

# **Wish to Be the Sea of Peace (Abstract)**

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## **1. Advance with Times**

Records in the Chinese literatures showed that, every sea in Far East Asia changed its name once, twice, even many times in the history. The change was to meet the political, economical or social needs of those times.

For example, when the economic and political center was limited in Yellow River Basin - the cradle of Chinese culture, the sea lie in the east of this area was called “East Sea” naturally, and the sea lie east of Yantze Basin was called “South Sea”. After Qin Dynasty, territory of Chinese Empire extended Southward to the coast of South China Sea, then the original “South Sea” has to change its name, to meet the political situation – advance with times.

Since the Sea’s name was changing by need in history, to change it once more should not be looked at a serious problem, it is to advance with times.

## **2. Principles to Name the Sea**

In some cases, Chinese named the Sea by the character itself. For example:  
Yellow Sea – color of the sea water.

Whales Sea (Jing Hai) – present Japan Sea was called Whales Sea in Yuan Dynasty (13-14 century). May be whales or other huge fishes was discovered in this area that time.

But generally, Chinese named the sea by orientation. It is a simple, but not perfect principle.

First, it makes so many confusion even puzzles for us. In ancient literatures there were many East, West, North, South Seas, which is which? In some cases it even could not be identified by the scholar in the field of historical geography.

Second, more serious, when named by orientation an original point of the orientation coordinate system should be appointed at first. The Emperors of ancient China take their Dragon Chair as the center of the world, nobody deny. But in the Era of Globalization, serious protest would be aroused no matter where be appointed as the original point.

### **3. Japan Sea – Sea of Peace?**

Qing Dynasty ended in 1911. In its formal government documents, even in the last year, never see the name “Japan Sea”. It is called as “East Sea” or “Dong Chao Xian Wan” – East Korea Gulf.

Around this Sea, there are five countries. To name an international sea with the name of a country, protest would be aroused inevitable. However, this sea area was in peace, no battles going on in its area in history. Contrary, Mediterranean Sea, has a very good name approved by all the countries around, was a battle field for ever since Greek–Roman Times till world II War.

But now, the situation is converse. In the recent fifty years, conflicts or the potential conflicts never cease around this sea. North–East Asia is one of the hottest spots in the world. Wish we had the wisdom to solve all the conflicts and to keep this sea area as peaceful as past.