

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
PRISON BRANCHAPO 500
8 June 1950

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Kushiro Main Prison
 CODE NUMBER OF INSTITUTION:
 LOCATION: Kushiro-shi Miyamoto cho #17, Hokkaido
 DATE OF INSPECTION: 13 May 1950
 DATE OF REPORT: 27 May 1950
 NAME OF WARDEN: Kasai, Ichiya
 NAME OF JAPANESE INSPECTOR: Miyako (District Supervisor)
 PRISON BRANCH PSD REPRESENTATIVES: Major Reed, Maxwell, and Kinoshita

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I ADMINISTRATION

A Personnel

1	Authorized T/O	74
2	Number of personnel employed	64
3	No of personnel on duty status	55
a	Ill	
b	Leave	1
c	IDY	
d	Dist Training School	4
e	Central Tng School	
f	Other	4
4	Number of personnel taking on the job training	None
5	Number of personnel taking institutional refresher courses	None
6	No hired last 12 months	7
7	No dismissed or returned last 12 months	6

B Budget

1	Allotted Funds	Alot	Expd	Add Comm	Balance
a	Industry	2,810,000	174,984	296,762	2,338,254
b	Construction New	0	0	0	0
c	Maintenance	0	0	0	0
d	Operations	3,481,650	837,882	63,902	2,579,866
e	Total	6,291,650	1,012,866	360,664	4,918,120

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a	Industry	6,339,000
b	Construction New	1,619,000
c	Maintenance	3,073,000
d	Operations	24,963,511
e	Total	35,994,511

CAccounts

1	Amount of Petty Cash on Hand (zen-to-shikin)	15,220.20 yen
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a	Security of cash on hand	Steel combination safe
b	Method of paying invoices	Checks
c	Method of paying inmates	Cash

DSupplies

1	Food (Source)
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a	Staples	Sapporo Prison
b	Meat and Fish	All meat purchased on open market Fish, 85% - open market 15% from Sapporo Prison
c	Vegetables	36% purchased on open market 64% raised on prison farm

2	Clothing and bedding
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If the entire amount of the new allotment of cloth was used to make clothing they could supply each inmate with 2 suits of clothing, one for work and one for cell wear. At the present time they have two futons for each three inmates. They have 150 yds. of cloth with which to make 12 or 13 futons as soon as they can get some cotton batting.

3	Medical Supplies
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Inadequate. Supplies have been requisitioned. The hospital was established 27 February 1950.

4	Storage
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Inadequate. Request has been made for funds to construct an industrial warehouse, 20 tsubo, and brewery, 30 tsubo (soya sauce factory)

a	Structure, type & Number
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Two - wooden

5	Inventory Control System
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Yes

a	Method of accounting for expendables
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Stock record system

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	(1)	Frequency of inventory	Monthly
b		Method of accounting for non-expendables	Stock record system
	(1)	Frequency of inventory	Monthly
E		Law and Regulations	All on hand
II		CLASSIFICATION	
A		Psychologist	None
1		Number of Assistants	None
2		Full or part time	--
B		Items covered in Social History	All phases of inmate's background are covered
C		Is initial classification performed upon arrival	Yes
1		W	
1		Within what length of time	Within 15 days
2		Used for cell assignments	Yes
3		Used for work assignments	Yes
D		Is reclassification performed	Yes
1		How often	Inmates with 8 months sentence or less receive 3 classifications. Others every six months
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	
1		Director	One. (Sgt. of the Guard acting)
a		Number of assistants	None
b		Full or part time	Part time

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2	Educational breakdown of inmates	
a	Literates	270
b	Illiterates	19
3	Elective Courses	None
4	Required Courses	Reading, Arithmetic, and Social Studies
5	School Hours	None The above program will go into effect on or about 1 July 1950
6	Teaching Staff	None when additional personnel are authorized
a	Number	0
b	Part or full time	0
7	Number of guest speakers last 12 months	1
a	Number of lectures given last 12 months	1
b	Subjects discussed	Civics (new Japanese Constitution)
c	Visual aids & Tng films (not entertainment)	To date only one educational film has been shown. Expert to establish a schedule to show CINE films monthly. Slides were shown twice last year.
B	Vocational	
1	Director	Yes
a	Number of Assistants	One
b	Full or part time	Full time
2	Subjects taught	Woodwork, tailoring, and shoe making
3	Facilities	Inadequate (personnel to teach above subjects, vocational training aids, and equipment)
4	Training hours	No set hours
5	Instructors (Technicians)	2
a	Inmates	3
6	No inmates participating	24
IV	MEDICAL AND SANITATION	
A	Medical Staff	
1	Doctor	One
a	Number of assistants	One

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			Full or part time	Full time
			b	
	2	Dentist		None. Civilian doctor on call
	a	Number of assistants		None
	b	Part or full time		Part time on call
	3	Psychiatrist		None
	a	Full or part time		--
B		Hospital		
	1	Type of building		Wooden construction, 45 tsuho area
	2	Condition of building		Very poor condition
	3	Sanitation		Average
	4	Capacity		22
	5	Population		0. Due to the shortage of personnel the hospital is not in use at this time and the 4 patients are quartered in the cell block.
	a	Breakdown by type of illness		2 V.D. - external injuries (injured while falling timber)
	6	Sick call		Daily
	7	Equipment		Inadequate
	a	Surgical instruments		Requisitioned
	b	X-ray		No. Requisitioned
	c	Operating room		No. Surgical and x-ray cases handled by local Red Cross Hospital
	d	Isolation ward		Yes
	(1)	Are contagious diseases isolated		Yes
	e	Mental ward		No
	f	Windows and doors screened		No
C		Procedure		
	1	Are new arrivals given examination		Yes
	a	Physical (by whom)		Doctor
	b	Mental (by whom)		Doctor. Special cases taken to local Red Cross Hospital for examination
	2	Are periodical physical & mental check given		Yes
	a	How often		Inmates 18 years of age and under monthly Over 18 years, every 3 months

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3	Method of obtaining medical attention	Guard administration channels
4	No deaths last 12 months	1
a	Causes of deaths	T.B.
5	No released for medical reasons last 12 months	4
6	No deaths following medical release last 12 months	1
7	Methods of handling psychiatric cases	Taken to local Red Cross Hospital
8.	Are food handlers given periodical physical exams	Yes
a	How often	Monthly
9	Daily food allowances	1st class, 3000 calories Staples 2nd class, 2700 calories plus 669 3rd class, 2400 calories for side 4th class, 2000 calories dishes 5th class, 1600 calories

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INMATES

A	Total population	362
1	Sentenced	319
2	Not sentenced	43
a	Adult male awaiting initial trial	31
b	Adult female awaiting initial trial	0
c	Juveniles awaiting initial trial	11
d	Adult males appealing	1
e	Adult females appealing	0
f	Juveniles appealing	0
3	Nationality	
a	Japanese	331
b	Korean	31
c	Chinese	0
d	Other	0
4	Communist	0
5	Average age bracket	22
6	Grading of inmates	Yes. 4 grades

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7	Segregation by type and sex	Yes
8	Total number of inmates working	302
9	Total number of inmates idle	17
a	Reason for idleness	Disciplinary action, 6; solitary confinement, 1; under investigation, 4; Sick, 4; Administrative action, 2.
B	Mail, visitors & inmate morale	
1	Is mail censored	Yes
a	Loss of mail privileges	None other than demotion in grade which in turn governs amount of letters allowed to write
2	Visitors	
	Are visits supervised	Yes
3	Morale of inmates	Good
a	Channel for inmates complaints	Administrative channels
C	Custody and discipline	
1	Guard-prisoner ratio	1 to 12.5
2	Types of disciplinary action	Reprimand, loss of reading privileges, and loss of recreation, reduction of pay, solitary confinement, and demotion in grade
a	Number cases last 12 months	140
b	Who holds Disciplinary Court	Warden and staff
3	Number escapes last 12 months	3 incidents involving 4 inmates
a	Circumstances of escapes	All from inside the institution and due to guards' negligence. Guards involved received reduction in grade and pay.
4	Written riot and escape plan	Yes
a	Coordinated with local police	Yes
5	Emergency disaster plan	Yes
6	Type of alarm system	Bell. Siren alarm system will be installed in the near future.
D	Recreation	
1	Athletic facilities & Equip	Adequate except for recreation area. A larger area will be made available in the near future.
2	Organized athletics	Yes
3	Entertainment	Yes
a	Movies	Yes
	How often	To date one per year to be increased to one a month

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b	Inmate stage show group	Yes
(1)	How often shown	8 times last year
(2)	Other than main institution	No
c	Civilian stage shows	Yes
(1)	How often	8 times last year
(2)	Sponsored by whom	Local entertainment and culture society and manager, local opera house
(3)	Censored before showing	Yes
4	Library	Yes
a	Type of books	Religion, education, fiction, and reference
b	Number of books	524
c	Method of issue	Standard check-out system
5	Band or orchestra	None
E	Religion	
1	No of chaplains that visit per month	Last year - Buddhist, 16 times " " - Christian, 4 times " " - Shinto, 5 times
2	Frequency of services	Twice a month

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INDUSTRY

A Within institution

1	Contracts	
a	Government	None
b	Private contracts	Yes
(1)	Number of contracts	Two
(2)	Written or oral	Written
(3)	Type of industry	Net weaving, paper bag mfg.
(4)	Length of contracts	1 year
(5)	Amount of contracts	¥450,000
(6)	No of inmates employed	62 approx.
(7)	No of technicians employed	None
(8)	Working schedule	8 hours per day - 6 days per week
(9)	Equipment	100% Government owned

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B		Outside Projects (less farms)	
1	Contracts		
a	Government (direct)	None	
b	Private	Yes	
(1)	Number	Two	
(2)	Written or oral	Written	
(3)	Type of project	Quarrying, loading ship	
(4)	Length of contract	1 year	
(5)	Amount of contract	¥4,000,000	
(6)	No of inmates employed	69	
(7)	Number of technicians	None - 10 guards	
(8)	Working schedule	8 hours per day - 6 days per week	
(9)	Equipment	100% privately owned	
c	Gov projects under private contract		
(1)	Number	None	
C	Prison Farms		
1	Size of tract	259,800 tsubo	
a	Gov owned or leased	Leased, part from Government, part from Pacific Coal Mining Company	
2	Equipment		
a	Gov owned or leased	Government owned	
3	No of inmates employed	77	
4	No of guards employed	7	
5	Production income	Amt in yen 1,323,000	
a	Grain	¥97,000	Amount of revenue expected from 1950 crop
b	Vegetables	¥1,162,000	
c	Livestock	0	
d	Other	¥64,000	
6	Utilization of produce	34% to prison, 66% sold on open market	
7	Living conditions	Good except for lack of electricity	
8	Type and amount of fertilizer used	2,435 kilograms of commercial fertilizer used	
9	Operating expenses	¥950,000	

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<u>B</u>	<u>Industry (general)</u>	
1	Shop facilities and condition of equipment	Inadequate
2	Industrial safeguards	Inadequate
3	Market for mfg goods	70% gov., 30% civilian
4	Competition with private industry	No problem
5	Raw Material	
a	Procurement	65% gov., 35% open market
b	Warehousing (stockpile)	Lumber, 4 months' supply
6	Immates monthly average wage	¥136.10
7	Industrial quota	¥13,230,000 - 1950-51
8	Total income from all industries	¥8,244,131 - 1949-1950
9	List shortages of machines equipment and raw materials	Printing equipment
10	Are all contracts subject to approval by NHQ	Yes, through District

VIIPHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Warden Kasai was transferred from Naobo Prison, Sapporo, to Kushiro, 13 April 1950. In the short time that he has been warden, he has become well acquainted with his duties and has made plans for the expansion and improvement of the institution. A clean-up program is in progress throughout the entire institution. It is a remarkable improvement over the dirty, unkempt condition found at the last inspection.

<u>A</u>	<u>Rated Capacity</u>	<u>336</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>Type of construction</u>	<u>Warden</u>
1	Condition	Poor
2	Ventilation	Good
3	Lighting	Good
4	Heating	Corridor
5	Sanitation	Average by Japanese standards
a	Sewage disposal	Bucket
6	Bathing facilities	Three baths

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a	Frequency of baths	Once every four days
C	Security features	
1	Wall or fence, materials	Concrete
a	Height and condition	3.64 to 3.9 meters high condition - good
2	Locking system	Standard
3	Type and size of cells	140 single cells, 61 dormitory type
4	Armory	
a	Location	Chief of Custody's Office in administrative building and in Document Section Office
b	Adequate security	Yes
c	Type and number of weapons	15 pistols, 0 rifles
(1)	Condition	Five unserviceable. Some pistols were very dirty.
d	Ammunition, type, and amount	1,115 rods
D	Kitchen	Needs new floor and screens on doors and windows
1	Facilities and equipment	Boilers are too small. One or both of the previous boilers should be repaired and put in use.
2	Sanitation	Average
3	Doors and windows screened	No
4	Food storage	Average shows much improvement since last inspection
E	Fire equipment	
1	Type	Two manual operated pumpers Twelve stirrup pumps Eight fire extinguishers
2	Condition	One manual pumper under repair, 4 stirrup pumps unserviceable, and 3 extinguishers lack refill.
3	Number of static pools and/or hydrants	One static pool, 4 hydrants
4	Periodical inspections	Once a month
5	Written fire plan	Yes
a	Coordinated with local FD	Yes

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6	Frequency of fire drills	Once a week
7	Fire marshal graduate of central fire school, Tokyo	No

VIII

Warden's Comments and Remarks

(1) Institution was designated a main prison 1 April 1950, but would not receive additional personnel until 1 July 1950; (2) Account Section undermanned; (3) Personnel still being paid Branch Prison scale wages; (4) Coal allowance inadequate; (5) Arms and medical equipment are inadequate; (6) Desires that ten inmates skilled in carpentry be transferred to institution; (7) Shortage of cotton batting for blankets; (8) Shortage of library books (books are allocated at Tokyo NHQ and shipped to District for distribution with no consideration given, that this was a newly established main prison. As a result very few books are being received. (9) Budget is inadequate for a main prison. (10) Inmates operating expenses are insufficient; ¥50,000 allotted for the first quarter was expended within 30 days. (11) Requested funds to erect four guard towers on institution wall. (12) Requested floodlights for institution. (13) Additional office space needed to meet the necessary expansion from a branch to a main institution.

IX

CONCLUSIONS

There was a noted improvement in the administration and general appearance in the last inspection (nov. 49). Institution, in general, was clean, neat, and overall is rated satisfactorily. The newly assigned warden shows initiative, forethought, and leadership. Through cooperation of NHQ's, through DHQ, the warden will bring this institution on a par with the other institutions in Hokkaido.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Expand the farm program to increase the vegetable production to the point where it will sustain the needs of the institution 100%. If this is impossible, purchases should be made from either Abashiri or Obihiro. (2) Provide facilities for the expansion of the vocational training program. (3) That a new auditorium be constructed as soon as possible. (At present a factory is being used as an auditorium). (4) That adequate hospital supplies and equipment be provided. (5) That guard towers be constructed at each corner of the wall. (6) Recommend immediate expansion of the industrial program in the government use field. (7) Construct additional shop facilities and provide necessary equipment. (8) Industrial safeguards be erected immediately where needed. (9) Provide screens for all mess facilities and

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hospital. (10) Immediate repair and installation of existing large steam boilers and utilization of small boiler to heat hospital and administration buildings. (11) Provide Carbon Tetrachloride to refill empty fire extinguishers. (12) We concur with the warden's request as listed above.