

長谷川謹介與日治時期臺灣鐵路的發展

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摘要

臺灣走向近代化的過程中，日治時期臺灣總督府各部門的技術官僚實扮演重要的角色。尤其在後藤新平擔任民政長官後，確立由能力本位的技術官僚領政之習慣。臺灣的鐵路事業得以邁向另一階段的發展，關鍵人物即是當時的鐵道部技師長長谷川謹介。雖然他在 1908 年縱貫鐵路完工後不久，隨即返日榮升鐵道院東部鐵道管理局局長，但他對日後臺鐵的發展影響十分深遠，並不僅止於縱貫鐵路的興築；更重要的是，他在擔任鐵道部技師長、鐵道部部長時期，在人事、政策、制度等方面為臺鐵奠定日後經營、發展的基礎。

關鍵詞：日治時期、鐵路、長谷川謹介、官僚、殖民

Hasegawa Kinsuke and the Development of Taiwan's Railway in the Japanese Colonial Period

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Abstract

In the process of Taiwan's modernization, the Japanese technocrats in the many departments of Taiwan Sotokofu (Governor-General Office) played a very important role. Especially after Goto Shimpei became the Civil Administrator, the leading position of the technocrats was firmly established. The key figure in the development of Taiwan's railway was the headmaster of the Technical Division of the Railway Bureau—Hasegawa Kinsuke. Although he returned to Japan and was promoted as the Chief of Eastern Railway Management Division of the Railway Department shortly after the North-south Railway had been completed in 1908, his influence in Taiwan was far and wide—not only in terms of the construction of the North-south Railway, but also more importantly in terms of the groundwork he had laid in personnel-allocation, policy-making, and system-establishment for later management and development.

Keywords: the Japanese colonial period, Railway, Hasegawa Kinsuke, Bureaucracy, Colony

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