

Victory over Japan Day in Lüshun and Dalian: A Study Based on Shihua Bao

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This article examines the commemoration of Victory over Japan Day in the Lüshun–Dalian region, where Soviet forces were stationed, based on Shihua Bao, a newspaper jointly published by the Chinese Communist Party and the Soviet military authorities. While August 15 was initially recognized in Communist-controlled areas, Shihua Bao shows that September 3, observed by the Soviet Union, was also commemorated in Lüshun and Dalian and became increasingly prominent. These commemorations were closely linked to pro-Soviet propaganda. The study argues that this regional practice contributed to the 1951 revision establishing September 3 as the national Victory over Japan Day.