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This pioneering work examines Japan's economic activities in Singapore from 1870 to 1965. Drawing upon a wide range of published and unpublished sources, the authors shed new light on issues such as:* prostitution* foreign trade by Kobe's overseas Chinese* fishermen in the inter-war period* Japanese economic activities during the Pacific War* Japanese involvement in Singapore's post-war industrialisation plan* the Lee Kuan Yew regimes policy towards Japan* the 1960's Japanese investment boom This important work challenges commonly-held views on Japan's economic