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The following correction should be made on this document:

Page 2. Paragraph 3 Line 3 from bottom

"Already, quarter of a century ago we staked our national debting and brought to naught the mad invasion of Asia....."

should read

"Already, quarter of a century ago we staked our national destiny and brought to naught the great waves of invasion of Asia....."

Excerpt from "The Annual report of  
the Greater Asiatic Association."

Prospectus for the Establishment of  
the Greater Asiatic Association.

The Manchurian Incident has been causing an epoch-making change and turn in the political circles of the world. The independence of Manchukuo as the latest country in the world is a great wonder in the post-War international political history. And yet, the appearance of independent Manchukuo is nothing but a prelude to the world-historic changes to be occasioned successively.

The autonomy of East Asia must be firmly established next to the independence of Manchuria. The liberty and glory of Asia, mother of civilization, must be restored in quick succession to the founding of a new righteous government. Formerly, Manchuria served as the last defensive fortress in Asia against the European conquest of the world. Now, Manchuria has been strengthened and unified into one nation. The construction work of Pan-Asiatic union and re-organization must be started on the premise of this new Far Eastern situation.

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It thinks, Asia is clearly one consolidated body of the same destiny

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from cultural, political, economical geographical and racial standpoints. Real peace, welfare and development of various Asiatic races can be possible only upon the realization of one unity of Asia and all the races' organic unification. Opposition and struggle against each other among the nations of Asia afford the fittest opportunities of interference from outside, and only accelerate the heavy oppression for themselves which has been burthened on Asia. In order to root out the opportunities for struggles among one another, and exclude the interference and separation from without, it is absolutely necessary to try to organize and put various Asiatic races, now in broken-up conditions, into one solid unity. To add to this, the broken-up conditions and separation of Asia are not only misfortunes of Asia herself but of the world peace, for they are apt to stimulate the ambition and greed of Europe or America. The establishment of order in Asia through the independent endeavour of Asiatics is truly a pre-requisite to the stabilization of world affairs on an unshakable foundation.

3.

This being so the grave responsibility for the reconstruction of and the establishment of order in East Asia is a task which must be borne on Japan's shoulders. Already, quarter of a century ago we staked our national destiny and brought to naught the mad invasion of Asia on the part of the Russian Empire and saved all Asia from the fate of being overthrown and destroyed thereby affording all the coloured races an

opportunity to raise their heads. Now the human history is just at an important turningpoint after the settlement of <sup>the</sup> Manchurian Incident. It is time that our Imperial Japan should make further one step towards the reconstruction and consolidation of Asia, enlarging the world-historical significance of Russo-Japanese War and pouring ~~all her~~ cultural, political, economical and organizing power. For it is the only way of spreading our fundamental policy of the Empire all over the Four Seas conforming with our Imperial ideal, to improve the present frame of international relation where Europe alone is playing the part of important character with our power leading the independence and consolidation of various Asiatic races, and to establish a new world order based on the principle of equality of human kinds and equal possession of world resources. The forming of Great East Asia Union is a historical duty to which we are now facing.

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Considering from the development of international politics, the formation of Great East Asia Union is a natural result. It is an inevitable consequence for human society that various nations which are much alike with one another from the standpoint of zone, culture and race, wish to form a political and economical union.

On the contrary it is unnatural and impossible to step over a racial state to world state. Accordingly it is an inevitable consequence that the League of Nations, as a pan-world union, which happened to be

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organized at a opportune time of the First Great War without any maturity of historical factors, should be changed fundamentally by pan-continentalism and pan-racialism. In spite of the serious efforts of signatories, the League of Nations was not only powerless to settle international complications and to alleviate international struggles, but the efforts themselves to alleviate international struggles proved to give the spur to them. The reason lies in the fact that there was something fundamentally wrong with the League of Nations that, neglecting the above-mentioned development of international politics, took its ground on idealistic cosmopolitanism. The international politics and economy at present and in the future are likely to be managed by intricate oppositions and antagonism among various pan-continental and pan-racial state groups, such as European Union, Asiatic Union, American Union, Soviet Union and Anglo-Saxon Union. The construction of the new world peace should be based on the condition of coexistence of such various groups.

5.

Thus the formation of <sup>the</sup> Great East Asia Union is not only indispensable to the present Asia, but <sup>is</sup> also <sup>the</sup> best and absolute way to secure the real world peace. The reason why we, hereby organize the Greater Asiatic Association, and we will dash on undauntedly to materialize, before long, the Great Asia Union putting all nations in Asia together, by our serious efforts to investigate culture, politics economy and other matters in all states of Asia, to promote friendly relations between Japan and other states in

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Asia, and to introduce and spread the Japanese culture to the other nations, is in the fact that we believe this is the best and absolute way indeed to contribute to the progress of human culture and to secure the world peace. We shall deem it a great favour if intelligent circles will kindly approve and help us.

The Organizing Committee of the  
Greater Asiatic Association.

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE UNDERTAKINGS BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF  
THE CHINESE GREATER ASIATIC ASSOCIATION

--- during the year 1936.

The visit to North China in Nov. 1935 by Councillor MATSUI and Secretary NAKATANI had given rise to the movement, among the leading Chinese both of official and civilian circles, toward establishing the Greater Asiatic Association there. A preparatory commission, therefore, was decided to be formed for the establishment of the Chinese Greater Asiatic Association by those influential members of the political, business and literary circles, and a meeting was held by the promoters for its establishment at Hsi-hu Hotel, Ma-chang tao Street, Tientsin City on Dec. 1st of the same year. The following declaration and agreement were passed unanimously; Mr. Li Sheng-to and Mr. Kao Ling-wei were nominated president and vice-president respectively; Messrs. Sung Che-yuan, Han Fu-chu, Chin Te-chun, Hsiao Chen-ying and Cheng Ku were decided to be joined as supporters. Future line of policy, liaison with the Tokyo Greater Asiatic Association etc. were discussed on that occasion.

Declaration of the Chinese Greater Asiatic Association

In former times, China defended herself by closing her doors to foreigners, aware only of herself and knowing but little of the world situation. In recent times, traffic and communication have been opened

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to every corner of the world, numberless countries have been founded and their intercourse and intercommunication are getting more and more intense. Judging from these facts, China cannot remain obstinately closed to the outer world any longer; considering her present national power, she cannot hope for isolated independence either. It may be said that China has hitherto been enabled to stay within her own boundaries; hereafter China ranks among the world powers. The circumstances having already been changed, there must follow altered national policy to cope with the changed situation. This is why in recent years China has heroically stood firm and rendered service as a member of the international organization. There remains no room for doubt as to this. Nevertheless, during the past sixty years, western powers have gradually shifted their sphere of influence eastward, bringing storm and stress to the Asiatic nations. This is a common knowledge shared by those who are versed in the modern world history. Our Asiatic nations, however, are quite at a loss what to do, ignorant of how to share the fortune and misfortune of one another; they do not try to help one another in order to relieve their hardships. On the contrary, they quarrel among themselves as brothers do to their disadvantage, only to repent bitterly after biting each other in vain. Why do they not unbosom themselves to one another and be united by the tie of common interest? The day has come when each Asiatic nation should be awakened up to the situation. Asia is the Asia for the Asiatics. Such being the circumstances, all Asiatic



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nations should pledge by all means to be united together for the establishment of firm and concrete foundations in Asia on which they are enabled to stand up and exchange their opinions freely in the pursuit of their common interests. This is what the Asiatics should at once set to work to study and investigate. Of all the nations in Asia, China is large and Japan is strong; these two bear heavy responsibilities upon their shoulders. How lagging the progress is on our part! Japan has already established the Greater Asiatic Association. Can we Chinese nation rest tranquil in a haze? With the sympathy and support of those interested in this matter, we have now established the Chinese Greater Asiatic Association in Tientsin. Hereby we make our special declaration and make clear the object of our association.