



# Essay Form

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Throughout the course of history, Asian nations have experienced lots. Colonization, war, poverty... There should have been many occasions in which Asians must have felt anger or inferiority complex towards the West. Today, Asia is independent, and stands strong as a continent. In addition, Asia has been showing significant economical growth, both as individual countries and as a continent. Now that Asia is in the middle of it's growth, I feel that we need to think again what our purpose, or role is in the coming years. As a delegate of Japan, I would like to state what I think is the role of my country and of Asia in the future.

First, I will state two roles, which I think Japan has as a part of Asia and the global community. The first role is, using its financial and technological abilities on a global scale. It is without saying that Japan is a massive superpower. According to World Bank, Japan is ranked third in the world in Gross domestic product (GDP). In other words, Japan is financially in very good shape. To add on, Japan is well known for its technology and IT industry. Japanese IT companies create high quality and liable products, which are used all around the world.

So how does Japan use these abilities on a global scale? Firstly, Japan provides financial, medical, and technological support to developing countries. This has helped stabilize development and growth in several countries. Secondly, Japan can contribute to the global community using science. Japan has the financial ability to conduct research, which can help solve problems that are still unsolved today. I believe that by continuing these actions, Japan can contribute to the world.

Honestly, the first role can be done by any superpower. However, I believe that the second role can only be achieved by Japan. The second role that I think Japan has is to be a role model as a peaceful nation. Japan has experienced massive destruction and calamity during WWII, which brought untold sorrow to the whole nation. However, Japan overcame this, and the generations before us have succeeded in maintaining peace. One of the biggest reasons to this is that our

constitution is based on pacifism; a belief that war and violence are unjustifiable and that all disputes should be settled by peaceful means.

As a result, Japan does not own any type of armed forces aimed to attack any other country. It only has a self-defense force, which will protect its nation when attacked by an outsider. What this means is that, Japan cannot go to war. Even more, Japan stands under the three non-nuclear principles. In short, it means that Japan cannot possess any nuclear weapons.

Countries based on pacifism are very rare in the world today. Therefore, I believe that Japan should show its identity as a peaceful nation, and be a role model in the global community. I believe that this will contribute to saving succeeding generations from the scourge of war.

Next I would like to state roles, which I think Asia has in the future. The first role Asia has is to produce people, people who will make contributions to the world. According to the World Population Prospects announced by the United Nations, Asia covers up about 60% of the world's population. From this we can say that this is very realistic; Asia has the human resources. So how can Asia produce more and more useful people in the future? I think the answer is education. By making education compulsory, there will be more and more people who will be able to play their part in the world.

The second role, which I believe Asia has, is to take initiative in the global market. As I stated above, Asia is the most populous continent in the world. With this many people, I think it is realistic to say that Asia has the potential to become a massive market. However, in order to make this happen, Asia must continue to grow and develop stably. Also, we must work more to bring in more corporations from overseas into Asia.

The third role, which I think Asia has, is to be a land full of opportunity. Again, Asia is the most populous continent in the world. To add on, Asia is still on the verge of development. Asia is a great place to start some sort of business: so many people, so many business opportunities. In fact, many corporations from Europe, US, Japan, China, and other developed nations have already started business around South East Asia. The opportunity is not only for corporations. Asia can be a land of opportunity for normal people as well. People around the world, who want jobs can come to Asia to fulfill their will.

In order to play its role in the future, Asian nations must work side by side together. Also, it is inevitable for developed countries such as Japan and China to support this process. I believe that this is the ideal form of Asia in the coming years. Above are only some examples of roles that Asia could play in the world. What I want to emphasize is that Asia is a land full of possibility, and that it is up to our generation, to create Asia in the coming decades. I would like to keep this in mind while participating in the upcoming Toshiba Youth Club Asia Vol. 4.



