Rise of China and East Asian Security: A Japanese Perspective

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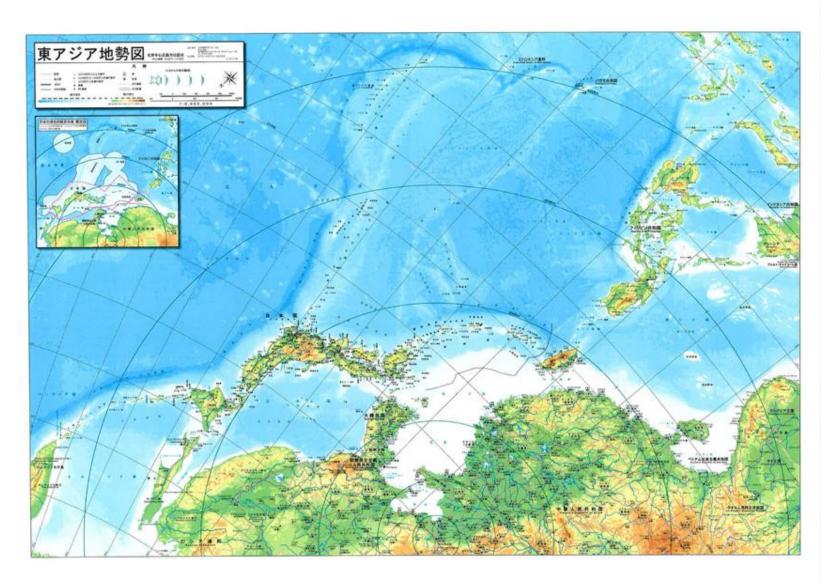
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Characteristics of East Asia

- > Strong sovereign states, weak regional identity
- Duality of modern states and a post-modern state, diversity from Stalinist state to democracy.
- > Duality of traditional and non-traditional threats
- > Existence of divided nations and territorial disputes
- Strong bilateral alliance network: US centered hub and spoke structure
- Weak multilateral security cooperation: US hub-andspokes system still works

Geo-strategic Setting of East Asia



Security Environment in East Asia

- Globalization and economic development
- The probability of large-scale war among major powers reduces.
- Conflicts in between "peacetime and wartime," or "gray zones" increase
- > Security challenges and destabilizing factors are diverse, complex and intertwined.
- DPRK: immediate and grave destabilizing factors
- China: military modernization and lack of transparency are the regional and global concern.
- Historical Issue: war over symbol, or propaganda strategy?
- Relative decline of US and Japan's influence

China: Domestic Issues

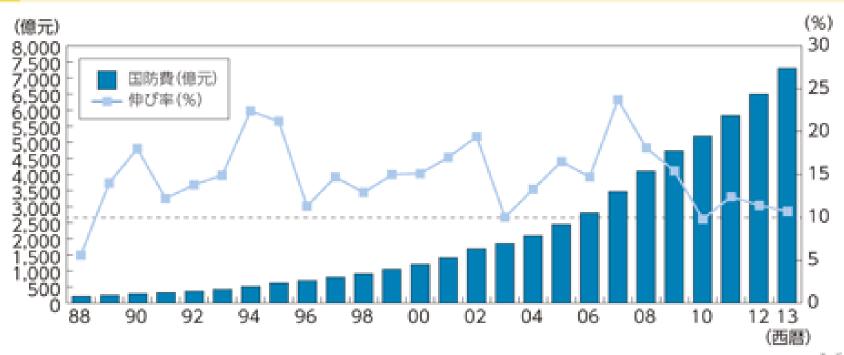
- Communist political regime and market economy
- ➤ Hu Jintao administration: successful in economic growth, failure in "harmony"
- Power struggle in Beijing: CPC Youth League vs. Prince Party? New Left vs. Reformist?
- > Xi Jinping: quick centralization of political power
- > Economic development: continuation or stall?
- > Social disparity: instability will grow
- Mobilization of patriotism/nationalism
- Military modernization: "A2AD," "beyond Taiwan," "global outreach"
- "fragmented decision-making": mixed messages (both accommodating and provocative) from China

China: External Relations

- ➤ US-China relations: economic interdependence and strategic competition
- Japan-China relations: historical burden, emotional antagonism, economic interdependence
- Growing maritime activities: growing risk of miscalculation and accidents
- ➤ South/East China Sea: continuing unilateral development with ignoring existing agreement
- Diplomatic row over Senkakus/Diaoyudao: China's growing assertiveness to revise the status quo through physical means

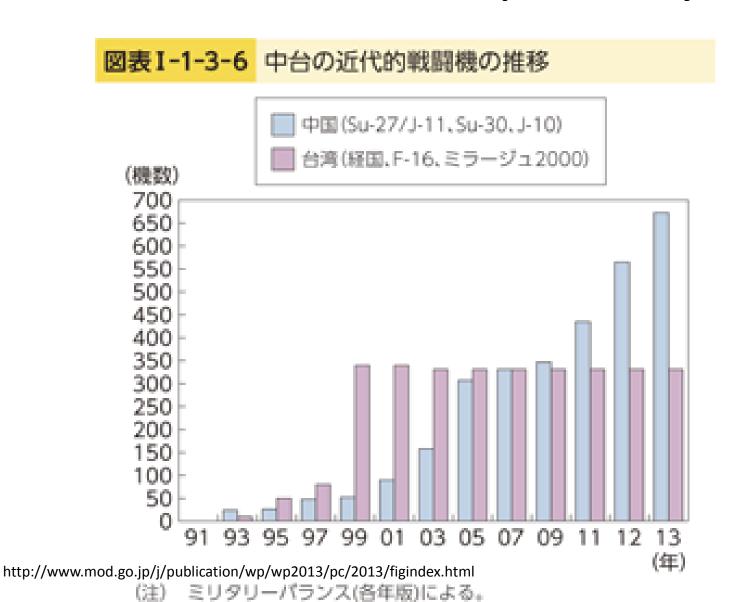
PRC's (nominal)Defense Budget

-1-3-1 中国の公表国防費の推移



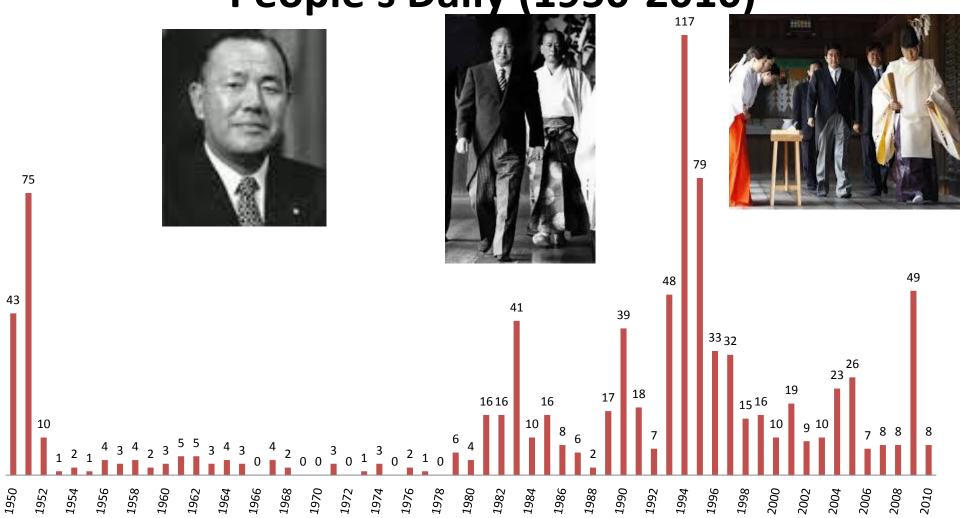
(注) 2002年度および2004年度の国防予算額は明示されず、公表された伸び率と伸び額を前年当初予算にあてはめると齟齬が生じるため、これらを前年執行実績類からの伸びと仮定して算出し、それぞれ1.684億元および2.100億元として作成

Seek for Air Superiority



Rise of Chinese Nationalism

Frequency of "patriotism" in titles in People's Daily (1950-2010)



War/battle	The number of war dead toll listed in the Yasukuni Shrine
Boshin War (1868-69)	7,751
Satsuma Rebellion (1877)	6,971
1st Sino-Japanese War (1894-95)	13,619
Taiwan Expedition of 1895	1,130
Boxer Rebellion (1900)	1,256
Russo-Japanese War (1904-05)	88,429
WWI (1914-18)	4,850
Jinan Incident (1928)	185
Mukden Incident (1931-32)	17,176
2nd Sino-Japanese War (1937-45)	191,250
Great East Asia War (1941-45)	2,133,915
Total as for Oct. 2004	2,466,532

Name of PM	Number of visits			
Shigeru Yoshida		Tsutomu Hata		
Tetsu Katayama		Tomiichi Murayama		
Hitoshi Ashida				
Shigeru Yoshida	7	Keizo Obuchi		
Ichiro Hatoyama		Ryutaro Hashimoto	1	
Tanzan Ishibashi		Yoshiro Mori		
Nobusuke Kishi	2	Junichiro Koizumi	6	
Hayato Ikeda	5	Shinzo Abe		
Eisaku Sato	11	Yasuo Fukuda		
Kakuei Tanaka	6	Taro Aso		
Takeo Miki	3	Yukio Hatoyama		
Takeo Fukuda	4	Naoto Kan		
Masayoshi Ohira	3	Yoshihiko Noda		
Zenko Suzuki	8	Shinzo Abe	1	
Yasuhiro Nakasone	10			
Noboru Takeshita				
Sosuke Uno				
Toshiki Kaifu		Ryoko lechika et.al. eds., <i>Kiro ni Tatsu Nittyukankei, (revised edition)</i>		
Kiichi Miyazawa		(Kaiteiban, Sino-Japanese Relations at the Cross-Roads), Kyoto: Koyo Shobo, 2013.		
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Politics of Symbolism

➤ Movies and TV dramas on War Resisting Japan: bi-product of Patriotic Education Campaign, established industry, and easy amusement



Turning Point: 2008/2009

- > Long term trend of maritime expansion from 1970s
- ➤ Growing assertiveness in "Peaceful Development" ideology: fading "taoguangyanghui," expanding "core interests," enhancing "maritime interests"
- ➤ Sino-Japanese relations in 2006-08: "strategic mutually beneficial relationship"; appreciation to Japan; maritime cooperation
- > Turning Point: 2008/2009
 - 1. Beijing Olympic Games (self-restraint vs. nationalism)
 - 2. Taiwan's accommodative changes of the mainland policy
 - 3. Expectation to China after Lehman Shock
 - 4. Obama administration's "strategic reassurance"
 - 5. Failure of Japan's DPJ administrations
 - 6. World second largest economy
 - 7. Power struggles inside Beijing

Reactive Assertiveness?



"We send our ships in order to break Japan's effective control over the islands"

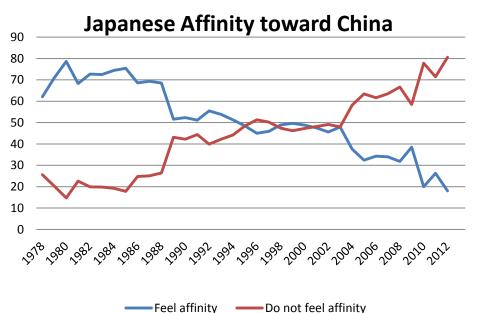
People's Daily, March 21, 2012



Anti-Japanese Riots in Sep. 2012





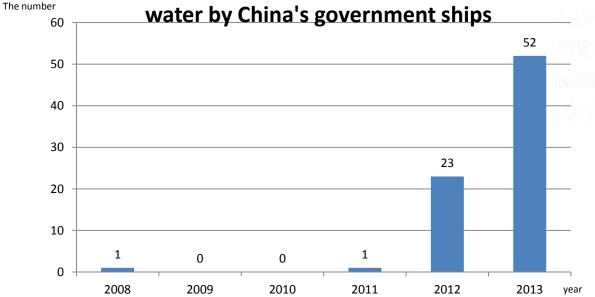




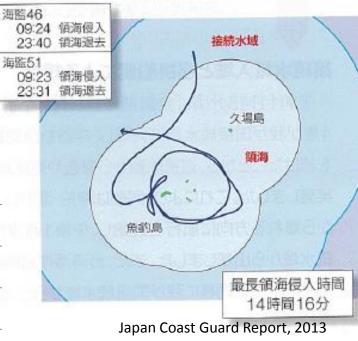
Behavioral Patterns of Chinese Vessels in the Contiguous Zone and Territorial Sea

"China has maintained routine presence and exercised jurisdiction in the warters of Diaoyu Islands" (White Paper on Diaoyudao, 2012)

The number of entry to the Senkakus' teritorial water by China's government ships



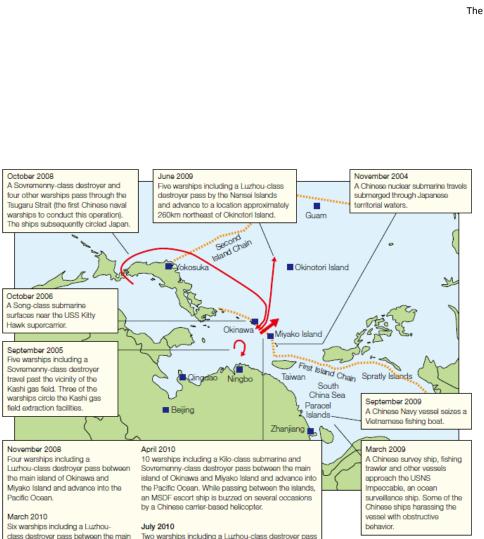
>>>> 平成25年2月4日の 中国公船による領海侵入・はいかいイメージ図



"Chugoku kosento niyoru Senkaku Syoto shuhen no setuzokusuiiki nai nyuiki oyobi ryokai shinnyu sekisu (tsukibetsu)," (Monthly statistics of entry of contiguous zones and violation of territorial waters of Senkaku Islands by Chinese government ships) Japan Coast Guard,

http://www.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/senkaku/index.html

Growing China's Naval Activities in East China Sea and Western Pacific



between the main island of Okinawa and Mivako

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The number of passage through Japan's

The number Southeastern islands (Okinawa) by Chinese

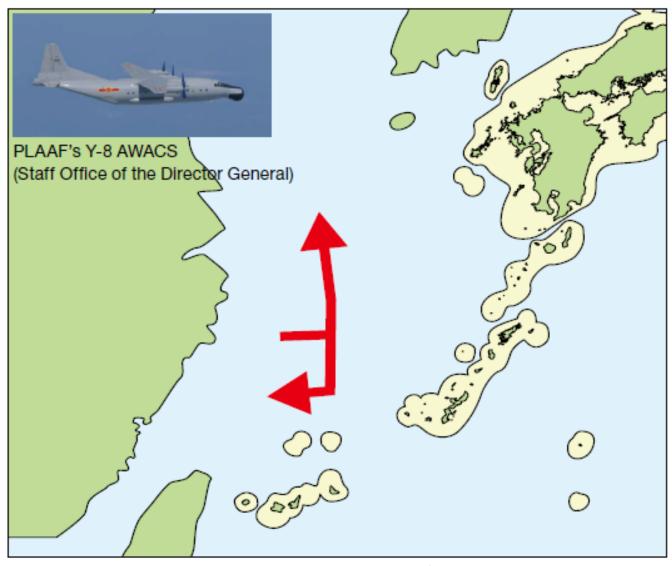
Naval fleets

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2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 year

Data collected from *Defense of Japan (from 2008 to 2013),Yomiuri Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, Sankei Shimbun, Kyodo News* and *Jiii Press.*

NIDS China Security Report, 2011

Flight Pattern of Military Aircrafts

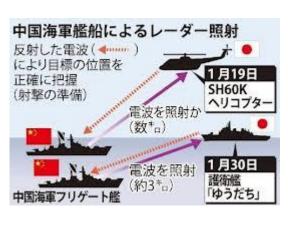


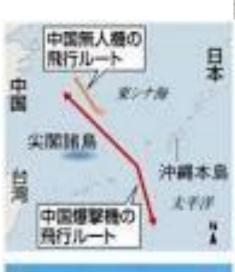
China's Provocations by Military and Other Physical Means (2012-2013)

- > Entry into territorial air space
- > F.C. Rader lock-on
- ➤ Submarine access

(unconfirmed)

>UAV access







中国当局の航空機

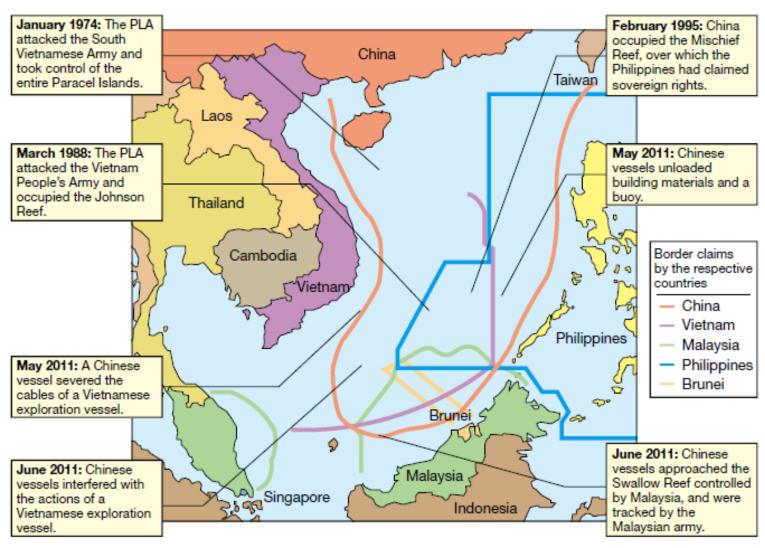
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China's ADIZ(2013) "no-fly zone?"

➤ Plan to set-up ADIZ in the South China Sea



China's Expansion in the South China Sea



Source: Compiled from U.S. Department of Defense, Annual Report to Congress: Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China 2011 (Washington, DC: Department of Defense, 2011), p.16, as well as other reports.

Prospects for East Asian Security

- Growing strategic trends:
 - 1)rise of China will continue;
 - 2)risk of political stability in DPRK and China will grow;
 - 3) "challenges" caused by DPRK and China will increase:
 - 4) new security architecture is not likely to function
- Sino-Japanese relations: Long-term tension and friction, Short-term deterioration-improvement cycle
- PRC has to deal with concerns from its neighbors
- Japan has to deal with "past" related issues to improve its image, and try not to be provoked
- US-China relationship is the key factor in East Asia

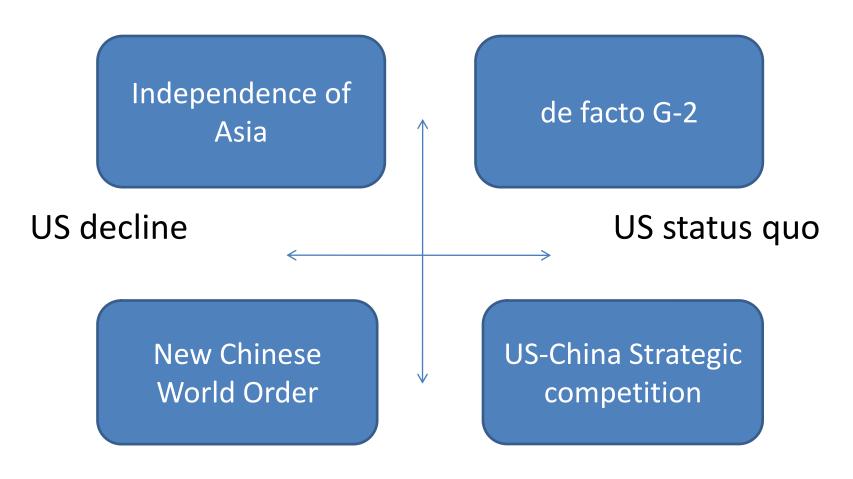
US Pivoting to Asia-Pacific

- \triangleright Iraq and Afghanistan: impression of "retreat"
- ➤ The failure of US "strategic reassurance" toward the PRC
- > No budget reduction of defense in the region
- > Futemma conundrum and base realignmnt
- ➤ Importance of the Sino-US relationship
- ➤ Pivot/Rebalancing: China? Yes.
- > Importance as an offshore balancer



Four Scenarios in East Asia

Cooperative China



Hegemonic China