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The Eulenburg Mission of 1861 as a prelude to friendly and scientific relations between Germany and Japan

Abstract

In the middle of the Bakumatsu phase, the German-Japanese Friendship Treaty was signed on January 24, 1861. After months of diplomatic wrangling, the head of the Prussian East Asia Expedition, Friedrich-Albrecht Graf zu Eulenburg, succeeded in wresting one of the last so-called unequal treaties from the shogunate. The lecture sheds light on the history, participants and conditions in Japan at the time as well as a brief outlook on the immediate bilateral consequences.

The lecture will be image-based and given freely by one of Friedrich-Albrecht Eulenburg's descendants.

CV

Born on 27th March 1969 in Stuttgart, growing up in Brussels until the 10th Grade. Attending the humanistic Kaiser-Karl-Gymnasium in Aachen with Abitur in 1989. Voluntarily enlisted for training as a reserve officer with the armoured reconnaissance battalion 7 (final rank: Lieutenant).

Starting degree course in business administration / economics and in history at the Georg-August-Universität in Göttingen in 1991. During studies, various internships in the area of property management at I.T.C. Hamburg, K.G.I. Hamburg, and Arthur Andersen Real Estate Hamburg. Alongside these internships, pursuing the passion for historical properties within the context of a public-private partnership project on a family estate at the Niederrhein. Completing studies in 1999 with an external dissertation at Arthur Andersen Real Estate and gaining a Master-degree in business studies (Dipl.Kfm.).

From 1999 onwards, rebuilding of another historical manor house of the family. Planner and project manager for the exemplary rebuilding of a stately home (1648) in the style of Dutch baroque neo-classicism.

Assistant to the executive board (head of project development) at Deutsche Telekom Immobilien in January 2000. Parallel joining a start-up internet platform for auctioning artwork in Düsseldorf (ExtraLot.com). In 2001 founding of *Eulenburg Fachberatung für historische Immobilien (Eulenburg Consultancy for Historical Property)*.

In 2005, further development to *Eulenburg & Cie.*, which assists property owners and developers of classical old and new buildings with a diversified team of architects, historians, art historians and colour experts as an advisor and concept guide. Numerous projects in Germany, Austria and Italy, in addition management of own assets.

Father of a daughter, Aurelia, (born in 2000) and a son, Botho-Wend, (born in 2003).

Since 2021 living in Wolfsburg with partner Caroline Külps. née Schnellecke, members of the DJG Braunschweig, Peine, Wolfsburg since 2023.