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# Heritage Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution

A Lecture by Koko Kato

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Japan achieved rapid industrialization from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> to the early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. While the initial phase involved trial and error experimentation of Western examples, Japan achieved full-blown industrialization by the late Meiji period through importation and active adaptation of Western technology and expertise that best suit local needs and social traditions. By overviewing an ensemble of industrial heritage sites from this unique period in world history, this lecture examines how Japan became the first non-Western industrialized nation in just a little over 50 years, all without colonization and on its own terms.

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