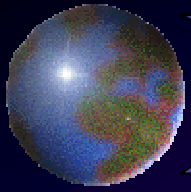


*The Ideals and Realities on the
History of Regional Cooperation in
the Northeast Asia*

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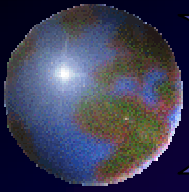
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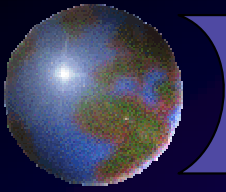
1. The Importance of Study on the History of Exchange of People, Goods, & Knowledge of Northeast Asia

- **The facing the new changes in the 21th Century**
- **- the development of the transportations across the national border**
- **- the internet and the rise of network society**
- **- the economic, social interdependence and the sharing of cultural values**



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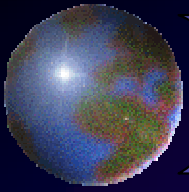
- **The necessities of historical investigations on the origins and aspects of the co-operations & exchange in the viewpoints of 'the Northeast Asia' Community**
 - **To view in a new light on the mutual perceptions of the leaders (people) for supporting the economic exchanges or doing the initiatives to make the ways in the Ancient Northeast Asia Era**
- **To investigate the historical evidences and to light up the trans-national aspects**



2. Types of Cultural Encounter in Northeast Asia

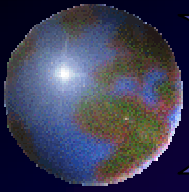
✿ Contacts, Collisions and Relationships

- ⇒ **Various variables from the difference of time & space,**
- ⇒ **the material environment,**
- ⇒ **the different spiritual structures**



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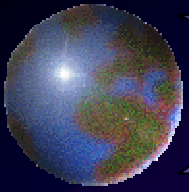
- ✚ **Controlled Relationship**
 - **geographically or socially restricted activities**
 - **in particular the foreign trade, travel or sailing in the China, Korea, Japan & Russia until the pre-modern era are controlled by the government or political power**



3. About the Realities of the Exchange and Cooperation in the Northeast Asia

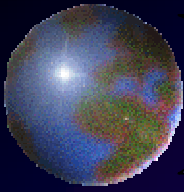
What are the key elements to promote or to deter the acceptance of the foreign people, goods, knowledge & technology?

- in the peace times vs. in the war times?**
- the influence of the religious beliefs (Ex. Buddhism)**
- the transfer and control of the weapons, irons, ceramics manufacturing technology**



3. About the Realities of the Exchange and Cooperation in the Northeast Asia

- ❖ **The characters and proportions of the Public, Official trade vs. private, non-government exchange**
 - **The Real activities of the envoys or merchants between China and Korea**
 - **The Real spheres of the fishermen or pirates between Korea and Japan**
 - **The Real trade routes in the Manchuria or in the Siberia**



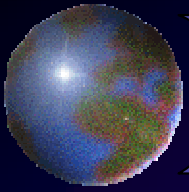
4. On the Trade Route and the Center in the Northeast Asia

✚ Opening and Closing the Sea Route

- Influenced by the State policy and Technological limitations

✚ The Silk Road in the Ancient Period and Railways in Modern Period

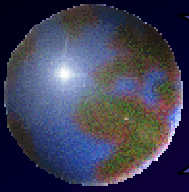
- How to overcome the national borders and to build up the social-economic infrastructures in Northeast Asia
- * the synergy effects of Connecting the Trans-Korean Railway(TKR) with the Trans-China Railway(TCR) and the Trans-Siberian Railway(TSR).



5. *On the History of Trade and Exchange in the Ancient Northeast Asia and the Role of*

Baekje (百濟)

- **The geo-political advantages**
 - **the rising trade route on the sea and via the Korean Peninsular**
- **As the model of importing developed technology, transforming their own standards and transferring to neighboring countries**



5. On the History of Trade and Exchange in the Ancient Northeast Asia and the Role of

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- **The Open-minded orientations toward outer worlds and the economic backgrounds in favor of the exchange and trade**
- **The function of Buddhist Culture in combining the religious expansion with the technological development in the Ancient Northeast Asia**