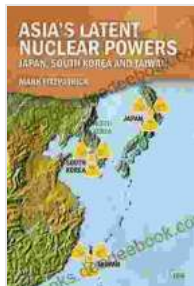


# Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan: A Tale of Three Countries in the Shadow of Adelphi 455



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## Historical Background

Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan have a long and intertwined history. Japan ruled Korea from 1910 to 1945, and Taiwan from 1895 to 1945. This period of colonial rule had a profound impact on all three countries, and its legacy continues to shape their relationships today.

After World War II, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan went their separate ways. Japan became a democracy, while South Korea and Taiwan became

authoritarian regimes. In the 1960s and 1970s, South Korea and Taiwan experienced rapid economic growth, while Japan became a global economic powerhouse.

In the 1990s, relations between Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan began to improve. The three countries established diplomatic relations, and they began to cooperate on a range of economic and security issues.

### **Adelphi 455**

In 2013, the British government published a defense paper known as Adelphi 455. The paper argued that the rise of China was a threat to the security of the UK and its allies. It also called for the UK to strengthen its military presence in the Asia-Pacific region.

Adelphi 455 was controversial, and it sparked tensions between Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. The three countries were concerned that the paper could lead to a more assertive China in the region. They also worried that it could lead to a new arms race in the Asia-Pacific.

### **Current Relations**

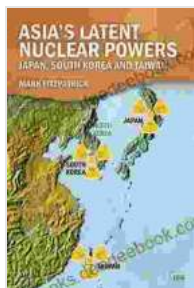
Relations between Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan remain complex and often difficult. The three countries have a number of unresolved historical issues, and they continue to compete for influence in the region.

In recent years, tensions have risen between Japan and South Korea over a number of issues, including the Dokdo/Takeshima Islands, historical disputes, and trade. Relations between Japan and Taiwan have also been strained, due to Japan's close ties with China.

Despite the challenges, the three countries have also made progress in recent years. They have established a number of dialogue mechanisms, and they have begun to cooperate on a range of economic and security issues.

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Despite the challenges, the three countries have also made progress in recent years. They have established a number of dialogue mechanisms, and they have begun to cooperate on a range of economic and security issues. The future of their relationship is uncertain, but it is clear that the three countries will continue to play an important role in the Asia-Pacific region.



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