

A History to Open the Future: Modern East Asian History and Regional Reconciliation (2005) - Factsheet



| General information | |
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| Name project | A History to Open the Future: Modern East Asian History and Regional Reconciliation |
| Publish date | 2005 |
| Association | The China-Japan-Korea Common History Text Tri-National Committee |
| Representatives | Jeong-in Kim, Yosuke Watanabe, Liu Wennan (刘文楠) |
| Project structure and roles | The project structure was made up of a tri-national editorial committee consisting of people who were actively involved in one way or another in historical memory-related movements. In Japan and South Korea this includes university professors, teachers and private citizens associated with NGOs. In China this includes affiliates (for example individuals associated with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) or employees of state or quasi-state institutions. |

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| Government's role (initiative/ endorsement/ no role) | Government's endorsement in China; No government's role in Japan ; Government's support partially in Korea |
| Target area (countries/ language area) | China, Japan, South Korea - English |
| Content information | |
| Type of education material | Textbook |
| Target group | Students in secondary school. |
| Topic(s) | Opening and Modernization. The expansion of Japanese Imperialism and Korean and Chinese resistance. War of aggression and victimized populations. East Asia after World War II. |
| Theme(s) | Modern East Asian history and regional reconciliation. Politics and government and people. |
| Geographical scope | China, Japan, Korea |
| Period | Mid-Nineteenth until the end of the Twentieth century |
| Authors | South Korean Editorial Committee (Ha Jongmun, Rhee Inseok, Kim Jeongin, Kim Hanjong, Kim Seongbo, Sin Juback, Seo Joongseok, Moon Juyong , Wang Hyeonjong, Yang Migang, Yun Hwytak), Chinese Editorial Committee (Bu Ping, Cai Liang, Chen Lizang, Dai Shishuang, Gao Fanfu, Li Shenming, Li Zongyuan, Liu Yanjun, Rong Weimu, Su Zhiliang, Wang Zhixing, Wang Xiliang, Wen Chumei, Wu Guangyi, Xia Xueyue, Zhang Lianhong, Zhu Chengshan) and Japanese Editorial Committee (Itagaki Ryuta, Obinata Sumio, Kasahara Tokushi, Kim Puja, Kabatani Yoko, Saito Kazuharu, Shibata |

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| Editor(s) | Same as above |
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| Output | Print: 130.000 in China, 79.000 in Japan, 65.000 in South Korea Language: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, English |
| Website | https://www.amazon.com/History-Open-Future-Regional-Reconciliation-ebook/dp/B011JMB240 |

Aim of the project: In 2005 a group of educators, citizens and scholars from China, Japan and South Korea who were distressed by the Japanese government's approval of a secondary school textbook that they felt "distorted" Japan's history, compiled and published a "common" history of modern East Asia. They hoped this would provide a foundation from which to move toward a resolution of the "history wars" that plague relations among those three countries.