

Takeover of Judicial System in Early Postwar Years (1945-1949): Changes in Personnel, Language and Culture

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ABSTRACT

Using related archives in Academia Historica, this article details the process involved in the takeover of judicial establishments, such as Judicial Yuan and Judicial Administrative Bureau, in the early postwar years. The archives examined include the first-hand records of document exchange between Nanking, the then capital of ROC, and Taiwan; in particular, performance-evaluation documents submitted to Nanking by courts and prosecutor offices of Taiwan. This article traces the changes in personnel and handovers of assets in Taiwan to explore the unique features of such takeover. It is expected that the analysis can shed light on the transformation of the Taiwanese judicial system in the aftermath of World War II and contribute to further comparative studies.

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