JAPAN'S HIGH-SPEED ECONOMIC GROWTH ... AND ITS COSTS
RESOURCES ON POSTWAR JAPAN

☐ ASIA FOR EDUCATORS (COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY):
  ☐ HTTP://AFE.EASIA.COLUMBIA.EDU/TPS/1950_JP.HTM

☐ MIT VISUALIZING CULTURES (M.I.T.):
  ☐ HTTP://OCW.MIT.EDU/ANS7870/21F/21F.027/HOME/VIS_MENU.HTML

☐ JOHN W. BENNETT’S PHOTOGRAPHS (OHIO STATE):
  ☐ HTTP://LIBRARY.OSU.EDU/PROJECTS/BENNETT-IN-JAPAN/INDEX.HTML
ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- Market forces with state guidance
- Roots in economic changes of the prewar and wartime periods
- 1950s-60s, annual GNP growth >10%
HIGH-SPEED GROWTH

- 1956 GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC WHITE PAPER: “THE POSTWAR IS OVER.”
- 1960, IKEDA’S “INCOME-DOUBLING PLAN”
  - DOWN SIDE: RISE IN COST OF LIVING
  - NATIONAL INCOME DOUBLED IN 1967-68
CONSUMERISM

- ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES FUELED A CONSUMER REVOLUTION
- "THREE TREASURES"
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FIGHT FOR COMPENSATION

- 1959 AGREEMENT:
  - “SYMPATHY” (NO ADMISSION OF CAUSALITY)
  - CONTINUED DUMPING WASTE
- DISCRIMINATION AGAINST VICTIMS
- FEAR OF ILLNESS
- ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON CHISSO
LEGAL VICTORY

- “BIG FOUR” ANTI-POLLUTION SUIT WITH VICTIMS OF NIIGATA POISONING AND TWO OTHERS

- 1973, LARGEST TORT AWARD IN JAPANESE HISTORY
PROTESTS
MINAMATA PROTESTS

- AGAINST POLLUTING CORPORATIONS
- ALSO AGAINST PREVAILING WISDOM ABOUT EXCLUSIVE FOCUS ON ECONOMIC GROWTH
A documentary film by Yuka Kanno

「きょうを守る」 (Kyo o mamoru)  
(Protecting Today)

- Voices from Rikuzen-Takata -  
After the Tsunami on March 11, 2011

HTTP://TELL.FLL.PURDUE.EDU/HATASA/PROTECT-TODAY/INDEX-E.HTML
Video shot in Rikuzentakata on March 11 and March 12, 2012
0:00–2:00
3:30–8:30
INVISIBLE DAMAGE

- NO MAN’S ZONE (MUJIN CHITAI), 2012