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Foreign Policy of Junichiro Koizumi. Security Alliance with the United States and Attempts of Normalization with the DPRK.

Junichiro Koizumi had taken the post of Prime Minister in 2001. He was the first Japanese political leader after the crisis of 1993, who had the opportunity to establish the stable foreign policy course during his administration. Koizumi's course was oriented to USA and it resulted in even closer cooperation in security and military spheres. The key factor was the good personal relations of Koizumi and Bush. It was noticeable during their meeting as, for example, visit of Koizumi and Bush to the Elvis Presley museum in Memphis in 2006. (90, Zhu Zhiquan, 2014)

On the other hand, Prime Minister Koizumi personally initiated the process of normalization of diplomatic relations with North Korea. He met North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-il twice in Pyongyang. These summits resulted in the Pyongyang Declaration (Pyongyang Declaration of Japan and Korea, 2002) and many verbal agreements, which helped to get the ball rolling in the "abduction issue". Koizumi was interested in stabilization of Japan-DPRK relations, but these interests were not shared by the most part of the Japanese political establishment and by the public opinion. Koizumi alone could not achieve the normalization of diplomatic relations with DPRK on the official level.

This research based on bilateral documents and agreements of Japan with the United States and DPRK. The main purpose of this research is to show the personal influence of Junichiro Koizumi on the Japanese foreign policy. His pro-American

strategy was supported by the most part of Japanese conservative elites. Some political circles were against the normalization policy towards DPRK and it resulted in the sabotage of Koizumi's North Korean strategy and failure of the Japan-DPRK dialogue. Koizumi may be considered as the charismatic political leader and his personal intention helped to develop security alliance with USA and, at the same time, hold meetings at the semi-official level with DPRK.

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