

The Historical Perceptions of Korea and Japan

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- 1 Necessity of bridging the gap of historical perceptions between Japan and Korea
 - In order to form friendly relations with Korea, Japan must make every effort to bridge the gap of historical perceptions between Japan and Korea by understanding deeply Korean history and history of Japan-Korea relations.

- 2 Perceptions of Korean history and history of Japan-Korean Relations in Japan through history textbooks of high school
 - In this report, I examine how students can get Knowledge of Korea history and history of Japan-Korean history by history teaching in high school.

- 3 The characteristics of most widely used high school history textbooks
 - Minute Japanese History (Syosetsu Nihonshi)*, *Minute World History (Syosetsu Sekaishi)*, Yamakawa Co.
 - Total pages of the main body. MJH 380pp. 900characters per page, 342,000characters (a rough estimate) MWH 370pp. 900characters per page, 333,000characters
 - Total characters of description of Korea history and history of Japan-Korea relations. MJH : 8,050characters 2.35%, MWH : 4,650characters 1.40%
 - Division descriptions into Japanese history textbook and world history textbook.
 - Descriptions of history of Japan-Korea relations is main in Japanese history textbook.
 - Descriptions of Korean history is poor. Especially Koryeo history.

It is very difficult to grasp the social structure and the process of historical development in Korea. Sino-centric descriptions are remarkable in pre-modern history. Also descriptions of history of Choseon dynasty. It is quite possible that the image of decline in the latter half of the dynasty is shaped.
 - Descriptions concerning independent reform movement of Korea in modern history is insufficient. Descriptions of colonialization process and colonial rule by Japan is not enough.

- 4 Necessity of Improving of Korean History Teaching
 - Descriptions in high school history textbook (especially world history textbook) do not reflect the achievement of studies in Korean history and history of Japan-Korean relations.
 - Necessity of Improving Korean history teaching in high school.

For that purpose, it is necessary and important to improve the system of research and education of Korean history in University.