

Wrap-up and Conclusion

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1. What is the next course of *East Sea* naming issue after 20 years of promotion of simultaneous use of *East Sea/Sea of Japan* which raised by Ambassador Yoo.

I would like to conclude two models. One is the Virginia State case in the U.S. and the other is Austria case led by Prof.Domels. Virginia model is promoted by civil initiative and successfully resulted in legal approval. Austria-German model is initiated by teachers and education demand.

Both are excellent model not only in the open western society but also applicable to the world universally due to internet and social media covering anywhere, developed or less developed and any person, white or black or yellow. Whatever the criticism against *East Sea* naming from Japan is coming civil demand and SNS force on *East Sea*, I am convinced, will be assured to go forward breaking status quo of Sea of Japan which is typical imperial remnant of sea name.

2. We found the change of the history from imperial age to nowadays by the photo on opening IHO 1919. Majority of founding representatives of IHO countries were dressed military uniform. That was the international order we had last 200 years until middle of 20 century. Now there is growing a new order making by SNS, social media even though it is not yet fixed. However, if trends are intensified by technological innovations promoted by SNS, social media a new International or global order of civil initiatives will be seen the change of the system on how to deal with the past including reparation of the past. For instance already by Durban Declaration ‘World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance’ 2001. Before and after this declaration, Great Britain reparated their

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colonial brutality on Kenya, Australia on Aborigine and the US on Hawaiian natives and Japanese-Americans who were concentration camp in World War II. It is not coincidental that 'comfort woman' (sex slave of most Korean, Chinese, Dutch) issues are awakened world widely this time on.

I believe IHO order will not well function in the future if they stubborn to keep imperial International order. And new orders like SNS media order or Durban Declaration type would be excelled over.

3. I am much inspired and encouraged Prof. Stoltman by his introduction of I.Kant's 『To Perpetual peace: A philosophical sketch』. The premise for Kant's essay is that a republican form (synonymous with democracy) of government for each country in a region is the only means to achieve a true peace among countries. I firmly believe in value of democracy and civil right in Asia community.

I personally recently heavily involved in Seoul and Tokyo to make 「2015 Joint statement by Korea, Japanese and International Scholars – For East Asia's Freedom From the Past」, July 29, 2015 in Seoul. This statement signed by 524 intellectuals, historians and literatures (382 Koreans, 105 Japanese, 22 US, Australia and Singapore and 15 Europeans). It only took less than a week to communicate with those, Alexis Dudden (University of Connecticut), Charles Armstrong (Columbia University), Noam Chomsky(MIT), Simon Chun & Ok Lim (Harvard University), Tessa Morris-Suzuki and Gavan McCormack (Australia National University), Prasenjit Duara (National University of Singapore), 9 from German Scholars in Gesellschaft Für Japanforschung, president Raji C. Steineck (University of Zuerich), Wolfgang Seitert & Trede Menanie (Heidelberg University), 6 from Great Britain, Mark Morris (Trinity College, Cambridge University), Michael Shin (Robinson College, Cambridge University), James Foley (University of Sheffield)··· ···. The statement stated,

“In 2010, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Japan’s annexation of Korea, more than 1000 Korean and Japanese scholars collectively issued a joint statement declaring that the annexation process was unjust and wrongful, and that the Annexation Treaty itself was also unjust and wrongful. Moreover, they were in agreement that the Korean interpretation of the 1965 Treaty on Basic Relations Between Japan and the Republic of Korea, that the Annexation Treaty was null

and void from the beginning, should be accepted as the mutual interpretation. Some 400 Chinese historians also announced their support for the Joint Statement. In response, the Japanese government issued an official statement by Prime Minister Kan Naoto on August 10, 2010, acknowledging that the 1910 annexation of Korea was forced against the will of the Korean people. 」

And we deplored the continuing disappointment Prime Minister Abe Shinzo and his right winger's reversing course of history.

「But we declare we cannot fall into despair nor stay silent. Historians along with other scholars have a responsibility to attest to historical truths, challenge distortions and work to prevent the misuse of history for political ends. There has never been a time when this intellectual responsibility is more critical than today. We cannot ignore our unending responsibility to address these reversals in the course of history. 」

In conclusion we made the consensus that making modernization and civil society in Asia, especially in Japan and China, is the most essential to make peace in Asia and promote 'Freedom from the past' and freedom from the chauvinistic nationalism in Asia.

We here all know that without freedom from the past we cannot make the future and also we know freedom is not free by all means. In that sense we also all know what German and Japan did was in so clearly contrasted after World War II. I hope Japan will follow the course of Germany as Chancellor Merkel urged this in her visit to Japan this spring.

I remind you again how cruel and unique colonial rule by Japan in Korea. Once the world had imperial colonial order in Modern Age ruled by the westerner in Africa, Middle East and Asia. However no imperialist country beyond Japan has committed the atrocities of forcing the indigenous population of colonized and surrender their original names, change family names in the style of colonial ruler, of barring the use of local language and letters and replacing local geographical names with names in language of the colonial ruler. British never forced to change family names and language in India, Nigeria & Egypt. French never in Vietnam. My birth name given in 1936 was Kim Jin Hyun. However I was forced to use Japanese name Kaneshiro Jinken from 1942 the year I entered primary school through 1945 the year Korea liberated.

I hope that this background of the exceptional and historically intolerable barbarian rule by Japan helps better understanding of why Koreans strongly demand Japan to stop using Japanese terms for the names of Korean places and seas. One of the reasons *East Seas* name claiming is not the sense of belonging as *East sea* as Korean territory but return the name from Japanese unique colonial rule.

My more than 53 years experience of travel in the world I have one conclusion. As human being nobody is able to find total truth in his life except Jesus Christ and Budha. And no country perfectly to achieve the truth dominating society. However the demarcation between where truth seeking state or truth concealing state is most important for professionalist, intellectuals, especially to be a fair judge or even a fair observer. The demarcation between civilized society or not in thoroughly depend upon whether a society or a country allow the conditions to try to seek the truth or oppress the conditions. Recovering name of *East Sea* or third name by the help from fair judges and fair observers is a process of truth seeking and upgrading civilization in the world of geography.