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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
PRISON BRANCH

17 July 1950

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Osaka Main Prison
CODE NUMBER OF INSTITUTION: #62
LOCATION: Sakai City, Osaka Prefecture
DATE OF INSPECTION: 10 June 1950
DATE OF REPORT: 27 June 1950
NAME OF WARDEN: J. Kusumoto
NAME OF JAPANESE INSPECTOR: Suyama
PRISON BRANCH PSD REPRESENTATIVES: E. L. Maxwell

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I ADMINISTRATION

A Personnel

1	Authorized T/O	607
2	Number of personnel employed	590
3	Number of personnel on duty status	546
a	Ill	16
b	Leave	2
c	TDY	3
d	Dist Training School	20
e	Central Tng School	3
f	Other	0
4	Number of personnel	

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f	Other	0
4	Number of personnel taking on the job training	0
5	Number of personnel taking Institutional Refresher Courses	0
6	No hired last 12 mos	154
7	No dismissed or returned last 12 months	130

B Budget

		Alot	Expd	Add Comm	Balance
1	Allotted Funds				
a	Industry	¥30,220,000	¥12,598,242	0	¥17,621,758
b	Construction New	0	0	0	0
c	Maintenance	565,000	0	0	565,000
d	Operations	84,149,410	47,450,787	0	36,698,623
e	Total	114,934,410	60,049,029	0	54,885,381

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	2	Required Funds	
	a	Industry	¥83,500,000
	b	Construction New	¥52,324,850
	c	Maintenance	¥ 940,000
	d	Operations	¥221,449,984
	e	Total	¥358,214,834
C		Accounts	
	1	Amt of Petty Cash on hand	¥29,068
	a	Security of cash on hand	Steel safe
	b	Method of paying invoices	By check
	c	Method of paying inmates	By cash
D		Supplies	
	1	Food (Sources)	
	a	Staples	Rationed (food, food distribution agency)
	b	Meat and Fish	Open market and institution. 23.6% of all meat requirements are produced at institution. All fish purchased on open market
	c	Vegetables	92.4 produced at institution
	2	Clothing and bedding (quantity and quality)	Has only one outfit of clothing per inmate Needs 290,334 yards to provide one additional

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3	Medical Supplies	Adequate, except for x-ray equipment
4	Storage	
a	Structure, type & number	3 two story brick warehouses which are not adequate. Too small and in need of repair.
5	Inventory control system	Stock control system
a	Method of accounting for expendables	Stock control system
(1)	Frequency of inventory	Once each month
b	Method of accounting for non-expendables	Stock control system
(1)	Frequency of inventory	Once each week

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II	CLASSIFICATION	
A	Psychologist	One
1	Number of assistants	Seven
2	Full or Part Time	Full time
B	Items covered in Social History	All items are properly covered
C	Is initial classification performed upon arrival	Yes
1	Within what length of time	20 days
2	Used for cell assignments	Yes
3	Used for work assignments	Yes
D	Is reclassification performed	Yes
1	How often	Every six months and for special work assignments or other emergencies
E	Is pre-parole class performed	Yes
1	Is it used for parole recommendations	Yes
2	Is pre-parole report sutmitted 60 days before eligibility date	Yes
3	Are recommendations forwarded on eligibility date	Yes
4	Are proper channels followed	Yes
5	Is parole being considered as per par (1) of parole procedure regulations	Yes

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	E	Is pre-parole class performed	Yes
	1	Is it used for parole recommendations	Yes
	2	Is pre-parole report submitted 60 days before eligibility date	Yes
	3	Are recommendations forwarded on eligibility date	Yes
	4	Are proper channels followed	Yes
	5	Is parole being considered as per par (1) of parole procedure regulations	Yes
III		EDUCATION	
	A	Academic	None. Lack of instructors. Academic program will be initiated as soon as instructors are available. This will require two directors and five instructors. Also needs text books of all types.
	1	Director	---
	2	Educational breakdown of inmates	4755
	a	Literates	4755
	b	Illiterates	417
	3	Elective Course	---
	4	Required Courses	---

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5	Number of guest speakers last 12 months	10
a	Number of lectures given last 12 months	25
b	Subjects discussed	Civics, Current Events, History, and Religion
c	Visual aids & Tng films (not entertainment)	CI&E Training Films once each month
B	Vocational	Yes
1	Director	Yes
a	Number of Assistants	None
b	Full or part time	Full time
2	Subjects taught	Woodworking and construction. Also on-the-job training in shoe making
3	Facilities	Adequate
4	Training hours	One hour each day
5	Instructors (Technicians)	3
a	Inmates	10
6	No inmates participating	100
IV	MEDICAL AND SANITATION	
A	Medical Staff	
1	Doctor	Four
a	Number of assistants	Five

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	3	Facilities	Adequate
	4	Training hours	One hour each day
	5	Instructors (Technicians)	3
	a	Inmates	10
	6	No inmates participating	100
IV		MEDICAL AND SANITATION	
A		Medical Staff	
	1	Doctor	Four
	a	Number of assistants	Five
	b	Full or part time	Full time
	2	Dentist	One
	a	Number of assistants	None
	b	Full or part time	Part time
	3	Psychiatrist	One
	a	Full or part time	Full time
B		Hospital	
	1	Type of building	Five wooden construction, all one-floor plan
	2	Condition of building	Fair. Needs some repair and should be painted throughout.
	3	Sanitation	Fair

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4	Capacity	261
5	Population	126
a	Breakdown by type of illness	Leper, 3; T.B., 43; V.D., 7; other, 73
6	Sick call	Yes, daily
7	Equipment	
a	Surgical instruments	Sufficient
b	X-ray	Yes but needs additional equipment
c	Operating Room	Yes
d	Isolation Ward	Yes. Should be screened
(1)	Are contagious diseases isolated	Yes
e	Mental ward	Yes
f	Windows and doors screened	Mental wards and leper wards only
C	Procedure	
1	Are new arrivals given examination	Yes
a	Physical (by whom)	Doctor
b	Mental (by whom)	Doctor
2	Are periodical physical & mental check given	Yes
a	How often	Every three to six months
3	Method of obtaining	Through custody and administrative channels

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		Isolated	Yes
	e	Mental ward	Yes
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	a	Physical (by whom)	Doctor
	b	Mental (by whom)	Doctor
	2	Are periodical physical & mental check given	Yes
	a	How often	Every three to six months
	3	Method of obtaining medical attention	Through custody and administrative channels
	4	No deaths last 12 months	65
	a	Causes of deaths	64 natural deaths, 1 murdered during fight with another inmate
	5	No released for medical reasons last 12 months	21
	6	No deaths following medical release last 12 months	3
	7	Methods of handling psychiatric cases	Placed in mental ward and examined by institutional doctor and psychiatrist from Osaka Medical Center. If patient pronounced insane, he is transferred to mental hospital
	8	Are food handlers given periodical physical exams	Yes
	a	How often	Once each month

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			Staples	Side Dishes
9	Daily food allowance	1	3001 calories	565 calories
		2	2708 "	565 "
		3	2405 "	565 "
		4	2007 "	565 "
		5	1610 "	565 "
		Sick - 6	1465 "	636 "

V		INMATES	
A		Total population	5682
	1	Sentenced	All sentenced
	2	Nationality	
	a	Japanese	4923
	b	Korean	755
	c	Chinese	4
	d	Other	
	3	Communist	6
	4	Average age bracket	25
	6	Grading of inmates	Four classes
	7	Segregation by type	Yes to conform with classification
	8	Total number of inmates working	4725
	9	Total number of inmates idle	957
	a	Reason for idleness	508 awaiting classification; 129 in hospital or convalescent; 40 under investigation; 79

	d	Other	
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	8	Total number of inmates working	4725
	9	Total number of inmates idle	957
	a	Reason for idleness	508 awaiting classification; 129 in hospital or convalescent; 40 under investigation; 79 disciplinary reasons. 201 due to lack of work.
B		Mail, visitors & inmate morals	
	1	Is mail censored	Yes
	a	Loss of mail privileges	No
	2	Visitors Are visits supervised	Yes
	3	Morale of inmates	Good
	a	Channel for inmates complaints	Admr. channels
C		Custody and Discipline	
	1	Guard-prisoner ratio	1 to 16 (custody only)
	2	Types of disciplinary action	1, solitary confinement 2, reduction of rations 3, Loss of recreation 4, Loss of library privileges 5, Reduction pay allowance 6, Reprimand 7, Total loss pay allowance

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a	Number cases last 12 months	986
b	Who holds Disciplinary court	Warden and staff
3	Number escapes last 12 months	2 cases involving 5 inmates from Main Institution
a	Circumstances of escapes	5 inmates escaped from Main Prison by utilizing ladders and ropes to scale stockade wall
b	Recoveries	5
4	Written riot and escape plan	Yes
a	Coordinated with local police	Yes
5	Emergency disaster plan	Yes
6	Type of alarm system	Siren, telephone and electric light signal system
D	Recreation	
1	Athletic facilities and equip	Not sufficient; athletic field is too small and equipment is scarce.
2	Organized athletics	Yes
3	Entertainment	Yes
a	Movies How often	Once each month
b	Inmate stage show group	None
(1)	How often shown	---
(2)	Other than main institution	---
c	Civilian stage shows	Yes

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signal system

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b	Inmate stage show group	None
(1)	How often shown	---
(2)	Other than main institution	---
c	Civilian stage shows	Yes
(1)	How often	21 during last FY
(2)	Sponsored by whom	Local business organizations and civic groups
(3)	Censored before showing	Yes. By Chief of Education
4	Library	Yes
a	Type of books	Religion, text books, fiction, and reference
b	Number of books	15,792
c	Method of issue	Card system, to cell.
5	Band or orchestra	Yes. Band
E	Religion	
1	No of chaplains that visit per month	13

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2	Frequency of services	Weekly
VI	INDUSTRY	
A	Within institution	
1	Contracts	
a	Government	
(1)	Number of contracts	282
(2)	Written or oral	Large contracts written
(3)	Main types of industry	Woodwork, metal, tailoring, printing, paper work, leather goods, and reclaiming cotton
(4)	Length of contracts	One month to one year
(5)	Amount of contracts	¥19,802,899
(6)	Number of inmates employed	3400 (Government and Private)
(7)	Number of technicians employed	20 Government and Private
(8)	Equipment	95% Government owned
b	Private Contracts	
(1)	Number of contracts	9
(2)	Written or oral	Written
(3)	Main types of Industry	Roof tile making, woodwork, spinning, packing, knitting (hook rugs)
(4)	Length of contracts	Average one year
(5)	Amount of contracts	¥46,151,864
(6)	Equipment	Privately owned 100%

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	(7) Number of technicians employed	20 Government and Private
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	(4) Length of contracts	Average one year
	(5) Amount of contracts	¥46,151,864
	(6) Equipment	Privately owned 100%
B	Outside Projects (less farm)	
1	Contracts	
a	Government (direct)	Yes
	(1) Number	4
	(2) Written or oral	Written
	(3) Type of project	Construction (building schools)
	(4) Length of contract	31 August 1950
	(5) Amount of contract	¥18,750,000
	(6) Number of inmates employed	117
	(7) Number of technicians employed	2
	(8) Working schedule	8 hours per day
	(9) Equipment	Gov owned 100%

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b	Private	
	(1) Number	5
	(2) Written or oral	Written
	(3) Type of project	3 - construction (private school) 2 - railroad repair (section crews)
	(4) Length of contract	Construction, 31 October 1950 Railroad repair, 1 year
	(5) Amount of contract	Construction only ¥4,450,000; Railroad repair, ¥135 per day per inmate
	(6) Number of inmates employed	Construction, 96 Railroad, 54
	(7) Number of technicians	2
	(8) Working schedule	8 hours per day
	(9) Equipment	Gov. owned, 100%
c	Gov projects under private contract	None
C	Prison Farms	One
1	Size of tract	13.8 chobu
a	Gov owned or leased	Gov owned
2	Equipment	Adequate
a	Gov owned or leased	Gov owned
3	No of inmates employed	58
4	No of guards employed	7

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	a	Gov owned or leased	Gov owned
	3	No of inmates employed	58
	4	No of guards employed	7
	5	Production income	Amt in yen ¥4,104,452
	a-	Grain	¥996,587
	b	Vegetables	¥2,047,205
	c	Livestock	¥1,018,088
	d	Other	¥ 42,572
	6	Utilization of produce	63% used at institutions, balance sold to other institutions
	7	Conditions	Inmates are billeted at Main Prison
	8	Type of fertilizer used	Commercial, compost, and night soil
D		Industry (general)	
	1	Shop facilities and condition of equip	Shop facilities are not adequate. The condition of equipment is average.

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2	Safeguards (Industrial)	Adequate
3	Market for mfg goods	The demand for prison made goods in this area remains good with the exception of nails; during the past few weeks stocks of this commodity has been dumped on the local market.
4	Competition with private industry	None, as of this date
5	Raw material	
a	Procurement	Open market and from other institutions. (Plywood from Neibo; soap from Yokohama, paper from Shizuoka).
b	Warehousing (stockpile)	Lumber - 1 year's supply Scrap metal - 6 months' supply Paper - 2 months' supply Cloth (cotton) out
6	Inmates monthly average wage	¥62.18
7	Industrial quota	¥145,000,000
8	Total income from all industries	Figures not available for 1950-51 F.Y. Warden feels that he will be able to fulfill quota
9	List shortages of machines equip & raw materials	Machines and equipment are adequate with the exception of a lumber drying kiln. Critical shortage of cloth for institution use.
10	Are all contracts subject to approval by NHQ	No - approved at District Level
VII	PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	
A	Rated capacity	3064

		Paper - 2 months' supply Cloth (cotton) out
6	Inmates monthly average wage	¥82.18
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VII	PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	
A	Rated capacity	3064
B	Type of construction	Wood, brick, and concrete
1	Condition	60% of institutions in good condition 20% fair 20% poor (mainly in shops and warehouses)
2	Ventilation	Good
3	Lighting	Good
4	Heating	Infirmary only
5	Sanitation	Good
a	Sewage disposal	Good
6	Bathing facilities	Adequate
a	Frequency of baths	Once each week

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C	Security Features	
1	Wall or fence, materials	Concrete
a	Height and condition	5.45 meters, condition good
2	Locking system	Standard
3	Type and size of cells	726 cells - 1 tsubo (single) 143 cells - 1.5 tsubo (single) 5 cells - 2 tsubo (single) 28 cells - 2 tsubo (congregative) 28 cells - 3 tsubo (congregative) 18 cells - 4.5 tsubo (congregative) 101 cells - 5.5 tsubo (congregative) 17 cells - 6 tsubo " 1 cell - 19 tsubo " 40 cells - 7 tsubo " 34 cells - 10 tsubo " 2 cells - 14 tsubo " 1 cell - 42 tsubo "
4	Armory	
a	Location	Custody Section
b	Adequate security	Yes
c	Type and number of weapons	20 rifles 49 pistols
(1)	Condition	12 pistols need repair; otherwise good
d	Ammunition, type, and amount	650 rounds - rifle 3962 rounds - pistol
D	Kitchen	
1	Facilities and equipment	Adequate
2	Sanitation	Good

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D	Kitchen	
1	Facilities and equipment	Adequate
2	Sanitation	Good
3	Doors and windows screened	Yes
4	Food storage	Inadequate. This structure should be repaired or rebuilt
E	Fire Equipment	
1	Type	Two gasoline pumpers - three manual operated pumps and one steam pump.
2	Condition	Good
3	Number of static pools and/or hydrants	8 static pools, 3 hydrants
4	Periodical inspections	Yes, one a month
5	Written fire plan	Yes
a	Coordinated with local FD	Yes
6	Frequency of fire drills	Once each week
7	Fire marshal graduate of central fire school, Tokyo	Yes

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VIII	WARDEN'S COMMENTS AND REMARKS	(1) Construct additional factories (400 tsubo); (2) Repair existing shops (800 tsubo); (3) Enlarge hospital operating room and install flush type commodes; (4) Secure new x-ray equipment; (5) Needs more pistols (100 additional); (6) Wants a refrigeration unit installed in kitchen (12 to 13 tsubo); (7) Needs 100 additional housing units for guard personnel; at present it is necessary to house guards in a warehouse.
IX	CONCLUSIONS	This institution, originally designed to function as four separate prisons, is being administered in a commendable manner. Improvement can be made as reflected under the following recommendations. However, from an overall standpoint this institution can be rated as satisfactory.
X	RECOMMENDATIONS	(1) That the T/O at this institution be increased by fifty. At present this institution is receiving all the desperate criminals from the Osaka District and has 300 inmates who at one time or another has escaped. (2) Supply needed cloth for clothing and bedding as soon as possible, (3) Allocate funds to construct new warehouses where needed and repair of existing structures. (4) Initiate academic training at this institution immediately to absorb present idle (201) as well as the 417 illiterates. (5) X-ray equipment should be replaced with new and improved units. (6) Screen all hospital wards, especially the T.B. Ward. (7) Erect watch towers

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