Lecture Abstract

Korea and Japan have lived with a “love/hate” relationship for over the past 500 years. But for over one thousand years before that, there was considerable positive interchange between these two areas. This presentation will examine the historical links between Korea and Japan, focusing on early migrations, cultural exchanges, and other interactions. Hideyoshi’s invasion of Korea, coming at the end of the 16th century, clouded what had once been an amicable relationship. Although peaceful exchanges resumed in the middle of the 17th century, hostility grew as Japan sought to remake Korea into a colony at the start of the 20th century. A legacy of distrust slowed Japan and Korea’s ability to work with each other. However, at the start of the 21st century, their new dynamics such as popular culture and sports are bringing these two neighbors closer together. This presentation will assess that relationship and explore ways in which Korea and Japan can promote the forces of unity.

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