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Japan & Korea—19th Century Map With Somewhat Quirky English Captions

Kabai Tatsunosuke (Editor)
Meiji kaisei dainihon seisu
Detailed Map of Great Japan: Revision in Meiji.
Folding map measures 70 x 70.5cm a few small closed tears along folds, 3 small holes at folds with only tiny loss. A very nice map in good condition. Nakamura Asakichi Kyoto. 1887.

Coloured copperplate map of Japan with Hokkaido and Korea shown in vignettes at the upper left corner and Okinawa (Ryūkyū) and the Ogasawara Islands in vignettes in the upper middle section of the map in the middle and to the right are the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

Other illustrations and charts include the major Japanese ports of Yokohama, Kobe, Niigata, Nagasaki, and Hakodate; two temples (Hongan-ji and Higashi-Hongan-ji); various flags of Imperial Japan; Kyoto Palace, the mausoleum of Emperor Jinmu in Nara, Imperial Palace in Tokyo on the right band; the Chishima [Kuril] Islands on the left of the imperial palaces; rough maps of Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka; the Three Major Shinto Shrines (Ise, Kasuga in Nara, Otokoyama-hachiman in Kyoto); the Three Scenic Spots (Miyajima in Hiroshima, Matsushima in Miyagi, Amanohashidate in Kyoto); Nagoya Castle, Mt. Fuji, and Lake Biwa; sightseeing spots along the major highways with a distances; famous mountains with heights and pictorial comparisons; major rivers with lengths and pictorial comparisons; major lakes etc., etc., AU$495 (Approximately US$460) [Please quote 141879]
Ainscough, Thomas M.

Notes from a Frontier.
Black and white plates, 90pp. Inscribed "With the author's/warmest regards" half title. Rebound, original wrappers soiled and browned, small chip and some minor wear at extremities laid down on card, modern endpapers and cloth spine. Occasional browning, inoffensive small damp mark upper margin three preliminary leaves. A good copy. First edition. Kelly & Walsh. Shanghai. 1915. "The following miscellaneous notes were written on a journey across Western China to Burma in the Spring of 1913; during the course of which some four months were spent in a study of the conditions prevailing in the tribal regions on the Tibetan border." Scarce. AU$750 (Approximately US$700) [Please quote 142792]

Chinese Paper Cut Album from Presbyterian Mission in Chefoo.

Filial Sons of Old China - Temple Hill Paper Cut-Outs.
8 very striking black and white paper cuts each laid onto a thick cream paper with deckled edges. Accompanying text on glassine tissue guard opposite. Bound in untitled attractive pictorial brocade fabric covered boards, Chinese four hole stab binding. Title little spotted in a few small places, upper cover a trifle faded. Oblong octavo. A very good copy of a beautiful collection. no date. (circa 1930). A modern copy of loosely inserted explanatory text giving details of how traditional Chinese paper cuts are made is included. The striking paper cut title page is followed by seven others with accompanying stories of devoted sons and parents: Lao Lai Dzi, the Tactful; Meng Dzung or Why We Have Bamboo Sprouts in Winter; Shun Dih; Djang Si; Wong Poh; Wong Siang; Wu Meng. Issued by the Self-Help Dept of the Women's Bible School, Presbyterian Mission at Chefoo AU$425 (Approximately US$395.) [Please quote 148645]

Grammar by the Creator of the Former French Chinese Language Standard Transcription

Couvreur, F. Seraphin.

Guide to Conversation in French, English and Chinese Containing a Vocabulary and Familiar Dialogues.
xi + 286pp bound in a leaf patterned cloth with contrasting maroon cloth spine. First and last leaves a trifle foxed, some light occasional foxing in text, small chip at fore edge and a closed tear at gutter French title page, large octavo. A good copy. New Edition. Ho Kien Fu in Chih Li. Catholic Mission Press. 1890. Seraphin Couvreur (1835 - 1919) was a French Jesuit who arrived in China at the end of April 1870. He was the author of many valuable works on the Chinese language and was the creator of the Chinese transcription of the École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO). This system was used up until Hanyu Pinyin was gradually phased in during the mid to latter part of the mid-20th century. (Couling - Encyclopaedia Sinica & Wikipedia). AU$1750 (Approximately US$1627.) [Please quote 148532]
Davis, John Francis.  
**Hien Wun Shoo. Chinese Moral Maxims, With a Free and Verbal Translation; Affording Examples of the Grammatical Structure of the Language.**  
*The maxims are given in English, Chinese characters and romanised Chinese. The author, John Francis Davis served on Lord Amherst’s Mission to China at the beginning of his career. Later, after spending the best part of his working life in the service of the East India Company, he succeeded Lord Pottinger as Governor of Hong Kong. A scholarly man with a deep interest and knowledge of China and the Chinese he did not fit into the role of Governor. When he left Hong Kong the European community showed their displeasure by not acknowledging his departure, a hitherto unthinkable insult.*  
AU$1995 (Approximately US$1855.) [Please quote 142590]

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**Gambling in Hong Kong**  
**Hong Kong (Gambling Houses).**  
*These voluminous papers on government-licensed gambling houses in Hong Kong in the 1860s contain the stirring exchanges between the colony’s governor, Sir Richard Graves McDonnell, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Earl of Buckingham and Chandos. This was a subject of major importance, given the marked proclivity of the Chinese for gambling and the associated problems to which it gave rise for the prevention of crime and the good government of the Colony. McDonnell’s despatches reveal an able and strong-minded governor who did not agree with the view being taken by the Colonial Office of this subject, which, he felt, was being unduly influenced by the English lobby, spear-headed by the influential Standing Committee of the Social Science Association at the instigation of two disgruntled Hong Kong personalities, the Colony’s former Attorney-General, T. Chisholm Anstey, and Edward Murrow, the editor of a Hong Kong newspaper. Both these men had been involved in the acrimonious public disputes following allegations of questionable behaviour made on each other by senior officials in the Colony of the late 1850s. Macdonnell considered that they were unduly biased, and should not be allowed to injure the case for continuing the system of licensing gambling houses which was, in his view, the lesser of two evils, and brought some tangible benefits to the maintenance of law and order. [The National Association for the Promotion of Social Science (NAPSS), often known as the Social Science Association, was a British reformist group founded in 1857 by Lord Brougham. It pursued topics in public health, industrial relations, penal reform, and female education. It was in existence for about 30 years, being dissolved in 1886: from Wikipedia].*  
AU$750 (Approximately US$697.) [Please quote 142901]
Harunobu, Suzuki.

Zashiki Hakkei. A Set of Eight Prints.

A very handsome set of plates which show the daily lives of women. Scarce. AU$1250 (Approximately US$1162.50)

Siberian Intervention

Higaki Mosaku.

軍隊手帳 [Guntai techō Military Pocket Book]

26 leaves, 6 leaves with handwritten notes, some full page, follow the printed leaves of obligations and responsibilities that are standard in these books which were issued to each serviceman. Bound in canvas with printed covers there are some light occasional marks and soiling, very good copy. 12.8 x 8.2cm. Taisho 8. [ 1919].

This military pocket book belonged to Higaki Mosaku 檜垣茂作. Each Japanese soldier or sailor was required to carry his military pocket book, which was his ID document as well as military CV. The first two-thirds include the following printed texts: Imperial Rescript to Soldiers and Sailors (1882) by Meiji Emperor, Imperial Rescript to Soldiers and Sailors (1912) by Taishō Emperor, Imperial Rescript for Reservists (1914) by Taishō Emperor, Military Codes and an oath to obey those codes, and instructions in regard to a military pocket book. Imperial Rescript to Soldiers and Sailors (1926) by Shōwa Emperor was inserted after Taishō Emperor’s rescript. The remainder is Higaki’s personal information in his handwriting. Higaki Mosaku enlisted in the Imperial Japanese army on December 1st, 1916 serving until the 15th of November, 1918. He served two further times as a machine gunner, a 1st class private, in 74th Infantry Regiment, 19th Division and in 1919 this time serving in the 42nd Infantry Regiment until September 1920. During 1918 and 1919 he served in Northern Manchuria. From late August in 1919 he was posted to such places in Siberia as Nerchinsk, Sretensk, Borzya, and so on. On the 1st of December, 1919 he was promoted to superior private and in August 1920 he was hospitalised and returned to Japan in September 1920. He was released from the army in September although he subsequently was involved as a reserve.

This pocket book contains an insert showing Imperial rescript ion from 1926. The Siberian Intervention is a conflict which, although not well known in the West had some significant consequences in twentieth century world history. The participating western powers had three main objectives: to stop the stockpile of Allied arms falling into either Bolshevik or German hands; to restore the Tsar and to rescue the Czech Legion. There was considerable argument in Japan concerning whether or not to take part in the Intervention, but compelling arguments, including the desire to establish
Siberia as a buffer state between Japan and Bolshevik Russia was certainly one of the attractions. It has also been argued that this conflict prepared the Japanese people for a vision of an empire enabling democracy to be put to one side in the years to come. The problems caused within the relationship between Japan and the USA, when the American forces, due to a slip up in communication, appeared to withdrawn early, also fuelled long standing Japanese feelings of mistrust towards its powerful Pacific neighbour. Siberian Intervention pocket books are quite scarce. AU$750 (Approximately US$697) [Please quote 135479]

Japan in China Ephemera


Two items of ephemera relating to Second Sino Japanese War: 支那要圖 [Shina Yōzu. Sketch Map of China]. Folding black and white sketch map of China measuring 61 x 42cm. Issued as supplement to Shūhō 週報 [Weekly Report], vol.48 (4th September 1937). Shūhō was a magazine published by the Cabinet Intelligence Bureau. In June 1937 the tension between the Japanese Imperial Army stationed in China and the Chinese army had culminated into the War of Resistance against Japan (one of the Chinese terms for this period) or China Incident (as it is still called in some situations in Japan, but is a term regarded as derogatory by China). 支那事変出動記念 [Shina Jihen Shutsudō kinen. Map in Commemoration of Mobilisation in China Incident]. Coloured map laid down on card measuring 27.6 x 24.4cm, two 2cm closed tears, some creasing particularly lower corner, corners rubbed and worn, annotated in Japanese on the reverse. This sketch map of China shows the Japanese Imperial Army's advance into central China. The area covers the Tianjing/Beijing area to Shanghai and Nanjing. There are two inset photographs. On the upper right is Lieutenant-General Isogai Rensuke (1886-1967) 磯谷廉介, the commander of the 10th Division, which fought in China after the War of Resistance/China Incident. The photo on the upper left is of Lieutenant-General Shinoduka Yoshio (1884-1945) 篠塚義男, who succeeded Isogai in June 1938 as the commander of the 10th Division. Inscription on reverse of map. 1937- 1939?. [Please quote 148567] AU$175 (Approximately US$160)

Japanese Military Ephemera - Certificates From World War I and Immediately Following

賞状・證書. [Shōjo, shōsho .Certificates].

Certificates creased and browned and worn with a little loss at edges, two torn with loss affecting decorative margins, occasional damp staining. Interesting examples of military certificates issued in Japan at the end of the First World War and immediately following.

Collection of six certificates awarded to Ishihara Jihei 石原治平. Merit certificate for excellent marksmanship from the Field Artillery 16th Regiment commander (issued on 22nd of September, 1917); merit certificate for his good conduct and diligence from the commander of the regiment to Ishihara, then a superior private (25th of November, 1919; a certificate which acknowledges he is qualified to be a NCO from the same commander (25th of November, 1919); a certificate which appoints him as the Imperial Association of Veterans' researcher/instructor on local horses (1st of August, 1932); a letter of appreciation for his excellent guidance for the members in Ōtsuka-mura village (27th of November, 1932); and a letter of appreciation for his donation of five yen to the Ōtsuka-mura Branch of the Veterans' Association (1st of August, 1934). AU$95 (Approximately US$88.) [Please quote 148568]
Japanese Trade

The "Japan Herald" Annual Directory, for Yokohama, Tokio, Kobe, Osaka, Hakodate, Nagasaki & Niigata for the Year 1880.


Johnston, R.F.

Remarks on the Province of Shantung.

34pp, appendix. Original wrappers with vertical crease where the booklet has been folded at some time. Partially removed stamp at lower edge, handwritten number upper cover, minor wear tail of spine. A very good copy. Noronha. Hong Kong. no date. [ 1905]. At the time of publication Reginald F. Johnston, who is probably best remembered today as the author of Twilight in the Forbidden City, was Secretary to Government, Weihaiwei. This confidential report is concerned with four aspects of the situation in Shantung (now known as Shandong Province) as observed by Johnston on his journey through the province. Johnston makes no claim that this is a detailed or comprehensive report, describing it merely as notes. His observations are nonetheless very interesting and give a good insight into the situation in the province at the time. The first section discusses the proposed Chinese emigration of indentured labour to the South African mines in the period immediately following the South African War. In this publication Johnston reports on a meeting he held with Chou Fu, Governor of Shantung, in which the Governor expressed great enthusiasm for this scheme. Complications arising from this scheme are discussed. The three other sections in this report discuss The Railway System in Shantung; Trade Prospects and Commerical Routes; German Influence in Shantung. Scarce. AU$800 (Approximately US$744) [Please quote 142791]

MacDonnell, Governor Sir Richard Graves and others.

Coolie Emigration. Return to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 19 May 1868 ; - for, "Copies of Memorial to the Governor of Hong Kong from the Chief Justice of Hong Kong and the Honourable Mr. Whittal on Coolie Emigration :" "And, of Reply of the Governor thereto."

28pp, thread ties, original wrappers, quarto. Very good copy. House of Commons. [London]. 11 June 1868

These papers are connected with Chinese coolie emigration through the port of Hong Kong in the 1850s and 1860s. Under the Imperial Chinese Passengers Act of 1855, all regulations for effecting improvements on board emigrant vessels had to be enacted by ordinance in Hong Kong, and regulations to this end had followed. However, after a local inquiry into mortality on a British ship in 1865, the Governor of Hong Kong had introduced a further
ameliorating ordinance into the Colony's Legislative Council in 1857, whereupon one of its members, seconded by the chief justice, had put up a motion that there should be no further legislation on the subject and thus prevent further Chinese emigration from Hong Kong. The papers comprise the proposed new ordinance and the correspondence between the Governor and the Colonial Office on the subject. They include the memorial from the two objectors, who had been influenced by the horrendous conditions that continued to characterize coolie emigration from Macau, together with the Governor's reply to the memorial, and the Secretary of State's despatch. AU$145 (Approximately US$134.85). [Please quote 142902]

Advice for Travellers —”if a man has no weapons visible, he is a robber and to be avoided”

Mayers, S.F.
16pp, original blue printed wrappers, string ties, numbers neatly written in ink lower edge, very good copy. Foreign Office. [London]. June, 1898.
This journey of approximately 900 miles was made along "the line of country which will probably be taken by any railway of the future connecting Peking with the cities of the central and southern provinces." This well written report is replete with observations across a wide range of topics, from the trade observed to the Christian missions encountered. At times Myers and his party were made well aware of anti foreign feeling and experienced a general lack of safety "Everyone goes armed on this road, though not always visibly. But a safe rule might be laid down that if a man has no weapons visible, he is a robber and to be avoided, for he probably has a gun up his sleeve". Scarce. AU$550 (Approximately US$510). [Please quote 142863]

[Mei Lan-Fang].
Mei Lan-Fang and Chinese Drama.
17 colour plates, 11 black and white plates, 24 pages of text, attractive original black wrappers, title and chop blocked in gilt upper wrapper. Quarto. No publication details. (circa 1930).
The plates show portraits of Mei Lan-Fang in a variety of different roles as well as masks, costumes, instruments and other items used in Peking Opera. Essays accompany the plates: Mei Lan-Fang, a biographical sketch; Some aspects of Chinese theatrical art by Peng-Chun Chang; Mei Lan-Fang by Stark Young; The character types on the Chinese stage; Some outstanding characteristics and conventions of the Chinese theatre by Chi Ju-Shan. AU$750 (Approximately US$697). [Please quote 144077]
Miniature Album - Mountains of Nagano


A colour water colour panorama of the mountains of Nagano over 13 small leaves of this accordion style album is featured on one side with 6 double page hand painted scenes of the district on the reverse. This delightful miniature album is presented in a contemporary cloth slipcase. Some minor wear at lower corner of silk covers. The album measures 5.4 x 3.8cm closed. All edges gilt. A beautiful miniature album in very good condition.

The mountains of the province of Nagano found in central Japan have been popular with Japanese tourists for their beauty both in summer and winter. This delightful album was probably made by a Meiji visitor while on holidays in the region. AU$650 (Approximately US$600) [Please quote 134303]

Mohē Suharaya 須原屋茂兵衛

袖珍武鑑 : 全. [Shūchin bukan . Pocket Book of Samurai Heraldry]

Black and white text illustrations, 70 leaves, small oblong volume, 7 x 16cm, stab binding, some worming causing a little loss of text particularly last leaves. Paper wrappers marked and worn with a little minor loss. Suharaya Mohei 須原屋茂兵衛 (Publisher) Edo. 1847 [Please quote 138711]

This pocket book Bukan, a book of heraldry, is a type of Who’s Who of Japanese daimyō (war lords) and hatamoto (direct subjects of the Shogun). This bukan arranges the entries of daimyo in Japanese alphabetical order (i-ro-ha). Information given for each daimyo includes Kokudaka (amount of rice annually produced in his fiefdom), his fiefdom, family crests, his official rank, distance from his fiefdom to Edo, time to attend on the Shogun, type/s and colours of ceremonial spear/s and standard, colour and crest for his palanquin, locations of his mansions in Edo, and so on. Daimyo were required to alternate their residence between their fiefdom and Edo, the system called "sankin kōtai" helped the Shogunate maintain control of the daimyo. The information supplied by this bukan would have enabled a contemporary reader to identify which daimyo's grand procession from fiefdom to Edo or the return journey was passing. AU$275 (Approximately US$255.)
Japanese Game Celebrating Famous Flight to Europe in 1925
Osaka Asahi Shinbun 大阪毎日新聞社 (publisher).
歐訪大飛行記念飛行遊戯 [Ōhō daihikō kinen hikō yūgi].

Folding colour sugoroku [Japanese game], 54.4 x 79.9cm. Trifle worn at folds, carelessly folded but generally very good. Osaka. 1925.

Sugoroku celebrating the first flight to Europe from Japan. In 1925 Asahi Shinbun sponsored the first flight to Europe from Japan by two biplanes. The planes used were French Breguet 19, named "Hatsukaze (First Wind)" 初風 and "Kochikaze (East Wind)" 東風.

Aboard "Hatsukaze" were Abe Hiroshi (pilot) 安邊浩 and Shinohara Shunichirō (engineer) 篠原春一郎, and aboard "Kochikaze" were Kawachi Kazuhiko (pilot) 河内一彦 and Katagiri Shōhei (engineer) 片桐庄平. They took off from Tokyo on the 25th of July, 1925 and flew via Siberia to Moscow, Berlin, Paris, London, and other cities, landing in Rome, their final destination on the 27th of October, 1925. The distance they covered was 16,565 kilometres with a flight time of 110 hours and 50 minutes. This Japanese game was issued as a supplement to the December 10th edition of the Asahi Shinbun to celebrate this epic flight.

It shows portraits of Shinohara, Katagiri, Kawachi, and Abe. The two planes flying above the globe featured in the centre of the sheet are Hatsukaze and Kochikaze. The game begins in Tokyo, in the lower right corner with the goal to reach Rome in the lower left corner. All the landing positions for the players between Tokyo and Rome are places visited.

AU$650 (Approximately US$605) [Please quote 143730]

Philo Sinensis. [W.H. Medhurst. Carl Gutzlaff].
Translation of a Comparative Vocabulary of the Chinese, Corean, and Japanese Languages: To Which is Added The Thousand Character Classic The Chinese and Corean; The Whole Accompanied by Copious Indexes, of all the Chinese and English Words. Occuring in the Work.

This work is said by some authorities to have been adapted by Walter Henry Medhurst under the pseudonym Philo Sinensis. It was first published at the Parapattan Press in Batavia in 1835. The adaptation of a Korean classified vocabulary was apparently accomplished without the help of a Korean speaker having been developed from a publication written for Koreans learning Japanese. The adaptation added romanizations of the Japanese and Korean, deduced from Japanese and English lists. (Lust). Although standard bibliographies such as Lust 'Western Books on China Published up to 1850' state that Philo Sinensis was the pseudonym of Walter Henry Medhurst, "Philo Sinensis" is usually accepted as the pseudonym used by Carl Gutzlaff at the time and appears in publications such as the Chinese Repository. Its presence is therefore likely to indicate some level of involvement of Carl Gutzlaff. However, most authorities attribute the greater role in the adaptation to Walter Henry Medhurst. Accompanying this copy of the facsimile is a typescript note in English from Nitta Yuji, (founder of Yushodo Booksellers, Tokyo) explaining that he published this facsimile on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

AU$950 (Approximately US$880) [Please quote 142690]
Shanghai Photograph Album

Shanghai Snapshots
22 black and white photographs laid down one to a page. Photographs measure 6 x 11.7cm and the album measures 13.4 x 20.5cm. Both album and photos are in excellent condition. (circa 1931). The images show a number of active river scenes, the Bund, an aerial view of the city streets and some busy street scenes. The photographs in this album were, we believe, taken in 1931. The date is based on careful examination of the Shanghai skyline including buildings built and in the process of construction. AU$675 (Approximately US$627.) [Please quote 143013]

Photographs of Peking

Views of Peiping - Personal Photograph Album.
24 black and white snapshots of which 20 are sites in Beijing, two taken in Tsingtao, one in Jesfield Park, Shanghai and another taken on board the Hupeh. Photographs are held in place with clear photo corners and each is annotated in white ink. The photographs measure 8.5 x 5.5cm each and the album 12.5 x 19.5cm. Inscription dated 1936 on front paste down. 1936. AU$450 (Approximately US$418.50) [Please quote 148231]

Singapore Race Programme - 1907

20 leaves, most printed single sided, some pencilled notes "Backed for place. Lost" being a not uncommon comment. Original pictorial stapled wrappers, 12.2 x 15.7cm. Few occasional minor spots, wrappers trifle soiled, upper corner lower cover chipped. A very good copy of a very scarce piece of Singapore ephemera. Worldcat appears to list no copies. [Please quote 148638] AU$500 (Approximately US$465)

Song Ong Siang.

One Hundred Years' History of the Chinese in Singapore being a Chronological Record of the Contribution by the Chinese Community to the Development, Progress and Prosperity of Singapore; of Events and Incidents . . .
Profusely illustrated in black and white mainly from photographs, xxii + 602pp, index. Rebound with slightly marked original backstrip and cloth from upper cover laid down, new endpapers, occasional light foxing, one leaf creased at lower corner, ownership details of a former member of the Malayan police one heavily browned preliminary leaf preliminary leaf. A clean and sound copy. Murray. London. 1923. AU$750 (Approximately US$698) [Please quote 137375]
Travel Ephemera - Tours through the "Inscrutable East".
World-Amex Tours.
*Travel brochure detailing tours available from Honolulu through Asia. Tours include visits to Japan, Canton, a variety of parts of Indonesia, India, Burma and Egypt. Very good in pictorial wrappers.* AU$60 (Approximately US$55.) [Please quote 148621]

**Vietnamese Personal Archive**

[Documents and Photographs - Vietnam 1972 - 1977].
A collection of school reports, certificates and black and white photographs of Ngo Thanh Nhuan, a Vietnamese man born in Saigon in 1961. Collected together in a folder from Ho So Hoc Sinh a prominent school in Vinh, the folder contains 35 documents mostly school registration materials and certificates together with 62 black and white photographs. The photographs show family members and friends posing, Buddhist ceremonies and processions from before the fall of Saigon and two show groups of boy scouts. AU$300 (Approximately US$280) [Please quote 148566]

**Yunnan-Indochina Railway**

*Le Chemin de Fer du Yunnan.*
2 volumes in original maroon cloth. Volume I: Full page colour panorama of Laokay, 85 black and white photographic plates, 202pp. Volume II: 55 Maps, plans and diagrams, most folding and some very large. Lower section of cloth both volumes damp affected but this has not affected the contents of either volume both of which are very good and clean. Goury. Paris. Avril 1910.

*Detailed account, in French, of the building of the railway between Yunnan and Vietnam. The Yunnan-Indochina Railway was an extraordinary engineering feat. 855 kilometres in length, the railway was built by France during the period 1904-1910. It connected Kumming in Yunnan with Haiphone in Vietnam (the nearest seaport to Kumming) a journey which took 28 days prior to the completion of this extraordinary project. The railway was not without its costs including a very high death rate among the over 60,000 strong workforce. Built in breathtaking scenery, particularly it is said on the Chinese side of the border, the railway ran regular passenger services on the line until 2000.* AU$5500 (Approximately US$5115) [Please quote 148533]

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