

Appendix 3: List of key events

Key events that happened between Japan and China:

Date	Events
23/11/2013	China unilaterally establishes an air defense identification zone (ADIZ) over a large area of the East China Sea, including the disputed islands, leading to increased tensions between the two countries.
10/11/2014	Japan-China Summit Meeting between Xi Jinping and Shinzo Abe for the first time in over two years.
5-21/08/2016	Multiple Chinese government-owned vessels entered Japan's territorial waters surrounding the Senkaku Islands despite a rapprochement between the two countries.
2018	Year of the 40 th anniversary of the conclusion of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and China
09/05/2018	Premier of the State Council of China, Li Keqiang, visits Japan
25-28/10/2018	Prime Minister Abe visits China
27/06/2019	President Xi Jinping visit to Japan and a Japan-China Summit Meeting
23/12/2019	Prime Minister Abe visit to China and a Japan-China Summit Meeting
2019	Total of 32 incidents regarding the intrusion of Chinese government-owned vessels into Japanese territorial waters throughout the year.

Key events that happened between Japan and South Korea:

Date	Events
01/07/2013	Japan-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting
22/06/2015	50 th anniversary of the normalization of Japan-ROK relations
01/11/2015	Japan-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting
02/11/2015	Japan-ROK Summit Meeting
28/12/2015	Japan-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting Japan-ROK summit telephone call Announcement of the Agreement on comfort women
15/08/2016	Visit to Takeshima by members of the National Assembly of the ROK
30/12/2016	Installation of a comfort women statue in front of the Consulate-General of Japan in Busan, South Korea.
09/01/2018	Announcement by the South Korean Foreign Minister of the invalidity of the 2015 Agreement on comfort women
30/10/2018	Decision by the Supreme Court of the ROK ordering Japanese companies to compensate Korean victims of forced labor during Japan's colonial rule.
21/11/2018	Decision by the ROK government to dismantle "the Reconciliation and Healing Foundation", established through the 2015 Agreement on comfort women.
08/2019	Visits to Takeshima by ROK National Assembly members + ROK military exercises and marine researches on and around the island.

Key events on the visits to Yasukuni Shrine relating to both China and South Korea:

Date	Events
26/12/2013	Prime Minister Abe visit to Yasukuni Shrine
15/08/2014	Japanese Cabinet ministers visit to Yasukuni Shrine
17/10/2016	Prime Minister Abe send a ritual offering to Yasukuni Shrine
18/10/2016	Japanese politicians visit Yasukuni Shrine
15/08/2020	Japanese Cabinet ministers visit Yasukuni Shrine