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## Japanese Government Launches New Website on Japanese Territory

1. On April 2, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan launched a new website on the Japanese Territory in order to strengthen overseas public relations regarding the territory of Japan. (Note 1)
2. The pages in the Ministry's website on the Northern Territories, Takeshima, and the Senkaku Islands have been incorporated into the above site, and redesigned to make them more easily accessible and understood.
3. This site is available in twelve languages (Note 2), allowing for effective communication with a wide range of people around the world. It is hoped that this will lead to the promotion of a more correct understanding regarding the Japanese territory among the international community.

Note 1: Website on Japanese Territory

(<http://www.mofa.go.jp/territory> English page)

The site, which has been launched within the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, provides information related to the Japanese territory and territorial disputes. Using a map of Japan, the site links to the pages on the Northern Territories, Takeshima, and the Senkaku Islands. A special banner has been placed on the top page of the Ministry's website.

Note 2: The twelve languages used on the site are English, Arabic, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), French, German, Italian, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Japanese (Some contents are not available in all twelve languages).

(Attachment)



Special banner for top page



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On February 7, 1855, Japan and Russia signed the Treaty of Commerce, Navigation and Delimitation, which confirmed the boundary between the islands of Etorofu and Uruppu. The Northern Territories, consisting of four islands of Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan and Habomai, are an inherent part of the territory of Japan, which have never been held by foreign countries. However, the Northern Territories have been under illegal occupation by the Soviet Union, and then Russia, since the Soviet Union occupied them in 1945.

The Government of Japan has energetically been continuing negotiations with Russia based on its basic policy of resolving the issue of the attribution of the four Northern Islands and concluding a peace treaty with Russia.



Location Map



Surrounding Area



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### Japan's Consistent Position on the Territorial Sovereignty over Takeshima

Takeshima is indisputably an inherent part of the territory of Japan, in light of historical facts and based on international law.

The Republic of Korea has been illegally occupying Takeshima with no basis in international law. Any measures the Republic of Korea may take regarding Takeshima based on such an illegal occupation have no legal justification.

Japan will continue to seek the settlement of the dispute of the territorial sovereignty over Takeshima on the basis of international law in a calm and peaceful manner.

Note: The Republic of Korea has never demonstrated any clear basis for its claims that it had effective control over Takeshima prior to Japan's effective control over Takeshima and reaffirmation of its territorial sovereignty in 1905.



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**About the Senkaku Islands**

There is no doubt that the Senkaku Islands are clearly an inherent part of the territory of Japan, in light of historical facts and based upon international law. Indeed, the Senkaku Islands are under the valid control of Japan. There exists no issue of territorial sovereignty to be resolved concerning the Senkaku Islands.

Japan will act firmly and calmly to maintain its territorial integrity.

Japan continues to strive for peace and stability in the region, which is to be established through the observance of international law.



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