



Topic: Sino-Japan Relations in the Heisei Era in Japan's Diplomatic Bluebook

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How were the Sino-Japan relations during the Heisei era?

This article analyzes the discourse on Sino-Japanese relations in the 1989 to 2019 edition of the Japan's Diplomatic Blue Book, in order to find out how the

Japanese government views the Sino-Japanese relations in the Heisei period. Although each edition may have some differences, the text on China-Japan relations generally consists of three parts: the summary, key areas and China's situation. From my observation of the blue book from 1989 to 2019, I have four findings: 1. Economic relations are always the key part of Sino-Japanese relations; 2. The East China Sea is placed as the most prominent position of issues between the two countries; 3. Interpersonal exchanges at all levels and mutual understanding between the people is becoming more and more important. 4. The growing skepticism towards China's increasing military power .