

Muslims in Japan

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Start of collection

Rare bookseller Dasa Pahor featured titles in Tatar language published in Japan

Curious to learn more about this population

Spoke to collecting interests





A rare photographical reproduction of instructions for translating the Quran, originally published in Kazan in Tatar language in 1907, was issued by the Tatar community in Tokyo in 1950.

Last page features the names of donors and their respective contribution amounts in Al-Iktan fi tarjimati al-Qur'ān.

Origins of Tatar community in Japan

Immigrated to Japan for various economic and political reasons in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution.

Between 1924 and 1928, Kurbanali helped found:

- Mahalle-yi Islamiye (Islamic Foundation)
- a school for Muslims in Japan
- the Tokyo Muslim Association
- Tokyo Matbaa-yi İslâmiye

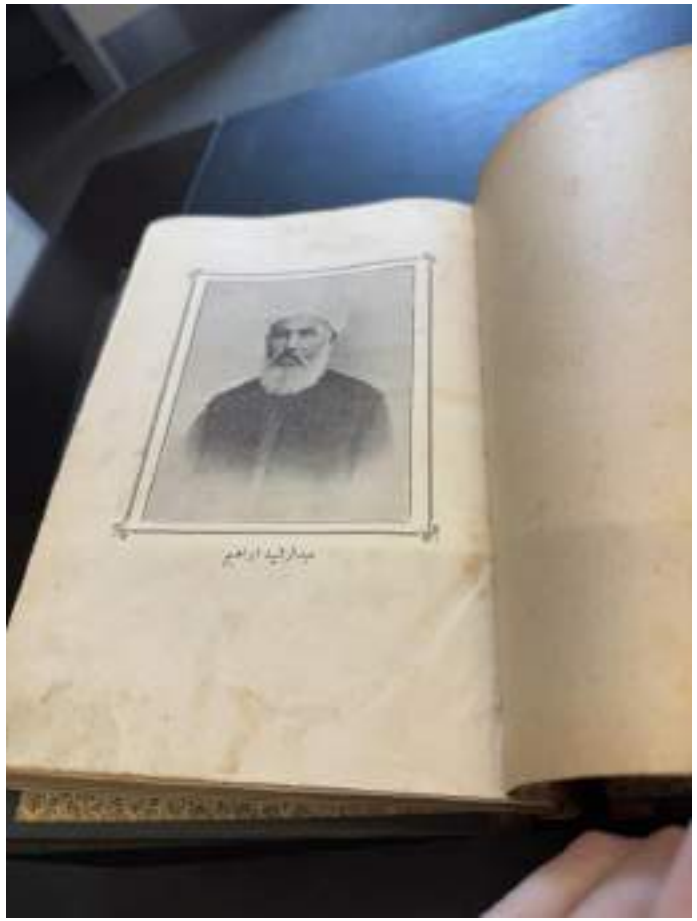


Abdürreşit İbrahim (1857-1944)

Travelled in Japan in 1909 before returning in 1933

Elected imam for the mosque in 1938

Supported East Asian-Muslim union against Westernization



Tokyo Islamic Press

Publication documents 38 publications, covering religion, education, literature, & history

Works held at Penn include educational & religious materials



Tokyo (and Keijo) Qur'an



قرآن کریم

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Japanese sources



Kaikyō sekai (The Muslim World), a monthly journal published by the Greater Japan Islam League from 1939 onwards, which sought to introduce the Muslim world to the Japanese public

Future Directions

Continuing to collect primary sources on this topic, as well as secondary literature in Japanese and Turkish

Collaborate with other librarians in Global Collections

Questions? Thank you!