

Yukio Hatoyama & East Asian Community

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East Asian Community in “A New Path for Japan”

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His Major Arguments

- ◎ The **global economy** damaged traditional economic activities and destroyed local communities in Japan.
- ◎ With the principle of **fraternity**, we should create an East Asian Community.
- ◎ Japan should protect its national interest when caught between **U.S. and China**.

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- ◎ We should aspire a **regional currency integration** and **permanent security frameworks** through East Asian Community.
- ◎ **Territorial disputes** cannot be resolved by bilateral negotiation.

Evaluation

- ◎ No Clear Explanation of the **Relations btwn Globalization & East Asian Community**
- ◎ **Moralistic bond** than materialistic outcomes
- ◎ Strong **Political & Security Orientation** rather than Economic motives. **Restrain U.S. and embraces China.**
- ◎ Emphasis on Multilateralism
- ◎ **Asianist** than LDP Prime Ministers

"Japan's New Commitment to Asia: Toward the Realization of a East Asian Community"

APEC Summit at Singapore, Nov. 15th 2009

- ◎ **US-JPN Security Treaty** as the cornerstone of Japan's Foreign Policy.
- ◎ EU as **a community of no belligerence**.
- ◎ **Purposes of EAC**: region wide FTA, environmental preservation, salvation from natural disasters & contagious diseases, ocean of **Fraternity**, and etc.
- ◎ **Membership**: Peoples who share ideals and dreams. States which have will and capability in any of the above fields **should start first**.

Evaluation

- Learning process of 3 months
- US-JPN **bilateral** security relations emphasized
- No **multilateral** security arrangements mentioned
- Political **avoidance of membership**
- **Lack of sense of urgency** no concrete road map?
- From currency integration to trade liberalization? The importance of **Financial safety net** and **Asian trade** for revitalization of JPN's economy were recognized by him?