

## Lectures 25

### Founding a Modern Imperial State

#### 0. Intro

- How to create wealth and power for Japan as quickly as possible
- At what human/environmental costs would economic benefits come?

#### 1. The Education and Management of the Masses

- a. *Bunmei kaika* (Civilization and Enlightenment)
  - Fukuzawa Yukichi and the *Meiroke zasshi*, Meiji Six Magazine (1874)
- b. The jiyû minken undo (“freedom and people’s rights movement”)
  - Itagaki Taisuke (1837–1919) and the Jiyûtô (Liberal Party)
  - *kokken* (state authority) vs. *minken* (popular authority)

#### 2. Toward a National Assembly and Constitution

- a. Okuma Shigenobu and the Proposal for Parliament, 1881
- b. Itô Hirobumi & the Meiji Constitution (1889)

#### 3. Industrialization and Its Discontents

- a. Early Meiji governmental programs for industrialization
  - “Fukoku kyôhei” (“Enrich the Nation, Strengthen the Army”)
  - War-related industries
- b. Privatization with government promotion
- c. The Costs of Industrialization: The Case of Ashio Copper Mine & Tanaka Shôzô

#### 4. Japan and Empire

- a. Taiwan (Formosa)
  - annexed in 1895 after Sino–Japanese War
- b. Sakhalin (Karafuto)
  - acquired under Portsmouth Treaty at end of Russo–Japanese War.
- c. Korea
  - annexed by treaty agreement in 1910