

ABSTRACT

IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA IN TURKEY'S EAST ASIAN POLICY

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It has seen that Turkey has followed a policy based on friendship with Japan and South Korea which have the strategic importance in East Asia. Turkish-Japanese relations that have been accepted that began with Prince Komatsu had visited to the Ottoman Empire in 1887, it has attained a different aspect with Ertuğrul frigate which had been sent in the response to this visit and sunk in the return of Japan. That Turkey had declared war on Japan in the Second World War, it only suspended temporarily the relations between both countries. At the present time, Turkey and Japan which have not any problems in the political field, they have headed for co-investment and import-export in the commercial field, the activities that organized due to the Ertuğrul Frigate crash in the cultural field. As for 1950 the Korean War which is the determinative main factor in Turkey and South Korea relations it has a specific status for Turkey with regard to sent troops to South Korea on the side of UN and after being a member of NATO. Thanks to the Korean War, Turkey has found an opportunity to get closely acquainted with East Asian countries and has ensured that its relations with South Korea have maintained within friendship until the present day.

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