

Comments and Discussions

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The author explains the process that East Asian countries have developed Asian regional cooperation after the currency crisis late 1990s, and the building of an East Asian community will produce positive effects on regional economy and politics. He focused the change of Chinese and Japanese role, especially decreasing Japan's role, in Asian regional economic structure, and pointed the importance of Japan's policy choice towards East Asia. He also discussed an East Asian community increasing drastically concern about last few years, and confirmed the important role of both countries in future of Asia. He suggests that both Japan and China have to exclude narrow-minded nationalism, and adopt constructive policies towards East Asia. Commentator is especially interested in his proposal of Japan's policy choice towards East Asia. The author does not reject Japan as the US allied-country, rather expects Japan acting as a go-between among the US and Asian countries. It is one of impressive reference in this paper.

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