

Japan and Asia Beyond the Asian Community

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Japan and Asia – historical perspective

- Learn from Asia (Chinese/Korean culture).
- Hideyoshi invasions of Korea.
- Seclusion (鎖國) in Edo era.
- Leave Asia/Join the West (脱亞入歐).
- Invade Asia (like the Western powers).
- Ignore Asia (early post-WW2).
- Trade with Asia (later post-WW2).

Japan and Asia – After WW2

- Japan cut off from Asia:
 - Loss of colonies and spheres of influence.
 - Repatriation of Japanese from Asia.
 - Loss of markets due to communism, poverty.
 - End of political influence.
 - Ties (mostly) cut with China.
- Key economic and financial ties with West.
- Political-military alliance with US.

Japan and Asia - Present

- Growing economic importance of Asia.
- Transformation of relations with China, Korea.
- Involvement in security issues (North Korea).
- Limited institutionalization compared to Europe (EU) and even North America (NAFTA).
- Security policy still anchored in US Alliance.

Japan and Asia - psychology

Meiji's Crowning achievement
Anglo-Japanese Alliance
(1902).

Japan as the equal of a
European Great Power.

Japan has left Asia (脱亞) and
joined Europe (入歐).



Japan and Asia - Psychology

Post-war success:

America's Asian partner:
"Ron-Yasu" era.

Japan has left Asia and
joined North America.



Japan and Asia - psychology

The future? G-2?

Where is Japan?



Japan and Asia

“Architectural issues”

- Global governance: Gs (2, 7, 8, 20, etc.)
- Asian Community.
- Korean security issues. 6 Party Talks as OSCE?
- India.
- Where does the US fit?

Japan and Asia – China

- How will Sino-Japanese relations evolve?
- Subset of Sino-American relations?

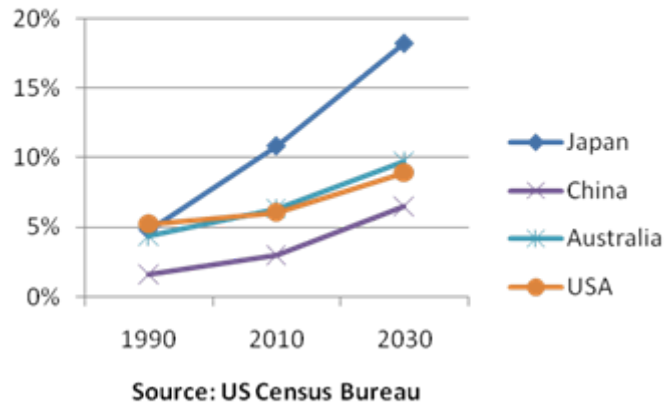
Japan and Asia – USA

- How will Japan fit in US Asia policy? Key Ally?
G-2? Japan passing?

Japan and Asia - immigration

- Japan in a demographic death spiral.
- Is Asian immigration the solution?

Population aged 75+ as %
total



Population aged 20-64
As % of US population aged 20-64

