
Preface

This monograph seeks to analyze key historical developmental concepts and events in the Chinese oil industry, namely the concepts of self-reliance, Sino-Japanese oil trade and the transition from self-reliance to internationalization, from the establishment of the Daqing oilfield to its early days of internationalization. These themes will be examined in the subsequent chapters and are embedded within the empirical case study of Daqing, PRC's premiere oilfield for most of the postwar period and a symbol of industrialization and self-reliance in the PRC. In the process of examining the selected themes, Japan's role in stimulating the development of the Chinese oil industry will also be highlighted as the Japanese state and its business sectors emerged as a supplier of technology and equipment to the Chinese oil industry and its first major oil customer in the early internationalization phase of the PRC oil industry. The political and conceptual metamorphosis of self-reliance to internationalization will also be examined in this project.