

Discussion

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This point was raised in parts during the meeting as in previous occasions. I add some examples for better clarification.

Due to historic reasons Korean people attach considerable national emotional value to the name of the sea adjacent to the eastern shore of their mainland.

This emotional value of the name *Donghae*/East Sea/ is much different – much higher – than e.g. *Akdeniz*/White or Bright Sea/ for the sea otherwise known as Mediterranean Sea is for Turkish people, or *Europäische Nordmeer*/'European North Sea'/ for Germans as they call the Norwegian Sea.

To raise an example more familiar to Koreans: *Seohae*/West Sea/, as an alternative name for the Yellow Sea does not raise nearly as much emotions as does the name *Donghae*.

The name *Nihonkai*/Sea of Japan/ also carries significant emotions to Japanese people. It is also a well-established name in international cartography.

Considering the fact that the Japanese Archipelago and the Korean peninsula compose the major bordering shores of the sea, the use of the dual name *Sea of Japan* and *East Sea* in international practice is thus well-founded.

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