







- **China needs to reduce its anti-Japanese propaganda:** Chinese leaders should learn the lesson from the Japanese experience, that encouraging super-patriotism can create passions that they may have difficulty controlling.
- **China needs to expand its appreciation for Japan's role in its development:** although some Chinese leaders have expressed formal appreciation for Japanese contributions to Chinese development since 1978, China has not educated their people on the full extent of the funding, technical aid, and advice which Japan provided. This limits the willingness of the Japanese to contribute further to Chinese development. In short, the Chinese need to get better at saying "we appreciate".

It is unrealistic, considering the depth of the historical passions involved, that China and Japan will quickly develop feelings of trust and become close friends. That may be a goal for several decades in the future.

A reasonable goal for the next decade would be to manage their relations in a straightforward, frank, and businesslike way so that the two countries can become reliable partners.

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