshi (Ex: Dr. of Literature; professor at Tokyo University. Source: 1947 edition of Yomiuri Political Year-book)
- TAO Gotaro
- MATSUKATA Gisaburo (Ex: chief-editor of KYODO TSUSHIN SHA (Kyodo News Agency). Source: 1947 edition of Yomiuri Year-book)

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ABE Yoshimune (Ex: president of ZENKOKU
HIKIAGESHA DANTAI RENGOKAI (All-Japan
Federation of Repatriates' Organizations).
Source: examiner's knowledge)
SANEFUJI Keishu
SUZUKI Bunshiro (Ex: chief editor of the
Japanese version of the Reader's Digest
Source: examiner's knowledge)

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Auditors: TAKIKAWA Gisaku
DAN Ino (Ex: ex-Baron Source: examiner's
knowledge)

Inclosures: 4

- 1 mimeographed copy of the prospectus of the East Asia
Research Association
- 1 mimeographed copy of the draft regulations of the same
association
- 1 mimeographed copy of the roster of directors of the same
association
- 1 printed copy of the inaugural number of the "Sino-Japanese
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CIVIL AFFAIRS: INFILTRATION OF EX-PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS
INTO GOVERNMENT OFFICES CRITICIZED

Writer, in his contribution to the YOMIURI SHIMBUN (Yomiuri
Newspaper), states:

"I wish to warn the government authorities and the general
public about wilful evasion of the purge directive in some
government quarters and secret holding of offices by persons
who are unqualified for government and public offices.

"It is a fact that during the confusion which reigned
after the war, many military personnel took refuge in govern-
ment and public offices under pretence of winding up remaining
affairs by taking advantage of their former positions and
influence.

"The majority of them obtained positions in the DEMOBILI-
ZATION MINISTRY which had to be established out of sheer
necessity but will be dissolved soon upon completion of its
work. However, military officers who infiltrated into other
government offices still secretly retain their positions as
commissioners, technicians and non-regular staff members.
For instance there are now hordes of former professional
soldiers in the Medical Bureau of the WELFARE MINISTRY and the
national hospitals and clinics. These professional soldiers,
availing themselves of their influence and positions when the
war ended, plotted with officials of the WELFARE MINISTRY and

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secured high posts in the ministry while others established national hospitals by using army hospitals and secured positions in them under the pretense of caring for sick and wounded soldiers.

"In spite of their camouflage, there is undeniable evidence that they were professional soldiers and egoists. During the confusion which existed at the war's end, they, claiming that only regular officers could secure posts in the WELFARE MINISTRY, expelled all conscripted civilian medical officers. Therefore, those who remain in office now were all regular army officers or men who volunteered for active service and held some important posts in the homeland during the war. In order to camouflage themselves, they say they are not graduates of the military academy or the naval academy but were graduated from various schools to which they were sent by the army and navy or volunteered for long term active service and became regular officers, so there is no reason why they should not be regarded as professional soldiers.

"The public must call the WELFARE MINISTRY authorities to account for their negligence during the past two years and encourage the government to purge the undesirables, keeping a rigid watch on all government offices."

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