

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

The issue started before Kim Jong Un and Shinzo Abe rose to power, However, with the wide scope of the issue and time line of what happened during those periods, the writer limits the scope of the research to much more specific timeline, in which the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe came back into power (2012-2017). During this period the writer sees the issue through a constructivist perspective, evaluating and researching the mindset of the Japanese government and the Japanese people to why they respond the way that most International society sees as a bold move.

A Japanese Securitization as a means of response towards the North Korean threat, frankly, the threat given by North Korea has been made as a catalyst for a more progressive militarization in the Japanese self defense forces. Shinzo Abe repeatedly made statements that the Japanese military will be in normal state sooner or later, however, many of the Japanese people including the some elite believes that Japan is better off without having any kind of normal military, and prefer more on increasing economical standards in order for Japan to be an economic giant.

In the times of war and conflict, the Japanese empire had made an agreement with the United States of America called Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security. The treaty state that with the Japanese forces absent, the United States forces will protect them in their stead. With sufficient military power protecting another country, the US military expenditure soar, thus, the US made further agreements with Japan in order to split the expenditure of the US military in half.

In 2016 Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made policy changes regarding the mandate of the Japanese Self Defense Forces, making the military more flexible in combat, whilst still bearing the non aggressive non initiator act. The changes was believed to be step forward for a more securitized

Japan in the future, it is without a doubt that Japan is undergoing some military issues, the global threat is something mainly to be the cause of the change.

Global threats for example terrorism, cyber security, smuggling, and the biggest threat today the DPRK missile testings are the causes for a more militarized Japan. Many believed that restoring the might of the Japanese forces may cause an uproar, or another colonialization by the Japanese empire. The Japanese people have start to realize the importance of establishing a normal military, whether it is for the sake of protecting, or upholding peace in the international world.

Japan had been a country that is absent of military power since the end of world war II, and from that time till this very moment, has thrive to become a state with extraordinary feats in the economical sector. A pacifist country. The need of a military power was an option not preferred by many. Industrialization, open market, and good quality products are their favorable option. With diplomacy that upholds friendship instead of rivalries and with the United States behind their back, a military would be something they least need, though the change in global needs and society demanded more of a country.

Japan has been a part of the process of establishing peace and security, and establishing peace with the country that is currently an issue towards their security is not an exception. Japan has played a major role in creating peace talks between the conflicting parties. However, when this research was made, there many changes in the stage of resolution the issue, starting from the Nuclear launch by DPRK, massive military training by Japan-USA-South Korea, and the newest news is president of DPRK and China had made several encounters, and adding the future encounter by USA and DPRK in the near future. The likes of this conflict to be resolute is growing near to an end.