

Historical Circumstances of 'Korea Sea' and 'East Sea' and Consideration of International Custom

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As for the name of a place notation, the general tendency of the 21st century is to eliminate the remnants of the colony. The key issue, which must be solved in normalizing a relation with our country and Japan is to eliminate the unsavory past created in the past century.

Now in the international arena the movements are active which eliminates the remnants of a colony taken over in the past century. One of the examples is connected with publication of the booklet “A border between the ocean and the sea”.

It examines geographical names and is going to recover original and right name. IHO was going to change the booklet “A border between the ocean and the sea” trying draw up a world sea chart.

“Japan Sea” was transcribed individually in the booklet. It is because Japan “decided” to abolish the East Sea of Korea and to unify it into the “Japan Sea”. It forms a link in the chain of distorted history. If we miss a chance to change it this time, we will admit this distorted history for several years again. The ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan continues to transcribe “Japan Sea” and puts pressure upon the institutions of international relations and the governments of each country.

The main point of this problem lies in the historical fact and the geographical validity instead of nationalism. It is clear to also tell history record of own country of both countries that the name of” the Korean Ocean” and” The East Sea “ is reasonable rather than the (Sea of Japan), in

view of the history of A Map of the World.

I regard this problem as the problem of the racial autonomy. If the opinion of Japan is accepted, the notation problem of “The sea of Korea” will become a problem in connection with the national pride and national prestige. Moreover, it will give rise to serious consequence to the future generations.