

NAME FOR THE EASTERN SEA OF KOREA PENINSULA, BY CHINESE ANCIENT WORKS

*FROM HISTORY TRADITIONAL WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM TO
NAME THE EAST SEA OF KOREA PENINSULA*

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Preface

This essay is based on an article, which is the fruit of Chinese scholars who had attended meetings hold by Korea and about naming The Eastern Sea of Korea Peninsula after 1995. By Chinese ancient work as well as from history traditional way, this essay will continue to solve the sea's naming problem.

Firstly, in my opinion, there is not a special name to dominate this whole sea in Chinese ancient work until Tang Dynasty. Thus it seems unreliable for what Mr. Wu Songdi's has said, which is that the LIMO MOGE People called the Eastern Sea of Korea Peninsula as BOHAI.

Secondly, Since DONGHAI firstly name this region in Song Liao Period, the native NVZHEN People and their descendant MAN People used this name from then to the later stage of Qing Dynasty. We may see from the works in Qing Dynasty that DONGHAI contains the area from DADAN Channel to the just eastern sea of Korea Peninsula, which is including the whole region that we have mentioned before. Though during this Period there are some other names for parts of this region, it is clearly that they cannot dominate the whole area. What is especially important to bring advance is that although words like JINGHAI and JINGCHUANHAI had appeared for this region in Yuan Dynasty and we cannot find any recordation for using DONGHAI to name this region in works of Yuan Dynasty, we can still be sure that the word DONGHAI had been used continually from Liaojin Period to Qing, including Yuan Dynasty. For the Man People in Qing is the direct descendant of NVZHEN People. And during Yuan Dynasty they always lived in the western coast of this region. Thus the works of the later stage of Ming Dynasty as well as the earlier stage of Qing Dynasty used DONGHAI again should be backward to Liaojin Period.

In a word, I consider the first special name for the eastern sea of Korea

Peninsula in Chinese ancient work is DONGHAI, and it is the only name that is be used to dominate the whole region until the later stage of Qing Dynasty. As the above, and from the history traditional way as well as for the principle of name by the master, I think DONGHAI should be the word to dominate this region.

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From 1995, the Korea concerned units have held 4 international clinics to discuss the naming of the eastern sea of the Korea Peninsula. And scholars from many countries have expressed their excellent words. This essay will be based on the research of the Chinese scholars, and by the Chinese history works as well as from the traditional way, to give some opinion about this subject.

The eastern sea of Korea peninsula, which means the sea area in the east of the Korea Peninsula, in the west of Japan Archipelagoes and in the west and south of Karafuto. Now it is called SEA OF JAPAN by western people. The southwest coast of this sea area, which is the far east of Russia, was part of China in history. At the same time, China and Korea Peninsula kept close relationship in history. So there are many recordations about the name of this sea area in Chinese ancient works, which would be important proofs for us to dominate this region now.

1. THERE IS NOT A WORD BOHAI TO NAME THE EASTERN SEA OF KOREA PENINSULA IN TANG DYNASTY