

FILE NO. 118

RE: MATUSOKA, Yosuke

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On 9 January 1946 the records of the Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat were examined at the Diet Building, Tokyo.

Complete personnel records of the subject were micro-filmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 89.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

NAME: Yosuke MA TSUOKA

BORN: March 4, 1880

RESIDENCE: Yamaguchi Prefecture

1900 June	Graduated Law School, Oregon State, University, Portland, U.S.A.
1904 Oct. 20	Passed the Diplomatic Service and Consular Examinations.
1904 May 4	Appointed Acting Consul; conferred the 7th Grade of Higher Officials (Cabinet); Granted salary 5th Order (Foreign Office); Ordered to serve at Shanghai (Foreign Office).
1904 Dec. 23	Granted 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
1906 July 31	Granted salary 4th Order (Foreign Office).
1906 Oct. 25	Appointed Secretary to the Kwanto Totofuku (Government at Dairen, Highest Office in the District); Granted the 6th Order of Higher Officials (Cabinet) Granted Salary 7th Order (Kwanto Totofuku.)
1906 Nov. 29	Appointed Chief of the Foreign Department of the Kwanto Totokufu.
1907 Feb. 1	Promoted to the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade.



- 1907 Feb. 23 Appointed Acting Chief Secretary of the Secretariat while Kenichi SUGIURA was absent (Kwanto T.F.).
- 1906 Apr. 1 Decorated with the 6th Grade of Merit and with Order of Single Ray of the Rising Sun and granted 300 Yen; for meritorious service during Russo-Japanese war.
- 1907 Sept. 23 Appointed Acting Chief Secretary to the Secretariat and Acting Chief Secretary to the Archives and Document Section while the Chief, Kenichi SUGIURA was absent.
- 1907 Nov. 10 Appointed Secretary in the Foreign Office. Conferred with the 6th Grade of Higher Officials (Cabinet)  
Granted 7th Grade Salary and appointed to serve in Bureau of Political Affairs (Foreign Office).
- 1908 June 30 Granted 6th Grade Salary (Foreign Office).
- 1908 Dec. 10 Appointed 3rd Secretary to the Legation.  
Conferred the 6th Grade of Higher Official. (Cabinet)  
Conferred the 1st Grade of Salary. (Foreign Office)  
Appointed to service in Belgium (Foreign Office).
- 1909 Feb. 10 Appointed to service in China.
- 1909 July 8 Granted the third order of merit of Dragon by the Chinese Government.
- 1909 Sept. 17 Appointed additional post to the Consul.
- 1909 Sept. 17 Conferred the 6th Grade of Higher Officials.
- 1909 Dec. 28 Conferred the 5th Grade of Higher Officials, Special Promotion. (Department office and additional Office, (Cabinet)  
Conferred the 3rd Grade of Salary.
- 1910 Mar. 22 Granted the 6th Court Rank, Junior Grade.
- 1910 Apr. 1 Salary Schedule Regulation of the Higher officials was revised.
- 1910 Apr. 19 Relieved of the additional post.
- 1910 Sept. 3 Appointed the second secretary to the Legation.  
Appointed to 5th Grade of High Official (Cabinet).  
Conferred the 3rd grade of salary (F. C.) .
- 1910 Dec. 27 Conferred the 2nd Grade of Salary (F.O.).
- 1912 June 27 Conferred the 5th Order of Merit of Sacred Treasure.



1912 June 30      Conferred the 1st Grade of Salary

1912 Aug. 2      Appointed the 2nd Secretary to the Embassy.  
Granted the 5th Grade of Higher Official (Cabinet)  
Conferred 1st Grade of Salary (Foreign Office)  
Appointed to service in Russia (Foreign Office).

1912 Dec. 28      Conferred 4th Grade of Higher Official (Cabinet).  
Conferred 3rd Grade of Salary (Foreign Office).

1912 Feb. 20      Conferred the 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade.

1912 Aug. 1      Awarded the Commemoration Medal for the annexation of Korea.

1913 Oct. 29      Appointed to service in U.S.A. (Foreign Office).

1915 Dec. 17      Conferred the 2nd Grade of Salary.

1916 Apr. 1      Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit of the Rising Sun with Double Rays and granted 600 Yen for meritorious service during 1915-1916.

1916 July 1      Appointed the First Secretary to the Embassy;  
Promoted to the 4th grade of High Official (Cabinet);  
Conferred the 2nd Grade of Salary (F. Office).  
Appointed to service in the U.S.A. as well.

1916 Dec. 26      Special promotion to the 3rd Grade of High Officials (Cabinet);  
Conferred the 2nd Grade of Salary (F. Office).  
Recalled from service in U.S.A. (F. Office).  
Ordered to be temporarily engaged in the Affairs of Foreign Office.  
Received full salary while waiting orders.

1917 Feb. 12      Appointed Business Officer as well as Secretary to the Foreign Office (Foreign Office);  
Conferred the 3rd grade of High Officials (Cab.)

1916 Dec. 23      Approved to receive and wear the Order of St. Stanirus Second Class granted by Czar (Emperor of Russia).

1917 Feb. 12      Granted the 2nd Grade of Salary.

1917 Sept. 10      Appointed to the Special Committee for Diplomatic and Consular Examinations (Cabinet).

1917 Nov. 22      Appointed to additional post of Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Cabinet);  
Conferred rank of 3rd Grade of High Officials (Cabinet).

1917 Jan. 21      Granted 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade.



1918 May 8 Released from the additional post as Secretary of Minister of Foreign Affairs (Cabinet)

1918 May 8 Appointed additional post as Secretary to the Prime Minister.

1918 June 13 Conferred the 3rd Grade of High Officials and the 1st Grade of Salary.

1918 June 29 Decorated with the 4th Order Merit and the Order of Sacred Treasure (Cabinet)

1918 Aug. 16 Appointed Special Committee for State Examinations (Cabinet)

1918 Aug. 21 Appointed Secretary of a temporary committee for assisting financially Siberian economic conditions.

1918 Sept 29 Released from additional post of Secretary to the Prime Minister (Cabinet)

1918 Dec. 3 Ordered to Europe (Cabinet)

1919 Feb. 5 Ordered to accompany the Peace Plenipotentiary.

1919 Dec. 9 Ordered to go to Fuchuo (China) (Foreign Office).

1920 May 1 Appointed Consul General;  
Granted the 3rd Grade of High Officials (Cabinet);  
Service at Bureau of Political Affairs (Foreign Office).

1920 May 7 Special Promotion to 2nd Grade of High Officials;  
Conferred the 1st Grade of Salary (Foreign Office)

1920 May 31 Granted 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade.

1920 Sept 7 Decorated with the 3rd Order of Merit of Rising Sun and 2,800 Yen for meritorious service during the war of 1916-1921 and the concluding of the peace treaty with Germany (Board of Decoration).

1921 June 29 Released from post by request (Cabinet).

1921 July 4 Appointed the Director of the South Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd.

1921 July 11 Granted 4th Class Court Rank, Junior Grade, by special promotion.

1925 July 3 Expiration of the term as Director.



1925 July 4 Appointed as the Director of the South Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd. (Cabinet).

1925 Mar. 10 Released from the post by request. (do)

1927 July 19 Appointed Vice President of the South Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd. (Cabinet)

1929 June 21 Appointed Vice Governor to the Company by Imperial Ordinance No. 178.

1929 Aug. 17 Released from the post by request (Cabinet).

1930 Feb. 20 Elected as a Member of Parliament, Imperial Diet.

1930 July 3 Appointed Member of a Committee for the International Tourist Bureau.

1930 Oct. 11 Appointed Representative of Japan to the extraordinary general Meeting of League of Nations at Geneva, Switzerland.

" " " Appointed by the Emperor himself to be treated as an officer. (Cabinet).

1931 May 8 Released from the post (Cabinet).

1931 Dec. 27 Resigned as M. P. of the Diet.

1935 Aug. 2 Appointed the President of the South Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd. (Cabinet).

1935 Sept. 21 Appointed to the Colonial Committee Conference.

1935 Oct. 23 Decorated with the First Order Merit of Sacred Treasures for meritorious service during the war 1931-1934.

1937 Sept. 18 Appointed for the Organizing Committee for the Imperial Fuel Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Cabinet) .

1937 Oct. 15 Appointed Councilor of the Cabinet (Cabinet).

1938 Jan. 20 Released from the Organizing Committee for the Imperial Fuel Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Cabinet) .

1938 Apr. 30 Appointed to the Organizing Committee for the North China Development Co., Ltd. and the Central China Promotion Co., Ltd.

1939 Mar. 24 Released as the President of South Manchuria Railway Co., Ltd., by request.

1939 July 5 Appointed to the Koa Committee Meeting (Cabinet).

1938 Nov. 8 Released from these posts (Cabinet).



- 1940 Jan 23 Released as Councilor of the Cabinet by request (Cabinet)
- 1940 July 22 Appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs and additionally appointed as the Minister for Overseas Affairs (Cabinet).
- 1940 July 31 Released from the Koa Committee meeting by request (Cabinet).
- 1940 Aug. 1 Granted the 3rd Court Rank, Junior Grade.
- 1940 Sept. 28 Relieved of additional post as the Minister for the Overseas Affairs (Cabinet).
- 1941 Feb. 5 Appointed as a representative of the Empire to mediate the conflict between Siam and French Indo-China over their borders.
- 1941 Jan. 23 Appointed as a Representative of the Empire at the mixed Committee meeting of Nations - Japan, Germany and Italy - at Tokyo. (Not reported official gazette) (Cabinet).
- 1941 Mar. 12 Appointed to go to Europe (Cabinet).
- 1941 July 18 Released from the post by request (Cabinet).
- 1941 July 21 Permitted to receive and wear the 1st Order Merit of white Elephant; granted by the Emperor of Siam (Board of Decoration).
- 1940 Apr. 19 Decorated with the First Order Merit with the Grand Cordon of Rising Sun for meritorious service in the China war. (Board of Decoration).

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