

2005 Japan-Korea Public Opinion Surveys

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Time	March-05	May-05	July-05	May-05	June-July 05
Impression of Japan	Do you like Japan?	Impression of Japan	Sense of familiarity with Japan	Sense of familiarity with Japan	Sense of familiarity with Japan
	Yes 8	Good 11	Yes 28	Yes 25	Yes 18
	No 63	Bad 88	No 66	No 67	No 79
Views on bilateral relations	Past	Deeper mutual understanding during past 40 years	Bilateral relations in past 40 years		
		Yes 28 No 71	Improved 44 Unchanged 37 Worsened 16		
	Present	Current bilateral relations	Current bilateral relations		Current bilateral relations
	Amicable 7 Poor 93	Good 11 Bad 89			Good 9 Not good 56
	Future	Future bilateral relations		Will bilateral relations grow steadily	Future bilateral relations
		Will improve 14 Will not change 55 Will worsen 31		Yes 41 No 48	Will improve 31 Will not change 49 Will worsen 17
Bilateral issues	History issues such as colonial rule	Cause of worsening bilateral relations	Cause of worsening relations	What is important in developing bilateral relations	Reason for lacking familiarity with Japan
	Important 93	Takeshima (Dokto) issue 94 Japanese apology/repentance inadequate 64 Historical perspective in textbooks 44	Takeshima territorial dispute 71 Past historical issues 36 PM Koizumi visit to Yasukuni 26	Apology & compensation for past deeds 42 Japanese historical awareness 20 Territorial dispute 19	Territorial dispute 87 Differing historical awareness 78 Strong anti-Korean sentiment in Japan 66
	Not important 7				
Security threat	Military threat	Possible military threat	Possible threat to East Asian security	Military threat in East Asia	Military threat
	North Korea 46	North Korea 64	US 24	North Korea 39	North Korea 36
	Japan 28	Japan 57	China 22	Japan 30	Japan 22
	US 17	US 31	Japan 21	US 15	US 20
	China 7	China 23	North Korea 17	China 7	China 11
Japan's importance	Should be friendly with	Important partner in international community	Japan is important for South Korea		Should be friendly with
	North Korea 36	US 74	Yes 54		US 34
	US 29	China 72	No 23		North Korea 30
	China 22	Japan 30			China 24
	Japan 8	North Korea 23			Japan 4