

## Japan in A Dynamic Asia-New Book Discussion

Yoichiro Sato and Satu Limaye, editors. *Japan in A Dynamic Asia: Coping with the New Security Challenges*. Lexington Books, 2006.

◆Hot Economy, Cold Politics (relationship with China)

. e.g., ringing China-Japan trade, Japanese investment in China, Overseas Development Assistance.

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. “History” Issue-Apology (Murayama, Obuchi, Koizumi), Koizumi visits to Yasukuni Shrine, Textbooks/Education

Strategic rivalry, Transnational issues.

◆Cautions in Political-Economic Relations

- Japanese investments in China smaller in size compared to other markets (i.e. W. Europe, N. America, Singapore), despite the large cumulative sum.
- ODA loan approval declining since late-1990s, loans due to terminate by 2008, shifting to environmental/humanitarian assistance
- No official FTA talk between CHN and JPN
- Trilateral Investment Pact being discussed (w/ROK)

◆Two Koreas( )

- North Korea
  - Nuclear Weapons and Ballistic Missiles Development
  - Abductions and Spy Activities
  - State-Sponsored Criminal/Terror Activities
- South Korea
  - Close Economic Ties, but increasing trade with China
  - National Unification considerations conflicting with US/JPN priorities in N. Korea matters
  - Reverse Course from KDJ to RMH?

- Territorial Disputes

#### ◆ SE Asia

- **Drivers of Foreign Policy (Japan)**

- Arena of Diplomatic Rivalry with China
- Investments
- Maritime Security

- **Drivers of Foreign Policy (ASEAN)**

- Balancing other major powers (China, U.S., India, Australia)
- Compete against China in luring Japanese investments

#### ◆ Australia-Japan

- Two anchors"—Close U.S. allies
- Growing, yet limited, bilateral and trilateral security cooperation
- Economic relations—compatibility (quality), asymmetry (quantity)
  - Farm-sector trade issues
  - WTO and FTA negotiating stances
  - AU's growing economic ties with China

#### ◆ India-Japan

- Positive WW2 legacy and unique relations during the Cold War
- Easing of the U.S.-India relations and its limits
- India-China relations
- Potential, yet still relatively insignificant economic ties
- India's nuclear weapons