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Colloquium VI: The Voyage from India to Portugal; Colloquium VII: About the things of Europe in general, and firstly of the sacred or ecclesiastical monarchy, and other lower ranks; Colloquium VIII: About the secular monarchy, and various dignities belonging to it; Colloquium IX: Of the splendour and opulence of the kings and rulers of Europe in what concerns the treatment of the body, food, and accommodation, and of their great costs and expenses
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Colloquium XI: About the agreeable and honourable exercises which the nobles of Europe engage in, and of the noble education of their children; Colloquium XII: The arrangements and customs of Europeans with regard to the administration of kingdoms and republics; Colloquium XIII: Of the wars which are usually waged in Europe, the way of setting up an army, and land battles; Colloquium XIV: Of the naval battles in which they usually engage in Europe
Colloquium XV: Of the size of the cities, the splendour of the churches, and the magnificence of other buildings
Colloquium XVI: Reverting to the account of the journey, with a description of Lisbon, capital of the kingdom of Portugal; Colloquium XVII: Which gives an account of the things which took place in Lisbon, and then in Evora and Vila Vicosa, and then proceeds into the kingdom of Castile, to Toledo and to Mantua Carpetana or Madrid
Colloquium XVIII: Of the power of King Philip of Spain, and the oath by which the nobles of the kingdom swore allegiance to his son as his successor, and of the visit which the ambassadors made to both

Sommario/riassunto

In 1582 Alessandro Valignano, the Visitor to the Jesuit mission in the East Indies, sent four Japanese boys to Europe. Until the arrival of the embassy in Europe, the Euro-Japanese encounter had been almost exclusively one way: Europeans going to Japan. This book is an account of their travels, their long journeys out and back, and the 20 months in Europe being received by popes and kings. It was published in Macao in 1590 with the title *De Missione Legatorvm Iaponensium ad Romanum curiam*. The present edition is the first complete version of this rich, complex and impressive work to appear
