



***Topic: Comparing the Economic Cooperation between Japan and China: The 1930s and the present***

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This presentation examines, the history of economic cooperation between Japan and China since the 1930s. Through this examination, I propose that we consider the Sino-Japanese relations important because the two countries have a trading history lasting for centuries.

Many people in both countries discussed economic cooperation during the 1930s. Although economic cooperation was discussed between diplomats, many Chinese people believed that, even if the Japanese government changed its China policy, it would still be impossible to achieve economic cooperation.

When the Sino-Japanese War ended, Japanese and Chinese renewed their discussion about economic cooperation. Then, trade between the two countries began in 1962. After China's economic reform, Deng Xiaoping promoted expansion of this economic cooperation, and, currently, most people consider Sino-Japanese economic relations as very important.

The structure of economic relations between Japan and China has significantly changed since the 1930s. Trade is continuing to increase, and a new type of economic cooperation might develop. As Asia's two regional powers, I expect these two countries to continue to cooperate and actively work toward solving global issues.