

Appendix 2: Key phrases tables

Table on the discourse analysis conducted vis-à-vis China :

Sources	Dates	Phrase 1*	Phrase 2*	Phrase 3*	Phrase 4*	Phrase 5*	Phrase 6*
Diplomatic Bluebook 2014	2014						
Diplomatic Bluebook 2015	2015						
Diplomatic Bluebook 2017	2017						
Diplomatic Bluebook 2019	2019						
Diplomatic Bluebook 2020	2020						
White Paper 2014	2014						
White Paper 2016	2016						
White Paper 2017	2017						
White Paper 2019	2019						
White Paper 2020	2020						
MOFA document on the Senkaku Islands	march-13						
FM Kishida statement at Japan China FMM	08-11-14						
PM Abe statement at Japan-China SM	10-11-14						
PM Abe statement at Japan-China SM	23-04-15						
PM Abe statement at Japan-China SM	15-07-16						
Protest by Kishida at the Chinese incursions	09-08-16						
Press conference by FM Kishida	06-09-16						
Foreign Policy Speech by FM Kono	22-01-18						
FM Kono statement at Japan-China FMM	28-01-18						
Press conference by FM Kono	30-01-18						
FM Kono statement at Japan-China FMM	15-04-18						
Press conference by FM Taro Kono	15-04-18						
Press conference by Deputy Press Secretary Ando	18-04-18						
PM Abe statement at Japan China SM	09-05-18						
PM Abe statement at Japan-China SM	12-09-18						
PM Abe statement at his visit to China	26-10-18						

FM Kono statement at Japan-China FMM	26-10-18						
PM Abe statement at Japan China SM	30-11-18						
PM Abe statement at Japan-China SM	27-06-19						
PM Abe statement at Japan-China SM	23-12-19						
PM Abe statement at Japan-China SM and Working Lunch	25-12-19						
Press conference by FM Motegi	23-06-20						
FM Motegi statement at Japan-China FMM	24-11-20						
Total number of mentions:		64	42	37	29	21	11

MOFA = Ministry of Foreign Affairs

FM = Foreign Minister

FMM = Foreign Minister's Meeting

PM = Prime Minister

SM = Summit Meeting

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Phrase 1: "Change the status quo by coercion"

Phrase 2: "Proactive Contributor to Peace" or "Proactive Contribution to Peace"

Phrase 3: "Reinforcement of military capabilities without transparency"

Phrase 4: "Mutual Beneficial Relationship based on Common Strategic Interests"

Phrase 5: "Sea of Peace, Cooperation, and Friendship"

Phrase 6: "No genuine improvement in Japan-China relations without stability in the East China Sea"

Table on the discourse analysis conducted vis-à-vis South Korea :

Sources relating to South Korea	Dates	Phrase 1*	Phrase 2*	Phrase 3*	Phrase 4*	Phrase 5*
Diplomatic Bluebook 2014	2014					
Diplomatic Bluebook 2016	2016					
Diplomatic Bluebook 2017	2017					
Diplomatic Bluebook 2019	2019					
Diplomatic Bluebook 2020	2020					
Press conference by FM Kishida	01-03-13					
FM Kishida statement at Japan-ROK FMM	01-07-13					
Press conference by FM Kishida	13-01-15					
Japan-ROK relations (basic data)	05-03-15					
PM Abe speech for the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Normalization of Japan-ROK Relations	22-06-15					
Press conference by FM Kishida	05-07-15					
PM Abe statement at Japan-ROK SM	02-11-15					
Press conference by Foreign Press Secretary Ohtaka	22-12-15					
PM Abe statement at Japan-ROK Summit telephone call	28-12-15					
Press conference by FM Kishida	04-01-16					
Policy speech by PM Abe	22-01-16					
Press conference by FM Kishida	26-01-16					
PM Abe statement at Japan-ROK SM	07-09-16					
Press conference by FM Kishida	17-01-17					
Press conference by FM Kishida	31-03-17					
Statement by FM Kishida on the ROK presidential election	09-05-17					
Press conference by FM Kishida	20-06-17					
PM Abe statement at Japan-ROK SM	07-07-17					
FM Kono statement at Japan-ROK FMM	07-08-17					
Press conference by FM Kono	09-01-18					
PM Abe statement at Japan-ROK SM	09-02-18					
PM Abe statement at Japan-ROK SM	09-05-18					

Press conference by FM Kono	20-06-18					
FM Kono statement at Japan-ROK FMM	08-07-18					
FM Kono statement at Japan-ROK FMM	02-08-18					
PM Abe statement at Japan-ROK SM	25-09-18					
Press conference by FM Kono	29-11-18					
Press conference by FM Kono	23-04-19					
Press conference by FM Motegi	13-09-19					
Press conference by FM Motegi	29-10-19					
Total number of mentions:		55	23	20	21	11

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Phrase 1: "Future-oriented relationship"
Phrase 2: "The comfort women issue is considered "resolved finally and irreversibly"
Phrase 3: "The issues of property and claims between Japan and the ROK have been settled completely and finally"
Phrase 4: "Most important neighbor that shares strategic interests"
Phrase 5: "Good relationship is essential for peace and stability"