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Study Group on Issue-Specific Analysis of Chinese Diplomacy

[Overview of research] (Purpose of FY2009 establishment of Study Group)

China's presence has grown considerably in recent years, and it is now widely recognized that China's behavior in various facets of the international community has a major impact on global developments. What's more, as China has become a major power, its diplomacy has become multi-dimensional and developed in diverse ways. The diplomacy of today's China and its future course must be analyzed from a number of angles to gain a proper understanding.

Nevertheless, almost all research done on the foreign affairs of a single country, with the exception of external economic relations, focuses on that country and other countries. While there has been some degree of analysis made of relations with international institutions, there have still been essentially no attempts made to research a country's diplomatic efforts by field. This tendency is especially conspicuous with regard to Chinese diplomacy.

This study group was thus organized to analyze each of the problem areas in Chinese diplomacy. This study group has sought to develop a research structure of experts and leading intellectuals well-versed not only in Chinese issues but also in such fields as security and social/economic policy, and will work in future to bolster this structure. As restrictive factors within China have a major impact on China's diplomacy and on its standing in the international community, the group will conduct multi-faceted and comprehensive survey research taking into account not only the international political perspective but also the policy decision-making process within China.

[Future plans]

Building on our FY2009 results, Group members this fiscal year first interviewed officials

from Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Based on these interviews, we have held Study Group meetings centered on research reports from Group members at a pace of about once per month since October 2010. We will be compiling a final report at the end of FY2010, and we plan to make our research results broadly available to the general public.

For reference purposes, the following papers have been posted to our institute's website as interim results for the initial fiscal year.

① TAKAGI Sei'ichiro (Visiting Research Fellow, Japan Institute of International Affairs; Aoyama Gakuin University)

"Institutionalization of Multilateral Security by China and East Asia"
(<http://www.jiia.or.jp/column/201003/05-takagi.html>)

② NAKAI Yoshifumi (Professor, Gakushuin University)

"China's Public Image Strategy"
(<http://www.jiia.or.jp/column/201003/09-nakai.html>)

③ ASANO Ryo (Professor, Doshisha University)

"China's Nuclear Disarmament/Arms Control Policies"
(<http://www.jiia.or.jp/column/201004/05-asano.html>)

④ WATANABE Shino (Associate Professor, School of Liberal Arts, Saitama University; former Research Fellow, Japan Institute of International Affairs)

"China's Foreign Aid Diplomacy"
(<http://www.jiia.or.jp/column/201007/02-watanabe.html>)

⑤ MORI Aki (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Doshisha University; Special Research Fellow, Ocean Policy Research Foundation)

"Development of Power Politics through Law"
(<http://www.jiia.or.jp/column/201006/07-mori.html>)

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