

The Formative History of the Names of the Seas Belonging to the Pacific Ocean

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• Historical and Geographical Consideration on the Name of east Sea of Korean Peninsula Inscribed on the Maps

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1. Historical Consideration on the Name of the Eastern Sea of Korean Peninsula. From the sixteenth century, the Eastern Sea of our country has been declared as “Korean Sea”, “East Sea” or “Oriental Sea” on the history books & old maps published in our country and several European countries, and it was adhered to “Korean Sea” or “East sea” in the eighteenth century. Even the maps printed in Japan inscribed it as “Korean Sea”.
2. Geographical Consideration on Some Sea Names Inscribed in the World Maps Published Recently. International inscription on sea names is customized as follows.
 - a) Giving the name of continental coastal region to marginal sea.
 - b) Giving the name of a peninsula to the sea isolated from Ocean by peninsulas & islands.
 - c) Giving the name of a specially island among others surrounding in island sea.
 - d) Giving the name of according to physigeographical character of the sea.

It is “Sea of Japan” alone that is according to such international inscription usage.

3. The Name of “Sea of Japan” given to the Eastern Sea of Korean Peninsula is the obviously consequence of colonial rule on our country.

Out of their ambition to conquest the whole world & colonial policy on Korea, Japan renamed the internationally recognized “Koren Sea” and “the Pacific Ocean” the “ea of Japan” & “the Great Japan Sea” respectively the late nineteenth the century and the early twentieth century. The name of “Sea of Japan” given to the Eastern Sea of our country is the product of

colonial rule, so it must be corrected of an earliest possible date according to international tendency and demand of coastal states.

• Historical Consideration of Seas in the Pacific Ocean

The seas in the ocean are divided into groups according to the similarity of their origins and the present names derived from certain socio-historical backgrounds.

1. They are largely divided into following 3 groups;
 - a) Those named from the ancient coastal states or regions,
 - b) Those named after the person who first explored or sailed for survey them, or any other persons concerned and,
 - c) Those mirroring the hysiogeographical character of concerned seas.
2. Socio-historic Background of the Designation. Naming is divided into 3 periods; a period before 15th century a period from 16th century to early 19th century and a period afterwards.
3. The names given by the colonialists who inchoacted open the sovereignty of other nations should no longer be maintain.

In the later period of the 19th century the original names of some regions or seas were changes by force by the colonialists in the course of redivision of colonies, which should by all means be corrected.