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The “Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere”: A New Boundary for Taiwanese People and the Taiwanese Capital, 1940-1945

ABSTRACT

This article deals with Taiwanese civilian emigration and overseas investment in the period of 1940-1945. Taiwan in general and some Taiwanese in particular helped in the reconstruction of Japanese occupied areas during the war. Overseas Taiwanese mainly worked as employees for Japanese stores, companies, mines, plantations, and Japanese government offices, but also opened stores, factories, plantations and banks by themselves. As a kind of overseas ethnic Chinese, the Taiwanese civilian emigrants examined in this paper moved in the direction opposite that of other overseas Chinese holding Chinese nationality. The Taiwanese expanded overseas to Greater East Asia, while the Chinese nationals withdrew from this area and went back to China. Thus, this paper will illustrate how the phrase “people should fight for their country” bore different meanings for these two different types of overseas Chinese in the Asia-Pacific War theater of WWII.



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Altes AKH, Campus, Spitalgasse 2, yard 2, entrance 2.3
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