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Japan is currently the only advanced industrial democracy with a fourth-generation immigrant problem. As other industrialized countries face the challenges of incorporating postwar immigrants, Japan continues to struggle with the incorporation of prewar immigrants and their descendants. Whereas others have focused on international norms, domestic institutions, and recent immigration, this book argues that contemporary immigration and citizenship politics in Japan reflect the strategic interaction between state efforts to control immigration and grassroots movements by multigenerational Korean-resident activists to gain rights and recognition specifically as permanently settled foreign residents of Japan. Based on in-depth interviews and fieldwork conducted in Tokyo, Kawasaki, and Osaka, this book aims to further our understanding of democratic inclusion in Japan by analyzing how those who are formally excluded from the political process voice their interests and what factors contribute to the effective representation of those interests in public debate and policy.

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To my parents, ChangBok Chung and ChoonHee Kim

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Conventions and Abbreviations

Japanese and Korean names are written according to East Asian convention (family name followed by given name) except in cases where authors have identified themselves with given names first, for example, in English-language publications. Transliteration of Japanese words follows the standard Japanese romanization system, and transliteration of Korean words follows the McCune-Reischauer system. I have made exceptions where individuals or organizations prefer a particular romanization (e.g., Kim Il Sung rather than Kim Il-sŏng) and for commonly used place names (e.g., Tokyo instead of Tōkyō).

Unless otherwise indicated, all translations are my own.

DRPK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
HRKJ	Human Rights Association for Koreans in Japan
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
JCP	Japan Communist Party
KCCJ	Korean Christian Church in Japan
KCIA	Korean Central Intelligence Agency
LDP	Liberal Democratic Party
MOE	Ministry of Education

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NCCJ	National Christian Council in Japan
NTT	Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation
ROK	Republic of Korea
SCAP	Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers
WCC	World Council of Churches

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