## Takeshima: Japanese territory where we cannot go

February 22 is "Takeshima Day."

In light of the historical facts and based upon international law, Takeshima is indisputably an inherent part of the territory of Japan.



← Having ascertained that Takeshima had not been occupied by any other country and that only Japanese engaged in sea lion hunting, in January 1905 Japan's Cabinet decided to incorporate it into Japanese territory. As a result, on February 22 of that year Shimane Prefecture officially announced that the island was under the jurisdiction of Oki in Shimane Prefecture.





 $\uparrow$  Scene of the Shimane Prefectural Assembly adopting the ordinance.

In 2005, the centennial of the announcement by Shimane Prefecture, the Shimane Prefectural Assembly enacted an ordinance designating February 22 as "Takeshima Day."



Consequently, every year on February 22 Shimane Prefecture holds a ceremony to mark "Takeshima Day."

"Takeshima Day" Commemoration

 $\sim$ Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room  $\sim$ 



(in front of JR Matsue Station)