

Postal Disruption and Route Reconfiguration in Formosa, 1945–1950

Short Description:

This exhibit examines international mail from Taiwan during the 1945–1950 transition, demonstrating disruption of postal routes, delayed transmission, and reconfiguration of routing through mainland China and alternative channels.

Scope and Purpose:

This exhibit studies the transformation of postal operations in Taiwan following the end of Japanese rule in 1945 through the establishment of new geopolitical boundaries by 1950. It focuses on how war, political transition, and logistical instability affected international communication. Particular attention is given to the breakdown of established routes through mainland China, the temporary persistence of those routes, and the emergence of alternative systems including rerouting via Hong Kong and the use of U.S. military and diplomatic channels.

Exhibit Structure:

- I. Transition and Postal Continuity (1945–1946)
- II. Breakdown of Established Routes
- III. Wartime and Civil War Rerouting
- IV. Inflation and Operational Stress
- V. Final Reconfiguration and Alternative Systems (1949–1950)