The 7th South Korea—Japan Joint Public Opinion Poll (2019)

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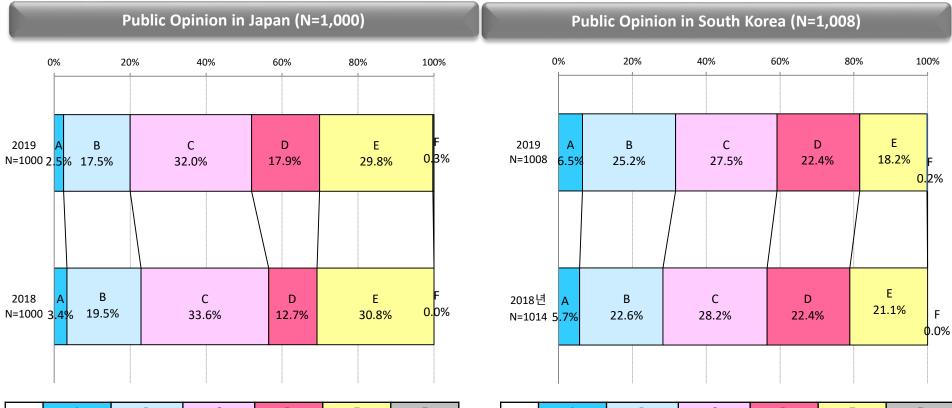
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Survey Overview

	Survey in Japan	Survey in South Korea			
Region	Regions throughout Japan	Regions throughout South Korea			
Target	Adults aged 18 and over	Adults aged 19 and over			
Sampling Methods	20 samples were collected from each of the 50 designated locations throughout Japan and were proportioned according to the national gender and age distributions.	Samples were collected from 17 administrative districts across South Korea and were proportioned according to the population size and gender and age distributions of the respective district.			
Survey MethodsDoor-to-door visits (self-administered)Face-to-face interviewsTime Period2019.05.18 ~ 06.022019.05.15 ~ 05.27		Face-to-face interviews			
Time Period 2019.05.18 ~ 06.02 2019.05.15 ~ 05.27		2019.05.15 ~ 05.27			
Valid Sample Size	1,000	1,008			
Sample	Male 48.6%, Female 51.4%	Male 49.6%, Female 50.4%			
Description	Elementary, Middle School: 7.6% High School: 45.1% Junior College, Technical Schools: 21.8% College, University: 22.7% Graduate School: 1.1% Other: 1.1% No Response: 0.6%	Elementary School: 6.5% Middle School: 7.3% High School: 39.3% College, University, Technical Schools (currently enrolled or dropped out): 13.2% College, University (graduated): 31.6% Graduate or Postgraduate School: 1.9%			
	Under 20: 2.5% 20~29: 11.9% 30~39: 14.8% 40~49: 17.2% 50~59: 14.6% 60 or over: 39.0%	19 ~29:17.3% 30~39: 16.8% 40~49: 19.6% 50~59: 19.8% 60 or over: 26.5%			

South Korean and Japanese Perceptions of Each Other

Q5. What is your perception of South Korea/Japan? [Choose one]

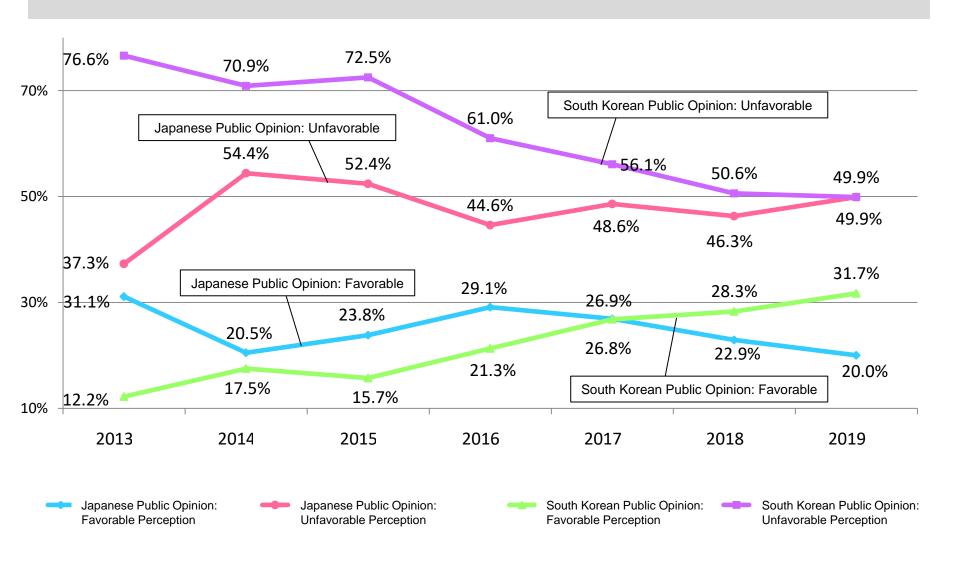


	Α	В	С	D	E	F
	Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Unfavorable	Neither	No Response
' 19	2.5%	17.5%	32.0%	17.9%	29.8%	0.3%
'18	3.4%	19.5%	33.6%	12.7%	30.8%	0.0%

	Α	В	С	D	E	F
	Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Unfavorable	Neither	No Response
' 19	6.5%	25.2%	27.5%	22.4%	18.2%	0.2%
'18	5.7%	22.6%	28.2%	22.4%	21.1%	0.0%

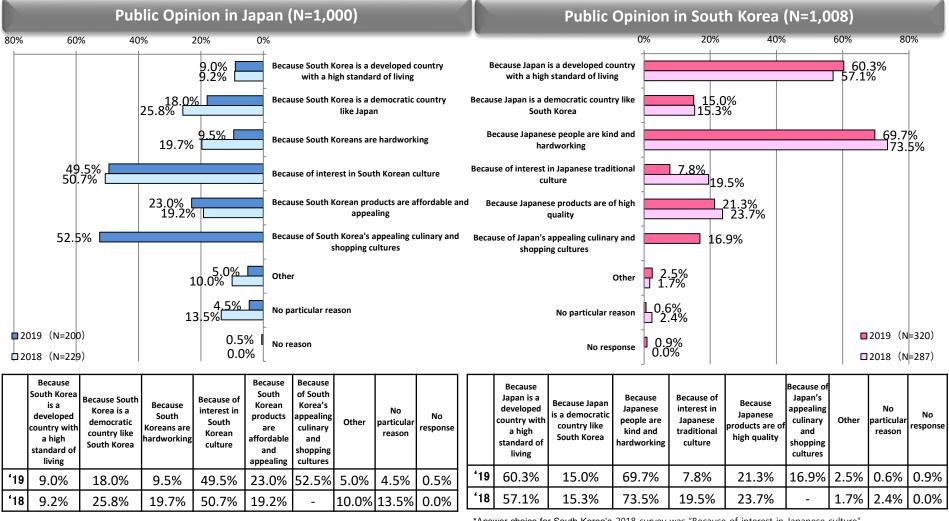
South Korean and Japanese Perceptions of Each Other

Q5. What is your impression of South Korea/Japan? [Choose one]



Reasons for Favorable Perception

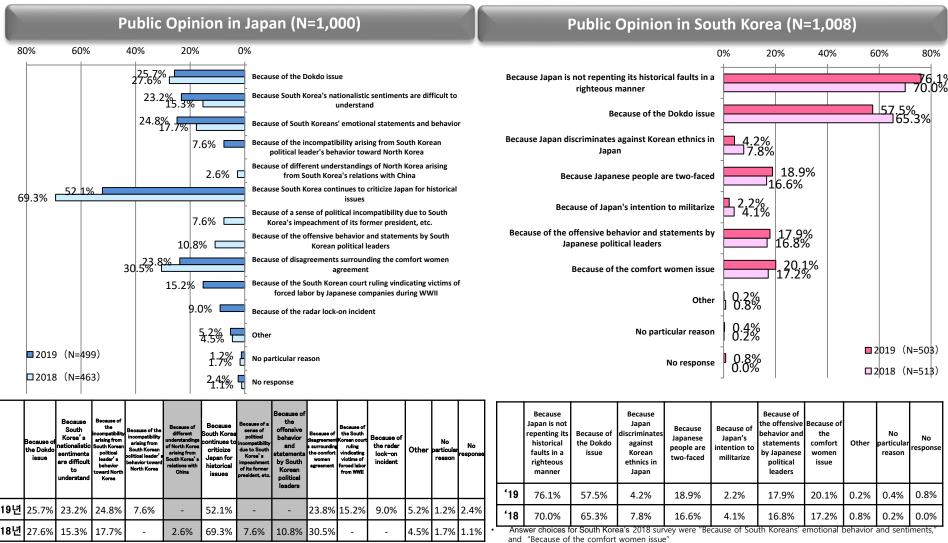
Q5- a. (If you answered "favorable" in the previous question) Why is your perception favorable? 【Choose up to two】



^{*}Answer choice for South Korea's 2018 survey was "Because of interest in Japanese culture"

Reasons for Unfavorable Perception

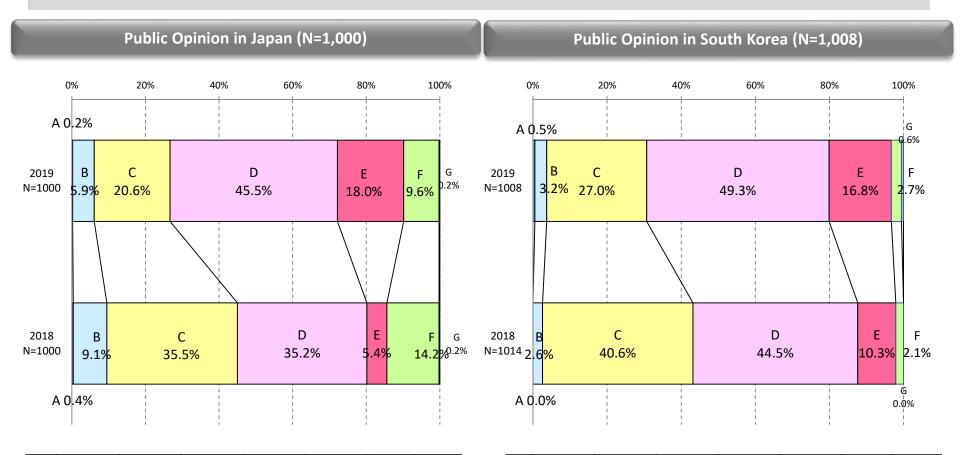
Q 5 -b. (If you answered "unfavorable" in the previous question) Why is your perception unfavorable? [Choose up to two]



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Current South Korea-Japan Relations

Q8. What is your assessment of the current state of bilateral relations between South Korea and Japan? [Choose one]



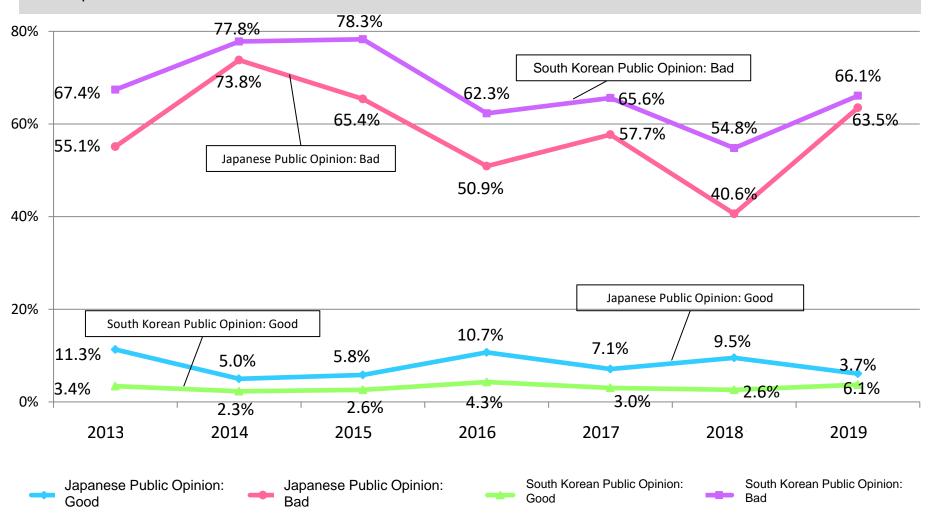
	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
	Very good	Good	Fair	Bad	Very bad	Not sure	No response
'19	0.2%	5.9%	20.6%	45.5%	18.0%	9.6%	0.2%
'18	0.4%	9.1%	35.5%	35.2%	5.4%	14.2%	0.2%

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
	Very good	Good	Fair	Bad	Very bad	Not sure	No response
'19	0.5%	3.2%	27.0%	49.3%	16.8%	2.7%	0.6%
'18	0.0%	2.6%	40.6%	44.5%	10.3%	2.1%	0.0%

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Assessment of South Korea-Japan Relations ('13~'19)

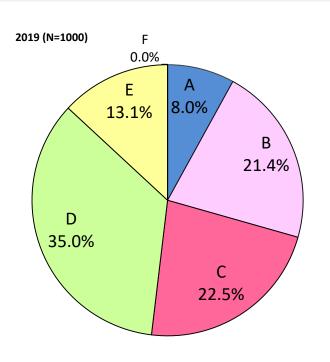
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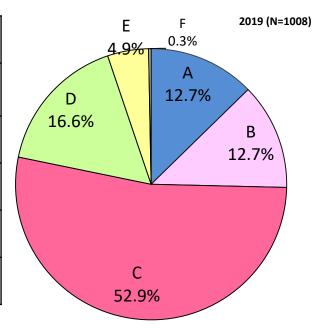
South Korea-Japan Perception of Each Other as a 'Friend/ Mutually Favorable Country'

Q9. Do you see South Korea and Japan as 'friends/ mutually favorable countries'? [Choose one]

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



A	They are friends/ mutually favorable countries
В	They used to be friends/ mutually favorable countries but that is no longer the case
С	They were never friends/ mutually favorable countries
D	Neither
E	Not sure
F	No response

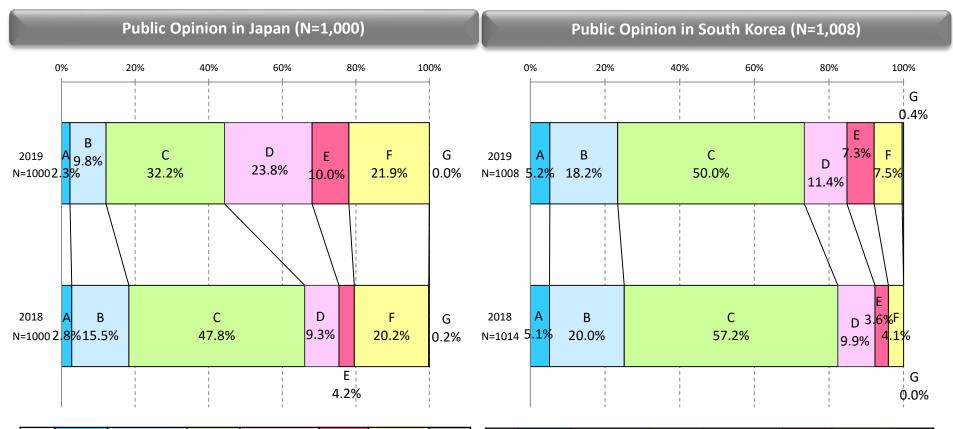


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	They are friends/ mutually favorable countries	They used to be a friends/ mutually favorable countries but that is no longer the case	They were never friends/ mutually favorable countries	Neither	Not sure	No response		They are friends/ mutually favorable countries	They used to be a frie mutually favorable countries but that is longer the case
' 19	8.0%	21.4%	22.5%	35.0%	13.1%	0.0%	' 19	12.7%	12.7%

l		Α	В	С	D	E	F
		They are friends/ mutually favorable countries	They used to be a friends/ mutually favorable countries but that is no longer the case	They were never friends/ mutually favorable countries	Neither	Not sure	No response
	' 19	12.7%	12.7%	52.9%	16.6%	4.9%	0.3%

The Future of South Korea-Japan Relations

Q10. What is your assessment of the future state of bilateral relations between South Korea and Japan? 【Choose one】



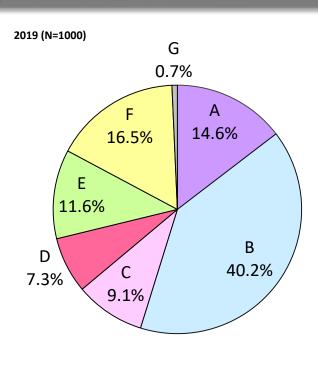
	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
	Will improve	Will slightly improve	Will stay the same	Will slightly worsen	Will worsen	Not sure	No response
'19	2.3%	9.8%	32.2%	23.8%	10.0%	21.9%	0.0%
'18	2.8%	15.5%	47.8%	9.3%	4.2%	20.2%	0.2%

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
	Will improve	Will slightly improve	Will stay the same	Will slightly worsen	Will worsen	Not sure	No response
' 19	5.2%	18.2%	50.0%	11.4%	7.3%	7.5%	0.4%
'18	5.1%	20.0%	57.2%	9.9%	3.6%	4.1%	0.0%

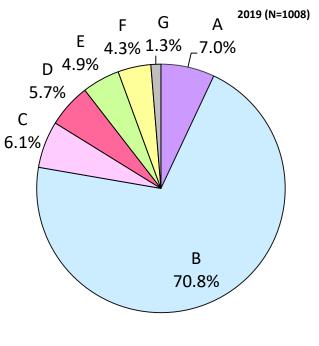
Efforts to Improve South Korea-Japan Relations

Q11. What should be done to improve South Korea-Japan relations? [Choose one]

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Α	They should not be dealt with for now
В	Efforts should be made to improve the relations
С	There is no need to place efforts to improve the relations
D	No interest in the future of South Korea-Japan relations
E	Neither
F	Not sure
G	No response

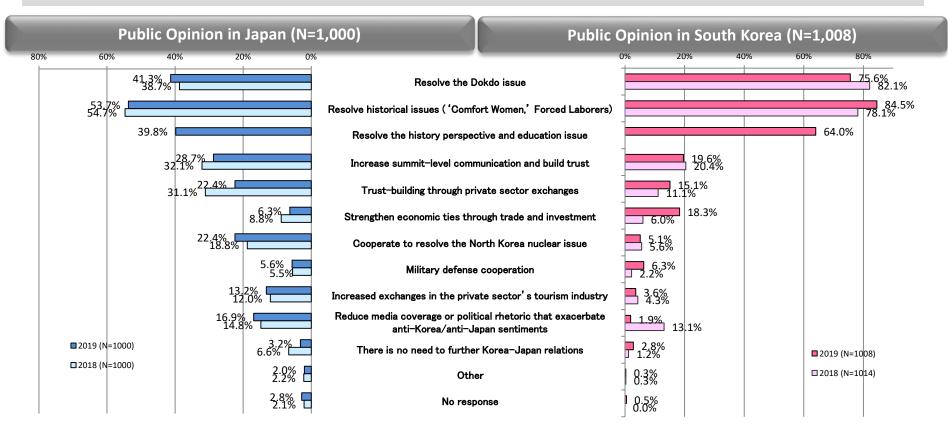


	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
	They should not be dealt with for now	made to	There is no need to place efforts to improve the relations	No interest in the future of South Korea- Japan relations	Neither	Not Sure	No response
'19	14.6%	40.2%	9.1%	7.3%	11.6%	16.5%	0.7%

		Α	В	С	D	Ε	F	G
		They should not be dealt with for now	Efforts should be made to improve the relations	There is no need to place efforts to improve the relations	No interest in the future of South Korea- Japan relations	Neither	Not Sure	No response
L	19	7.0%	70.8%	6.1%	5.7%	4.9%	4.3%	1.3%

Ways to Improve South Korea-Japan Relations

Q12. What should both countries do to further South Korea-Japan relations? [Choose up to three]

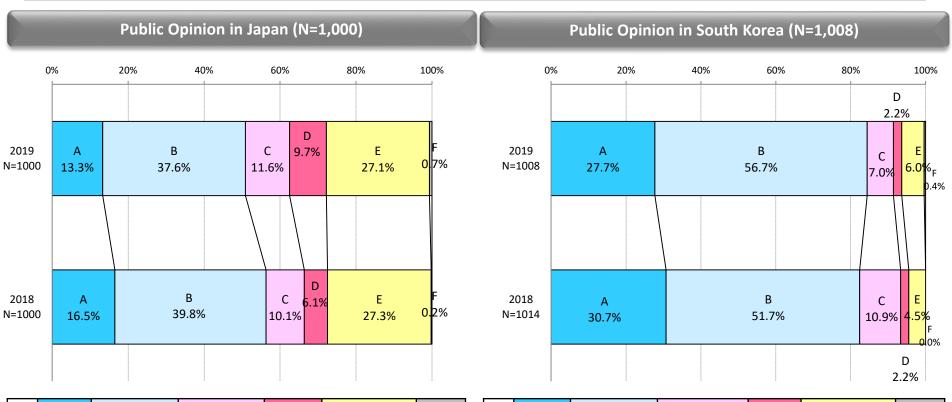


		Resolve the Dokdo issue	000.0	education issue	Resolve the history perspective and education issue	I and build trust	I Trust-building through		Cooperate to resolve the North Korea nuclear issue	Military defense cooperation	Increased exchanges in the private sector's tourism industry	Reduce media coverage or political rhetoric that exacerbate anti- Korea/anti-Japan sentiments	There is no need to further Korea-Japan relations	Other	No respoonse
	'19	41.3%	-	53.7%	39.8%	28.7%	22.4%	6.3%	22.4%	5.6%	13.2%	16.9%	3.2%	2.0%	2.8%
Japan		38.7%	42.2%	54.7%	-	32.1%	31.1%	8.8%	18.8%	5.5%	12.0%	14.8%	6.6%	2.2%	2.1%
South	'19	75.6%	-	84.5%	64.0%	19.6%	15.1%	18.3%	5.1%	6.3 %	3.6%	1.9%	2.8%	0.3%	0.5%
Korea	'18	82.1%	73.5%	78.1%	-	20.4%	11.1%	6.0%	5.6%	2.2%	4.3%	13.1%	1.2%	0.3%	0.0%

Answer choices for Japan's 2018 survey were "Resolve problems on historical perception," "Strengthen economic cooperation including trade and investment," "Promote tourism"

The Importance of South Korea-Japan Relations

Q13. How important are South Korea-Japan relations? [Choose one]

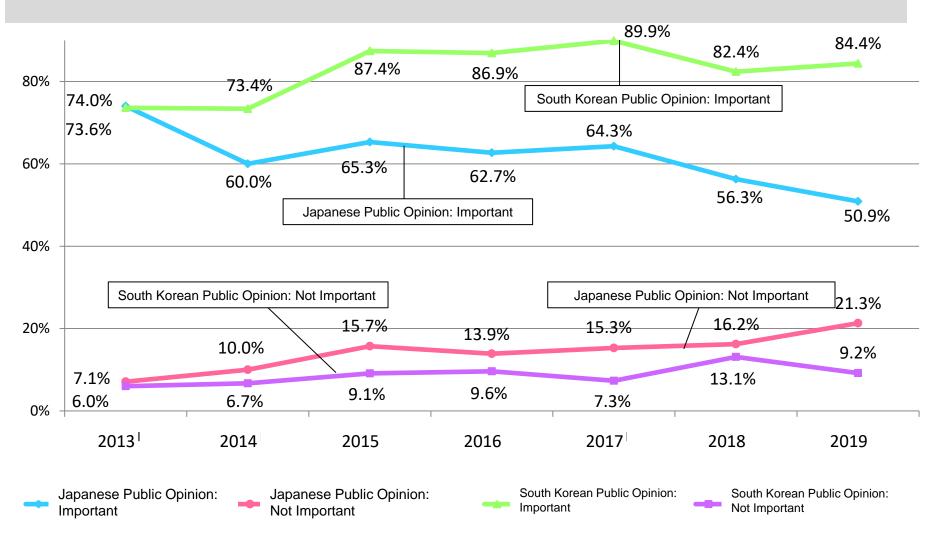


	Α	В	С	D	E	F
	Important	Relatively important	Relatively not important	Not important	Not sure	No response
'19	13.3%	37.6%	11.6%	9.7%	27.1%	0.7%
'18	16.5%	39.8%	10.1%	6.1%	27.3%	0.2%

	Α	В	С	D	E	F
	Important	Relatively important	Relatively not important	Not Not sure		No response
'19	27.7%	56.7%	7.0%	2.2%	6.0%	0.4%
'18	30.7%	51.7%	10.9%	2.2%	4.5%	0.0%

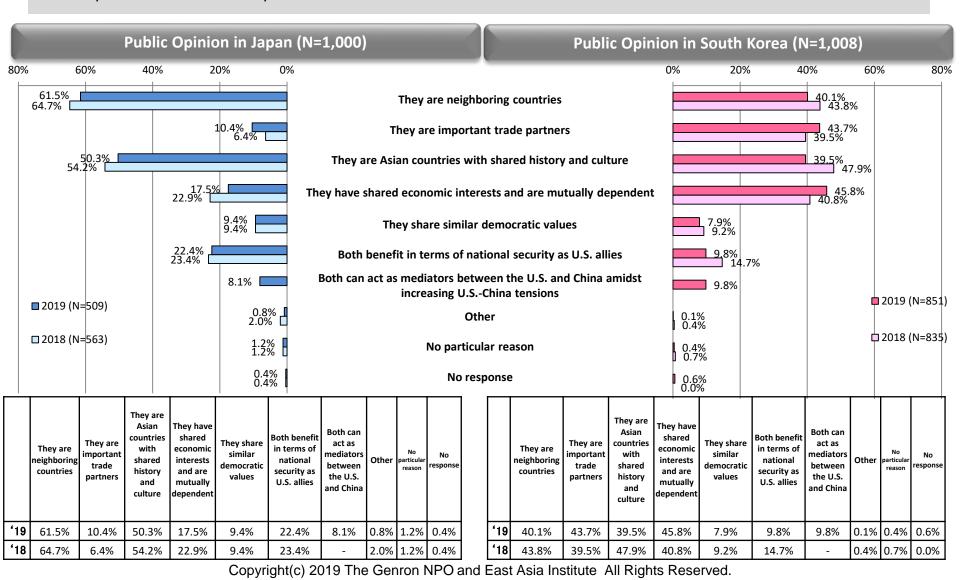
The Importance of South Korea-Japan Relations ('13~'19)

Q13. How important are the current bilateral relations for South Korea and Japan? [Choose one]



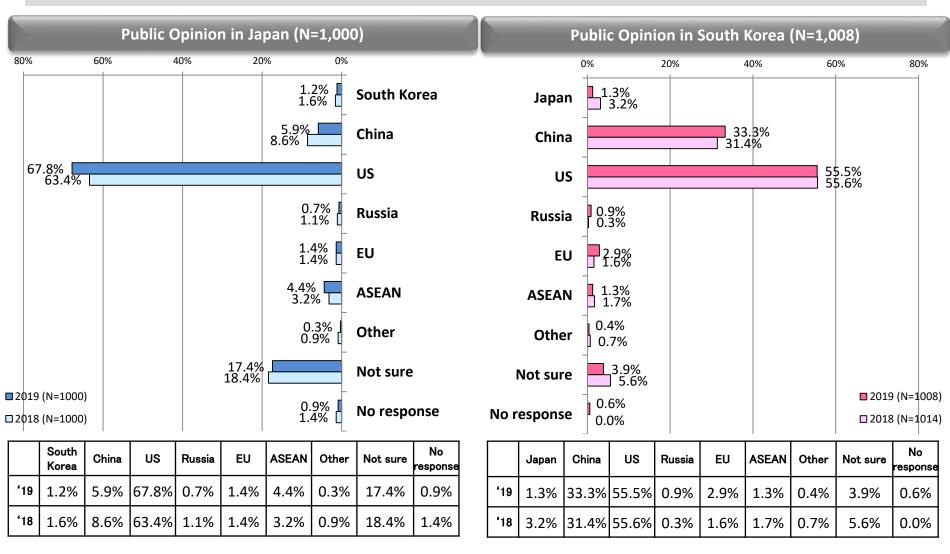
The Reasons for the Importance of South Korea-Japan Relations

Q13-a. (If you answered "important" in the previous question) Why are South Korea-Japan relations important? [Choose up to two]



Important Country for the Future of the Nation

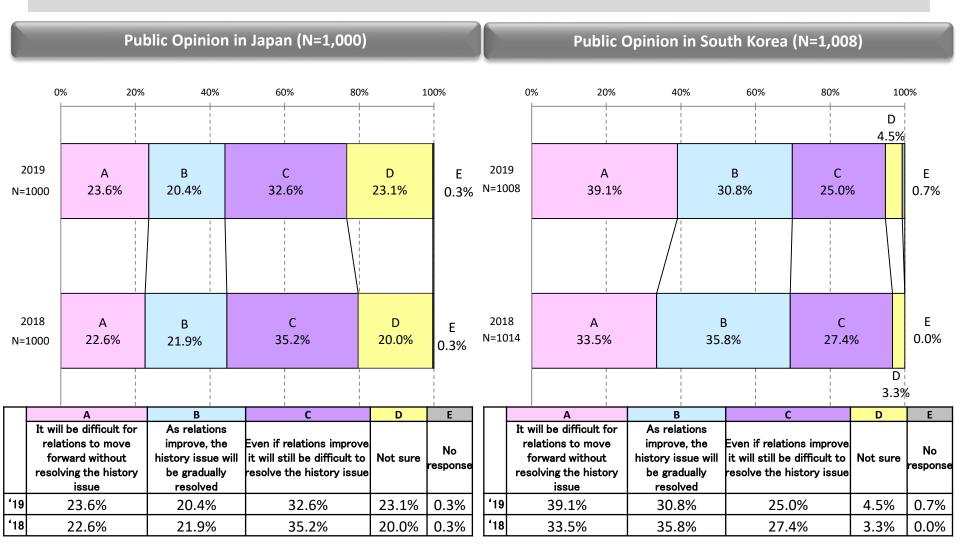
Q15. Which country or region is the most important to the future of your own? [Choose one]



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South Korea-Japan Relations and the History Issue

Q19. What do you think of South Korea-Japan relations and the bilateral history problem? [Choose one]



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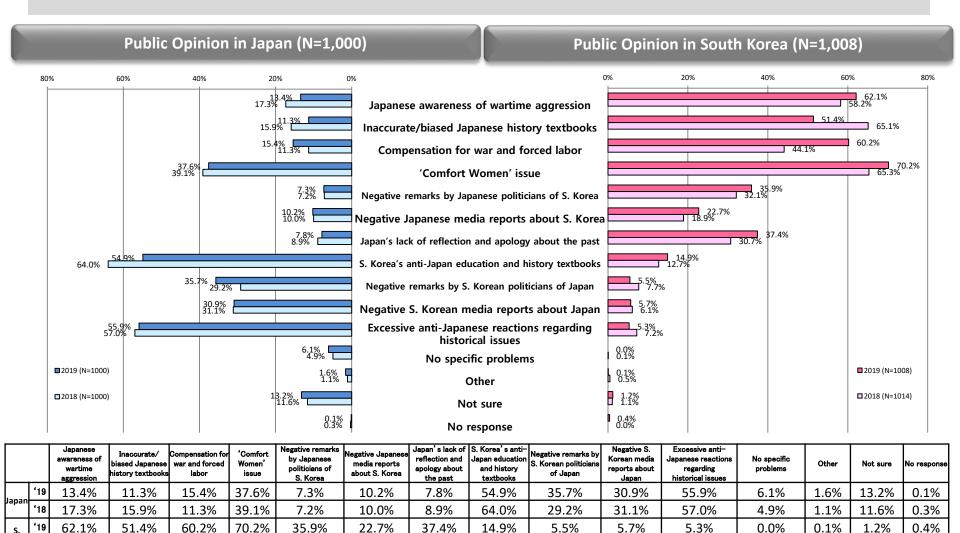
65.3%

32.1%

18.9%

Views of Historical Issues between Japan and South Korea

Q18. What issues must be resolved to further South Korea-Japan relations? [Choose all that apply]



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7.2%

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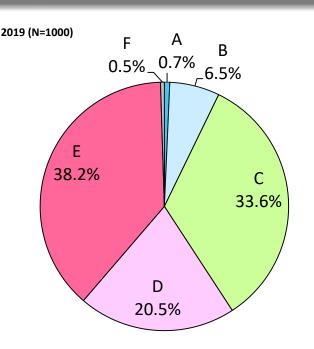
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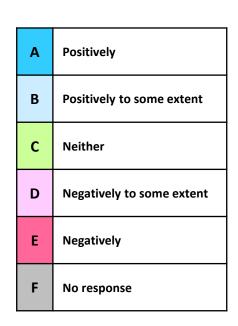
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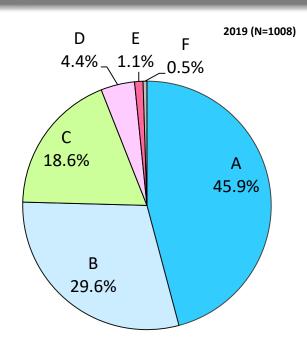
Evaluation on South Korean Supreme Court Ruling on Forced Laborers

Q20. On October 11, 2018, the South Korean Supreme Court ruled that victims of forced labor under Japan from WWII should be compensated by Japanese companies. How do you view this court decision? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)





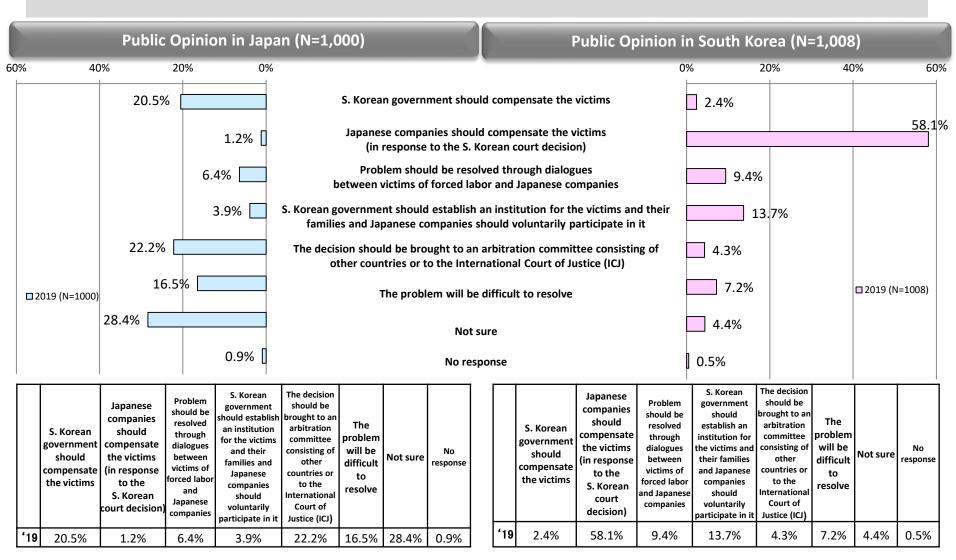


	Α	В	С	D	E	F
	Positively	Positively to some extent	Neither	Negatively to some extent	Negatively	No response
'19	0.7%	6.5%	33.6%	20.5%	38.2%	0.5%

	Α	В	С	D	E	F
	Positively	Positively to some extent	Neither	Negatively to some extent	Negatively	No response
'19	45.9%	29.6%	18.6%	4.4%	1.1%	0.5%

Ways to Resolve Bilateral Tensions Resulting from the South Korean Supreme Court Decision

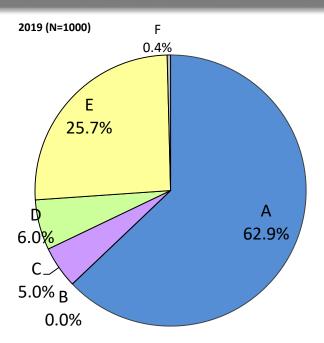
Q20-a. How should increased bilateral tensions from the South Korean Supreme Court decision be resolved? [Choose one]



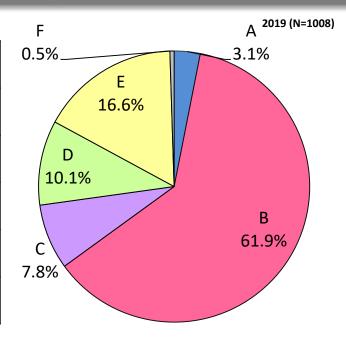
Views of the Radar Lock-on Incident

Q21. On December 30, 2018, a South Korean navy vessel allegedly directed its fire-control radar at a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force aircraft. Since then bilateral tensions have heightened due to disagreements between South Korea and Japan on the issue. Which government seems to have the correct interpretation of the event? 【Choose one】

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Α	The Japanese government has the correct interpretation
В	The S. Korean government has the correct interpretation
С	Neither government is correct
D	No interest in the radar incident
E	Not sure
F	No response



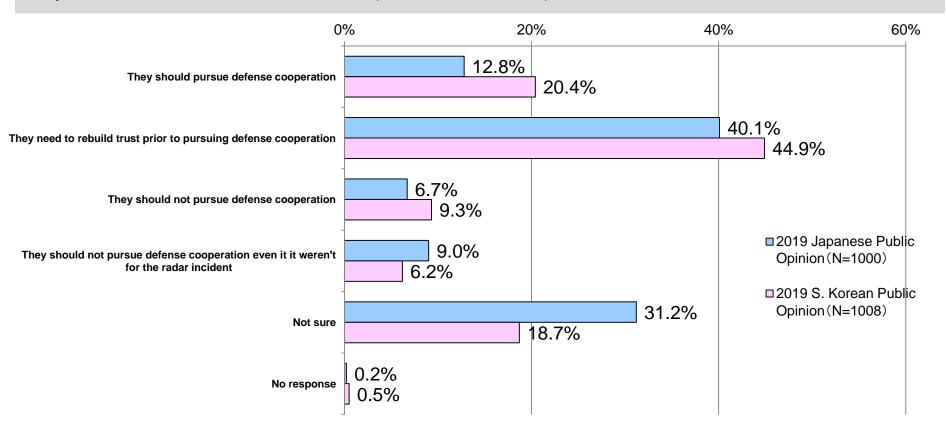
	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
	The Japanese government has the correct interpretation	The S. Korean government has the correct interpretation	Neither government is correct	No interest in the radar incident	Not sure	No response
'19	62.9%	0.0%	5.0%	6.0%	25.7%	0.4%

	Α	В	С	D	E	F
	The Japanese government has the correct interpretation	correct	Neither government is correct	No interest in the radar incident	Not sure	No response
'19	3.1%	61.9%	7.8%	10.1%	16.6%	0.5%

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Vies of South Korea-Japan Defense Cooperation

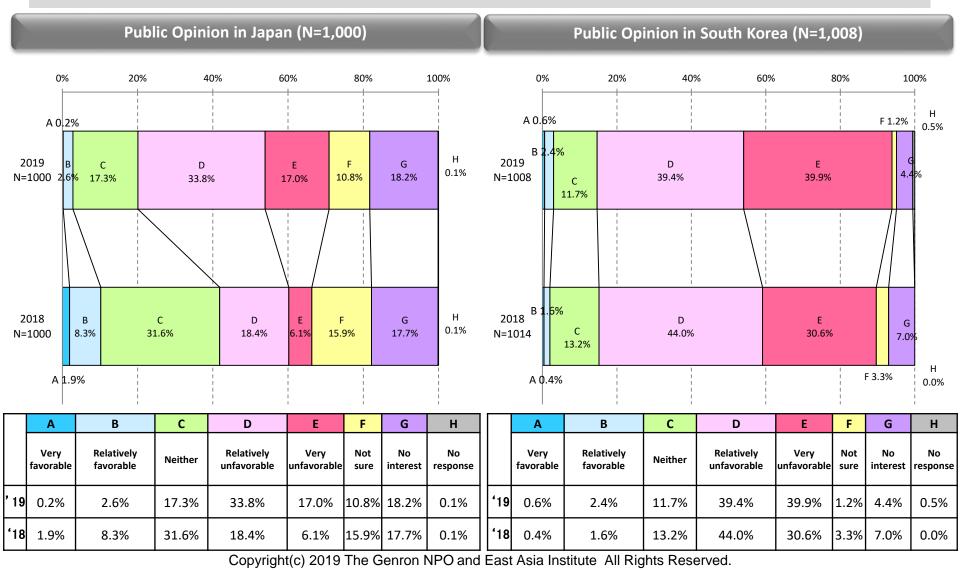
Q22. There have been increased tensions between South Korea and Japan due to the radar incident. Do you still believe the countries should pursue defense cooperation? [Choose one]



		They should pursue defense cooperation	They need to rebuild trust prior to pursuing defense cooperation	They should not pursue defense cooperation	They should not pursue defense cooperation even if it weren't for the radar incident	Not sure	No response
'19	Japan	12.8%	40.1%	6.7%	9.0%	31.2%	0.2%
19	S. Korea	20.4%	44.9%	9.3%	6.2%	18.7%	0.5%

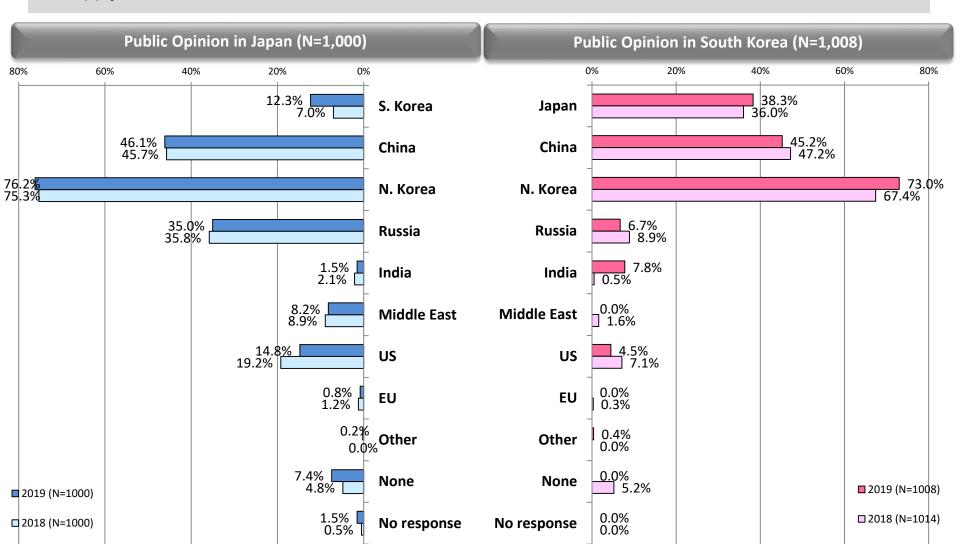
Views of South Korea-Japan Political Leaders

Q24. What are your impressions of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (for South Korean respondents) / President Moon Jae-in? [Choose one]



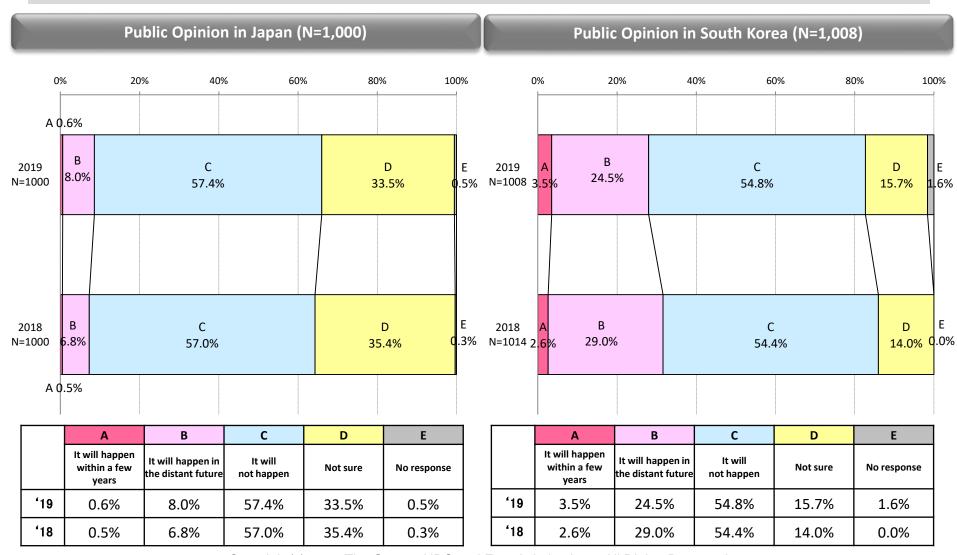
Perceived Military Threats by Country and Region

Q29. Which countries or regions do you perceive as a military threat to your country? [Choose all that apply]



Prospects of a Military Conflict between South Korea and Japan

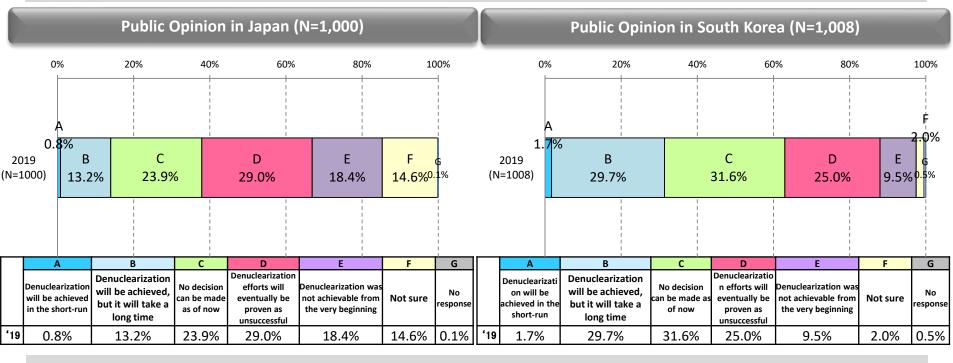
Q30. Do you think that a military conflict between South Korea and Japan is likely? [Choose one]



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Prospects of Denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula

Q38. Throughout the past year, there were three inter-Korean summits two U.S.-DPRK summits. Do you believe that denuclearization can be realized on the Korean Peninsula? 【Choose one】

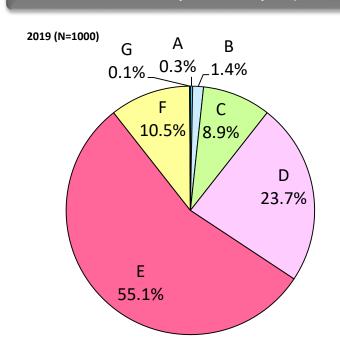


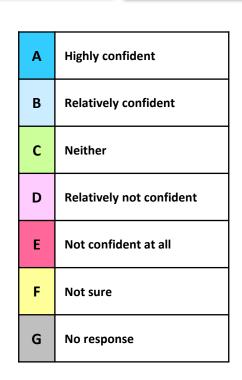
(2018 Survey) At the inter-Korean summit on April 27, 2018, the two Koreas agreed on the goal of "denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" and the U.S. plans to hold a summit with North Korea on June 12, 2018. Do you believe that denuclearization of North Korea will be realized? [Choose one] 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% 60% 80% 100% 2018 17.9% 17.3% 24.3% 39.0% 45.6% 27.7% 13.7% (N=1000)1 (N=1014)The agreement The agreement Denuclearization Denuclearization will be Denuclearization Denuclearization will be alone is not **Denuclearization efforts** alone is not **Denuclearization efforts** Not sure will be achieved achieved, but it will take a will be achieved achieved, but it will take a Not sure will not succeed will not succeed enough to response enough to esponse as agreed long time as agreed long time decide decide **'**18 0.3% 1.2% 24.3% 39.0% 17.9% 17.3% 13.7% 45.6% 27.7% 8.9% 4.1% 0.0% Copyright(c) 2019 The Genron NPO and East Asia Institute All Rights Reserved.

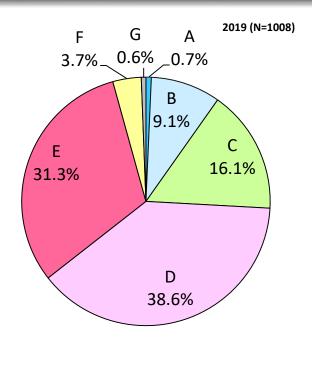
Confidence in Kim Jong Un's Commitment towards Denuclearization

Q41. Are you confident in Kim Jong Un's commitment towards denuclearization? [Choose one]

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



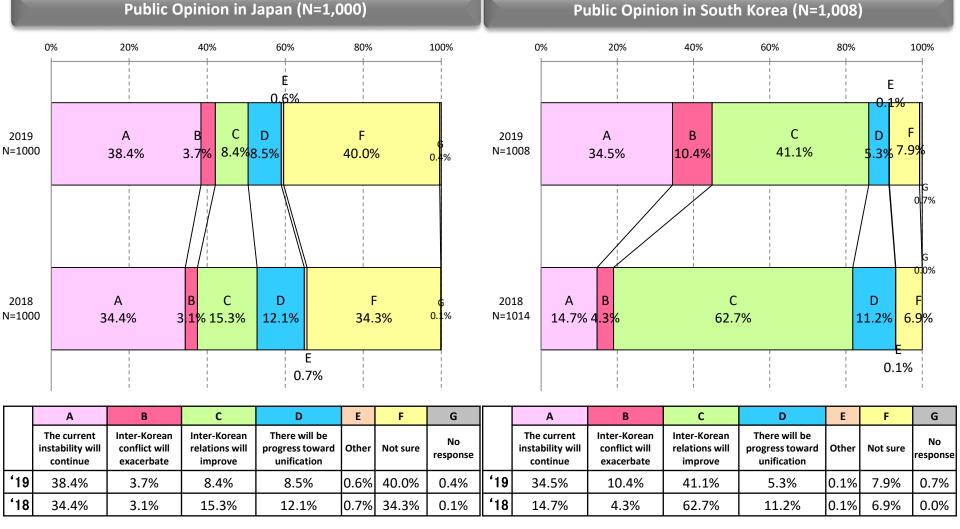




	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G		Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
	Highly confident	Relatively confident	Neither	Relatively not confident	Not confident at all	Not sure	No response		Highly confident	Relatively confident	Neither	Relatively not confident	Not confident at all	Not sure	No response
'19	0.3%	1.4%	8.9%	23.7%	55.1%	10.5%	0.1%	'19	0.7%	9.1%	16.1%	38.6%	31.3%	3.7%	0.6%

The State of Affairs on the Korean Peninsula in a Decade

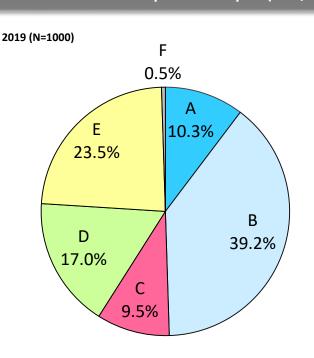
Q26. What will the Korean Peninsula look like in a decade? [Choose one]



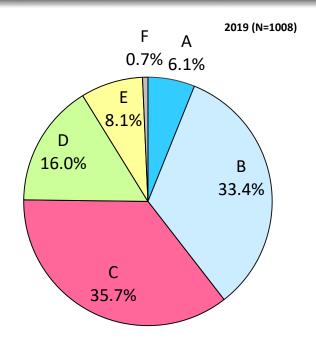
Japan's Contribution to Denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula

Q42. How much should Japan contribute to the denuclearization process on the Korean Peninsula? [Choose one]

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Α	Japan should highly contribute
В	Japan should contribute to a certain degree
С	Japan should not contribute
D	Neither
E	Not sure
F	No response

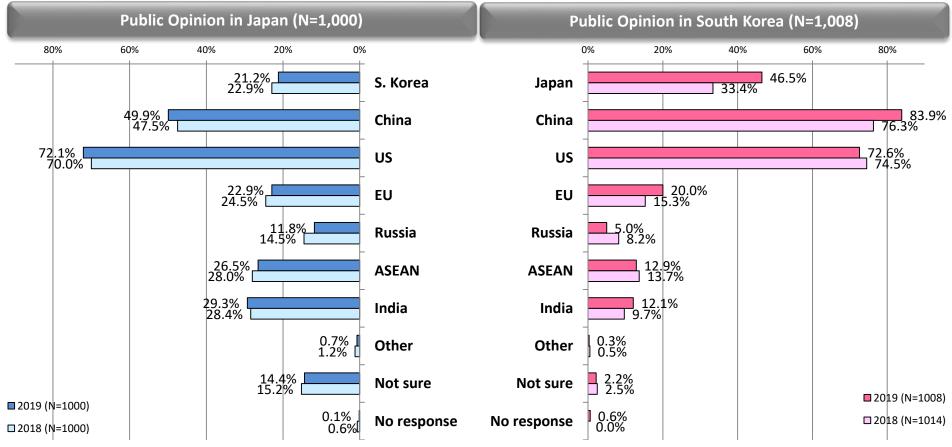


	Α	В	С	D	E	F
	Japan should highly contribute	Japan should contribute to a certain degree	contribute	Neither	Not sure	No response
'19	10.3%	39.2%	9.5%	17.0%	23.5%	0.5%

	Α	В	С	D	E	F
	Japan should highly contribute	Japan should contribute to a certain degree	Japan should not contribute	Neither	Not sure	No response
'19	6.1%	33.4%	35.7%	16.0%	8.1%	0.7%

Countries or Regions of Economic Importance

Q34. Which countries or regions are of particular economic importance to your own? [Choose all that apply]



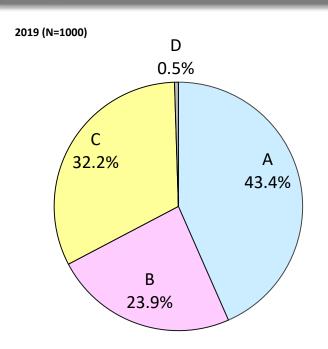
	S. Korea	China	US	EU	Russia	ASEAN	India	Other	Not sure	No response
'19	21.2%	49.9%	72.1%	22.9%	11.8%	26.5%	29.3%	0.7%	14.4%	0.1%
'18	22.9%	47.5%	70.0%	24.5%	14.5%	28.0%	28.4%	1.2%	15.2%	0.6%

	Japan	China	US	EU	Russia	ASEAN	India	Other	Not sure	No response
'19	46.5%	83.9%	72.6%	20.0%	5.0%	12.9%	12.1%	0.3%	2.2%	0.6%
'18	33.4%	76.3%	74.5%	15.3%	8.2%	13.7%	9.7%	0.5%	2.5%	0.0%

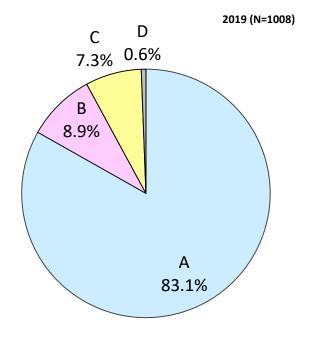
The Need for South Korea-Japan Economic Cooperation

Q33. How conducive is South Korea-Japan economic cooperation to your own nation? [Choose one]

Public Opinion in Japan (N=1,000)



Α	Economic cooperation is necessary
В	Economic cooperation is not necessary
С	Not sure
D	No response

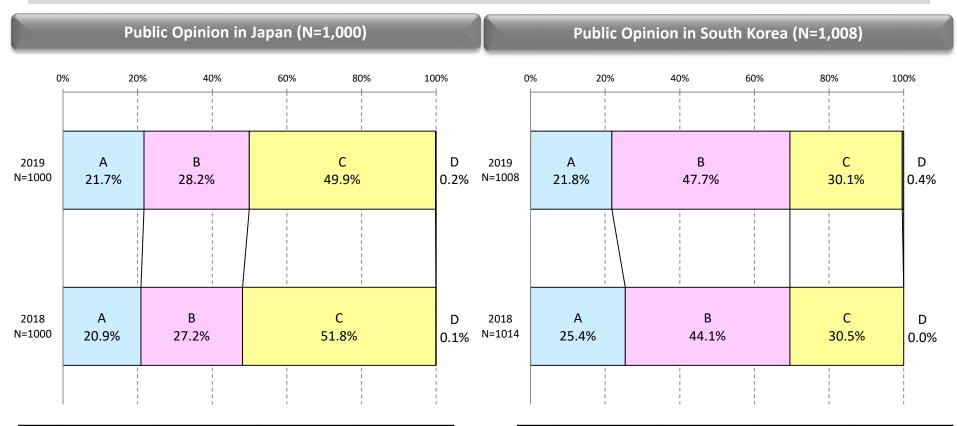


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	Economic cooperation is necessary	Economic cooperation is not necessary	Not sure	No response
' 19	43.4%	23.9%	32.2%	0.5%

	Α	В	С	D
	Economic cooperation is necessary	Economic cooperation is not necessary	Not sure	No response
' 19	83.1%	8.9%	7.3%	0.6%

Objectivity and Fairness of Media Reports

Q35. Are media reports on South Korea-Japan relations provided in your country objective and fair? [Choose one]

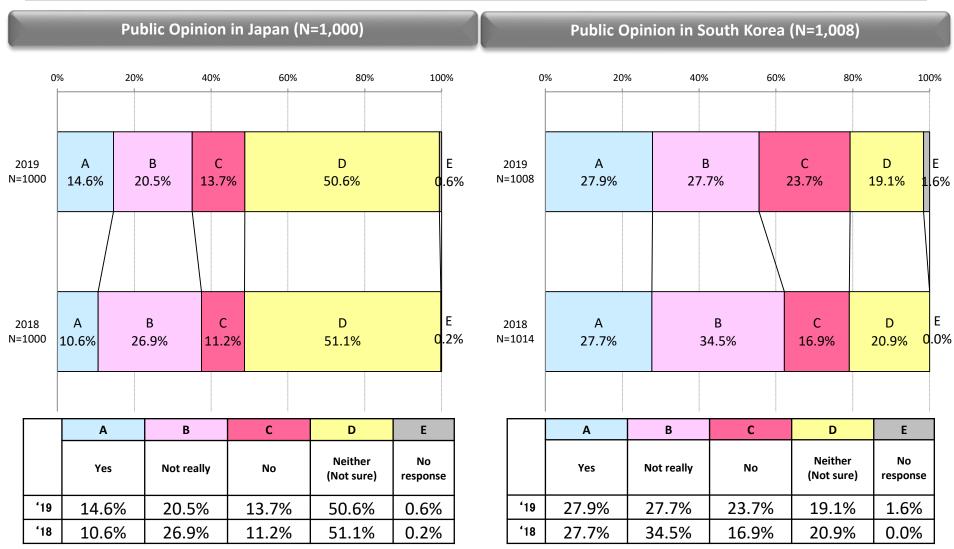


	Α	В	С	D
	Yes	No	Neither	No response
'19	21.7%	28.2%	49.9%	0.2%
'18	20.9%	27.2%	51.8%	0.1%

	Α	В	С	D
	Yes	No	Neither	No response
'19	21.8%	47.7%	30.1%	0.4%
'18	25.4%	44.1%	30.5%	0.0%

Public Opinion about the Internet

Q36. There are many negative comments about South Korea and Japan on the Internet. Do you believe that these opinions accurately reflect South Koreans/Japanese? 【Choose one】



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