

# Overview of the Public Opinion Survey on Diplomacy

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Public Relations Office, Cabinet Office  
The Government of Japan

**Survey target:** 3,000 Japanese nationals of age 20 years or above nationwide  
Valid responses: 1,801 people (Response rate: 60.0%)

**Survey period:** 7–17 January 2016 (Face-to-face interviews conducted by survey officers)

**Objectives:** To obtain information pertaining to people’s awareness on diplomacy, and to use the data as future reference for policy measures.

**Survey items:**

1. Relations between Japan and other countries
2. Development cooperation
3. Japan’s role in the United Nation
4. External economy
5. Protection of Japanese nationals overseas
6. The role that Japan should fulfill

**Track record:** The survey has been conducted every fiscal year since FY1975 (with the exception of FY1976), this being the 40th survey.

(Since the survey for FY2006, the respondents are informed that the survey is conducted by the Cabinet Office.)

\* This document indicates “↑” or “↓” for responses with a statistically significant difference (95% confidence interval), in comparison with past survey results.

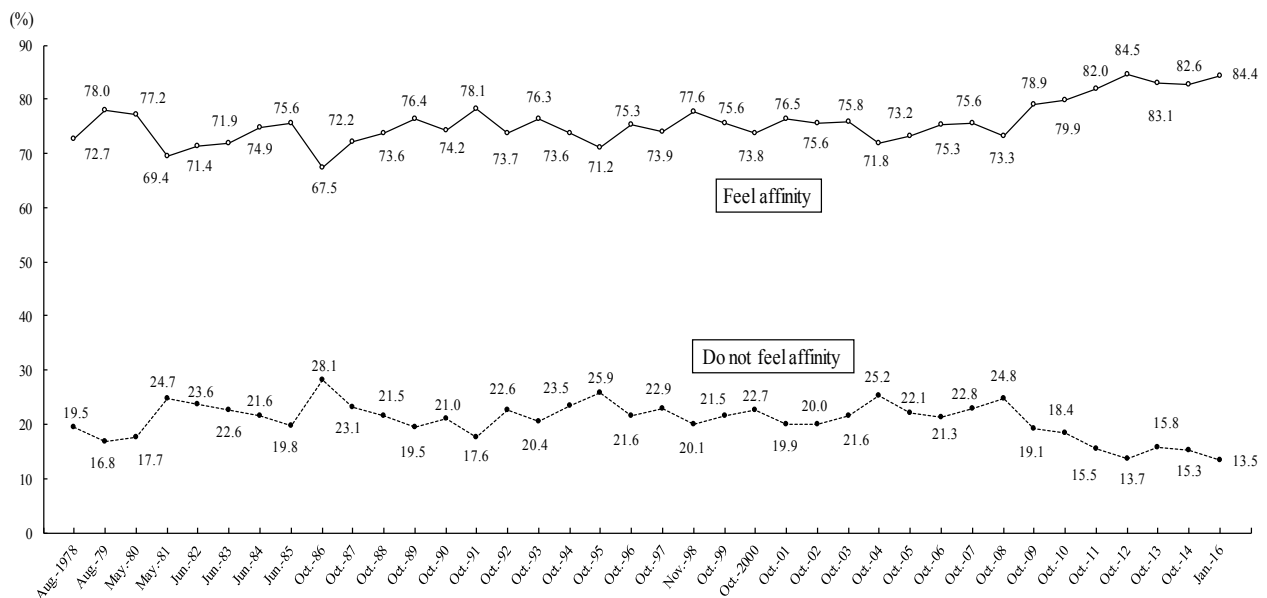
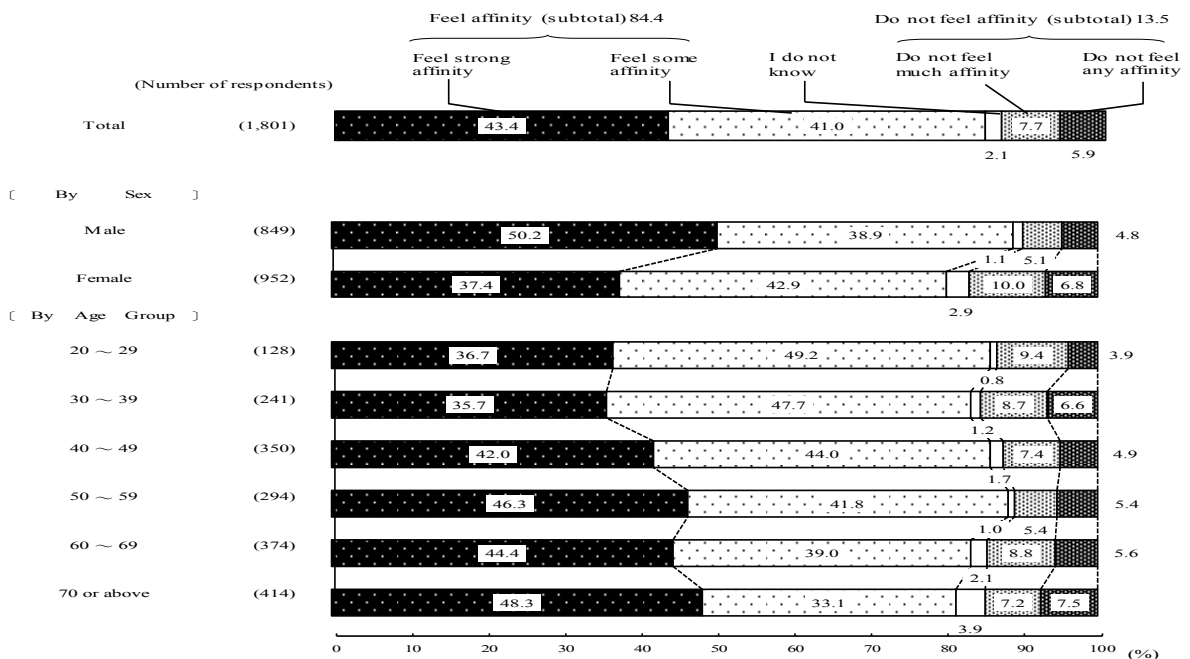
# 1. Relations between Japan and other countries

## (1) Japan and the United States of America

### A. Affinity towards the United States of America

*Q1-1 Do you feel an affinity towards the United States of America?  
Please select one answer from the following.*

	October 2014	→	January 2016
• Feel affinity (subtotal)	82.6%	→	84.4%
• Feel strong affinity	42.0%	→	43.4%
• Feel some affinity	40.5%	→	41.0%
• Do not feel affinity (subtotal)	15.3%	→	13.5%
• Do not feel much affinity	9.4%	→	7.7%
• Do not feel any affinity	5.9%	→	5.9%

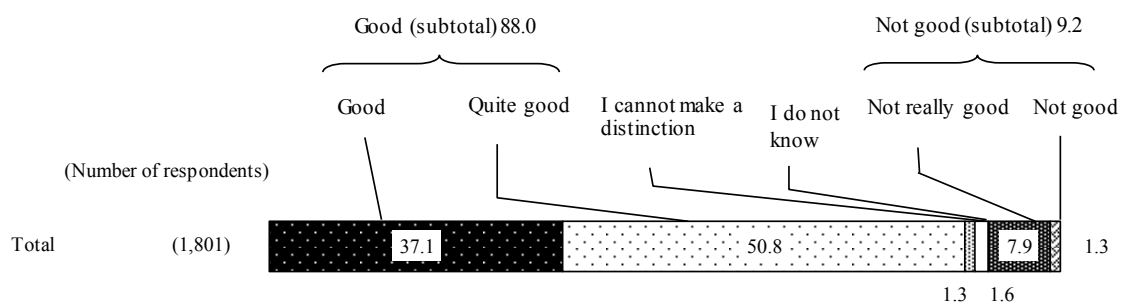


## B. Current Relations between Japan and the United States of America

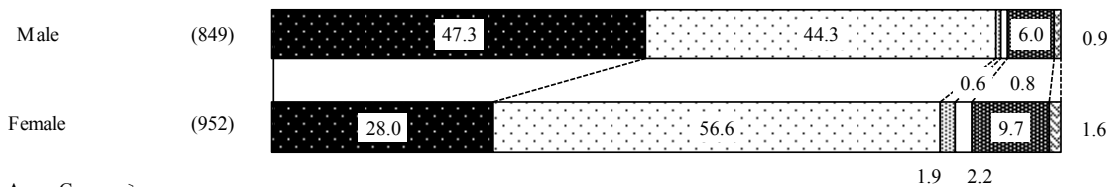
Q2-1 Do you think that the current relations between Japan and the United States of America are, on the whole, good? Please select one answer from the following.

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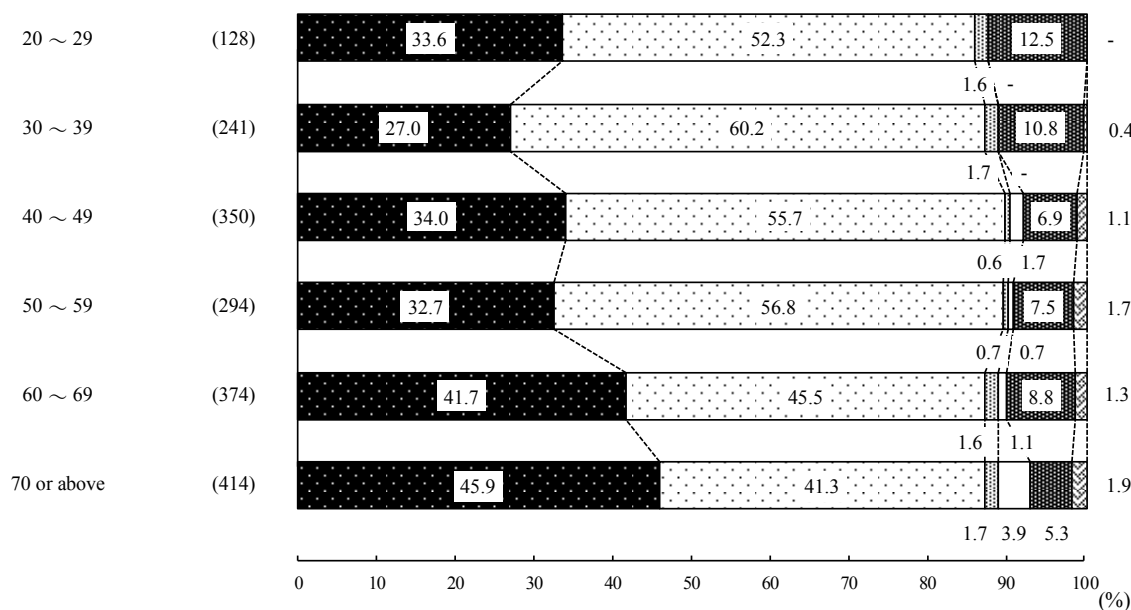
• Good (subtotal)	88.0%
• Good	37.1%
• Quite good	50.8%
• Not good (subtotal)	9.2%
• Not really good	7.9%
• Not good	1.3%



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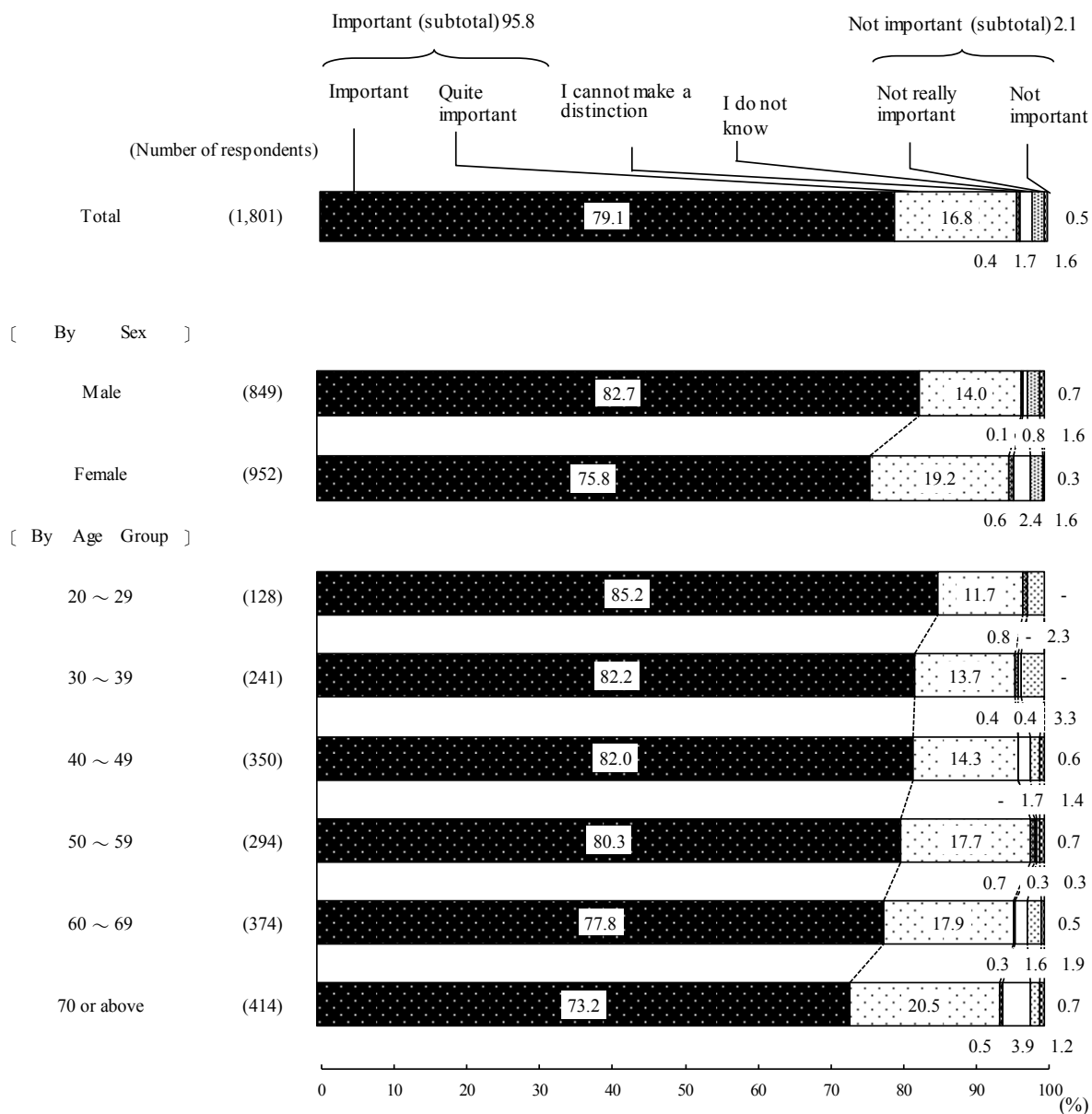


### C. Future Development of Relations between Japan and the United States of America

*Q3-1 Do you think that the future development of the relations between Japan and the United States of America is important for the two countries, and for Asia and the Pacific region? Please select one answer from the following.*

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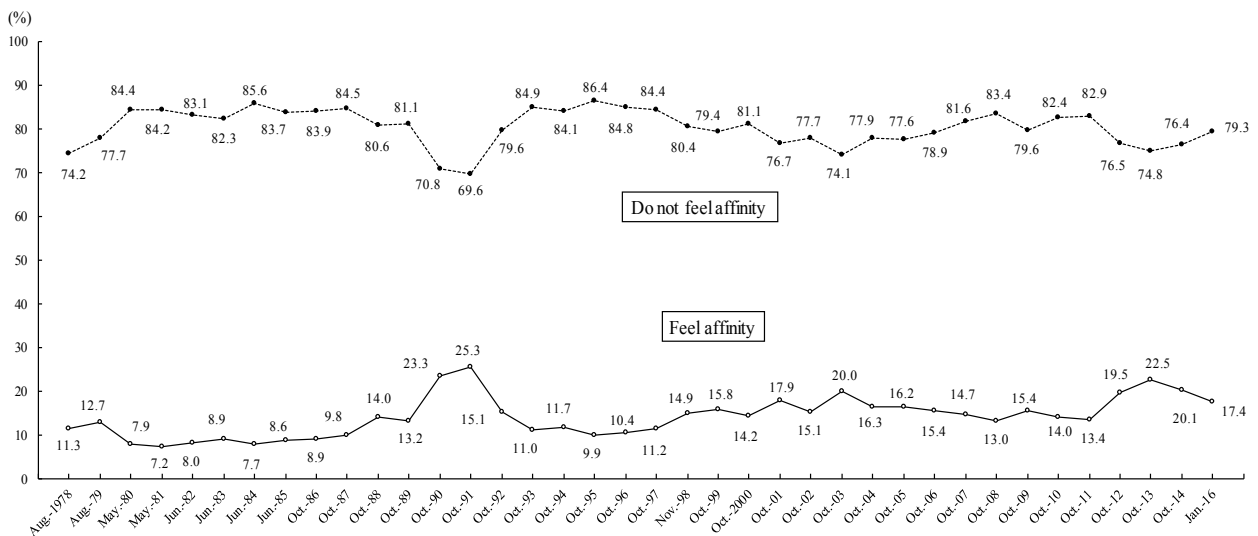
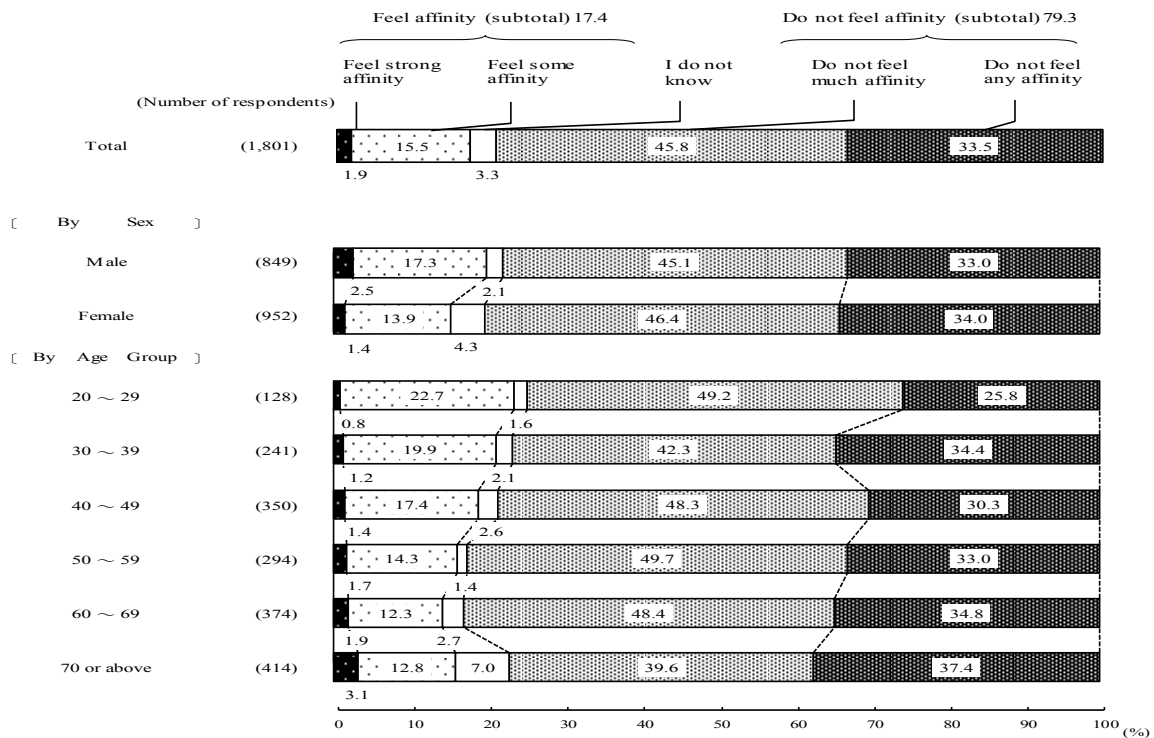
- Important (subtotal) 95.8%
- Important 79.1%
- Quite important 16.8%
- Not important (subtotal) 2.1%
- Not really important 1.6%
- Not important 0.5%



**(2) Japan and Russia**  
**A. Affinity towards Russia**

Q1-2 Do you feel an affinity towards Russia? Please select one answer from the following.

	October 2014	→	January 2016
• Feel affinity (subtotal)	20.1%	→	17.4% (↓)
• Feel strong affinity	2.1%	→	1.9%
• Feel some affinity	18.0%	→	15.5% (↓)
• Do not feel affinity (subtotal)	76.4%	→	79.3% (↑)
• Do not feel much affinity	46.0%	→	45.8%
• Do not feel any affinity	30.4%	→	33.5% (↑)



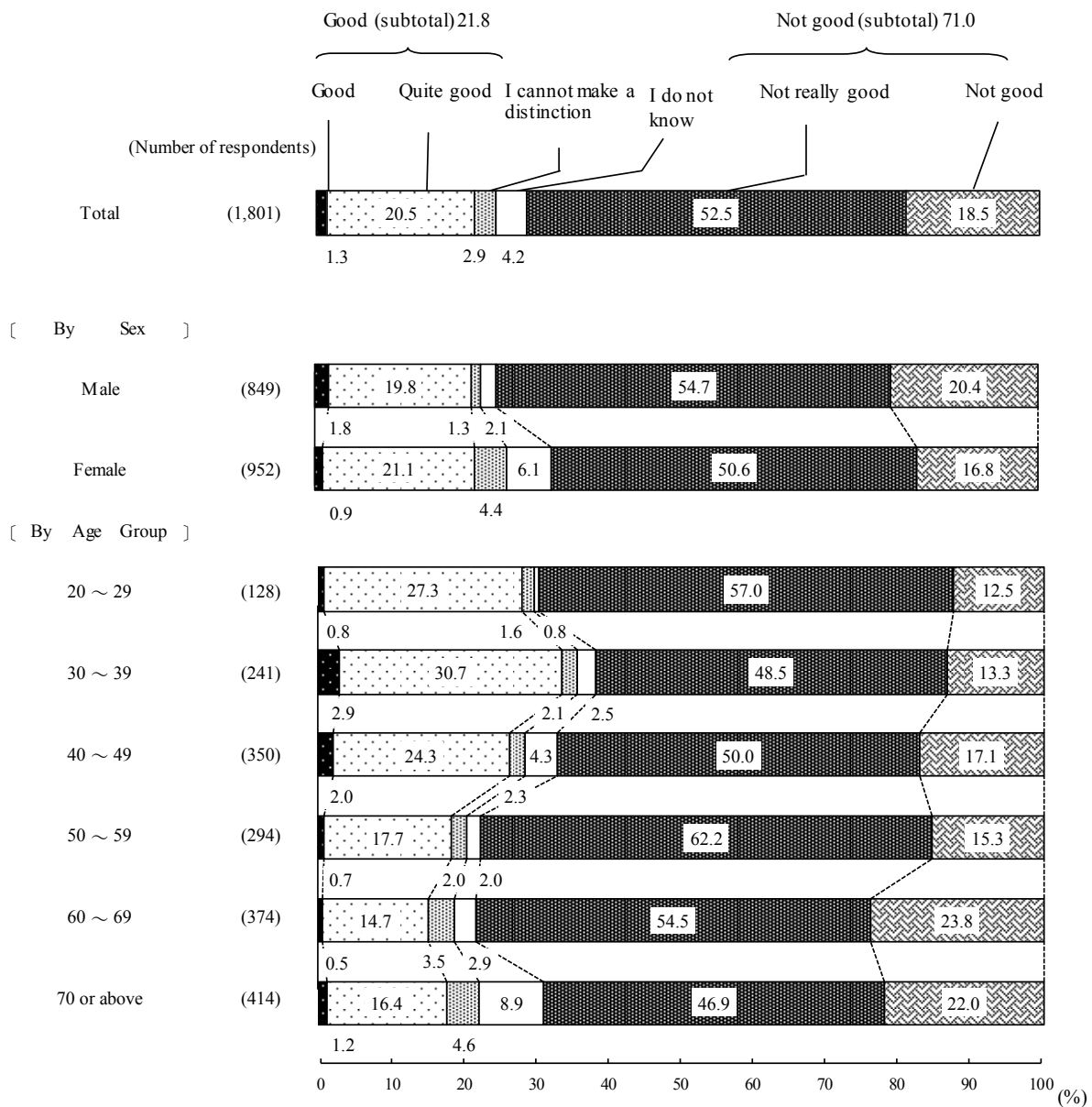
(Note) The question asked about "Soviet Union" up to October 1991.

## B. Current Relations between Japan and Russia

Q2-2 Do you think that the current relations between Japan and Russia are, on the whole, good?  
Please select one answer from the following.

January 2016

- Good (subtotal) 21.8%
  - Good 1.3%
  - Quite good 20.5%
- Not good (subtotal) 71.0%
  - Not really good 52.5%
  - Not good 18.5%

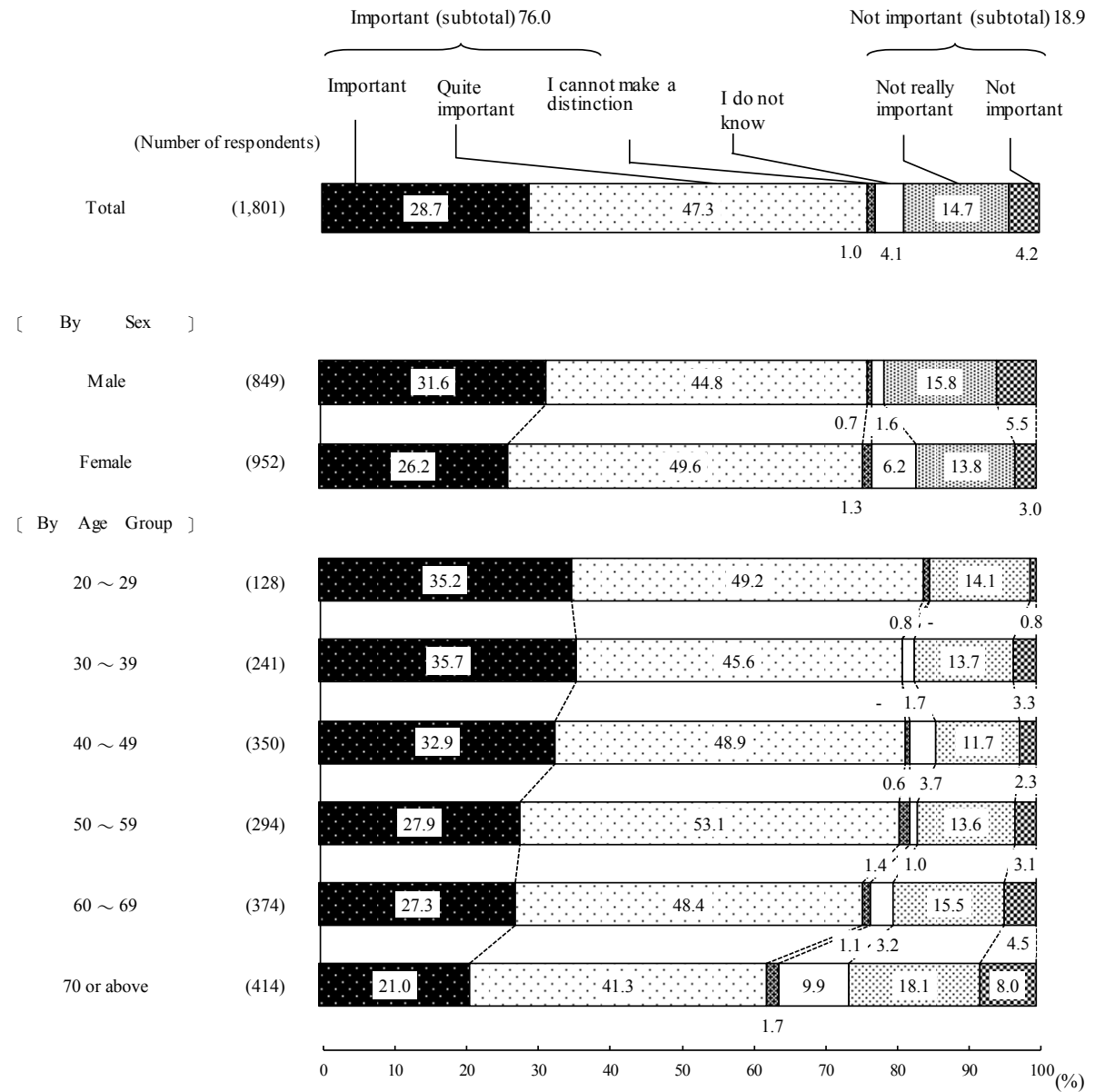


### C. Future Development of Relations between Japan and Russia

Q3-2 Do you think that the future development of the relations between Japan and Russia is important for the two countries, and for Asia and the Pacific region? Please select one answer from the following.

January 2016

- Important (subtotal) 76.0%
  - Important 28.7%
  - Quite important 47.3%
- Not important (subtotal) 18.9%
  - Not really important 14.7%
  - Not important 4.2%

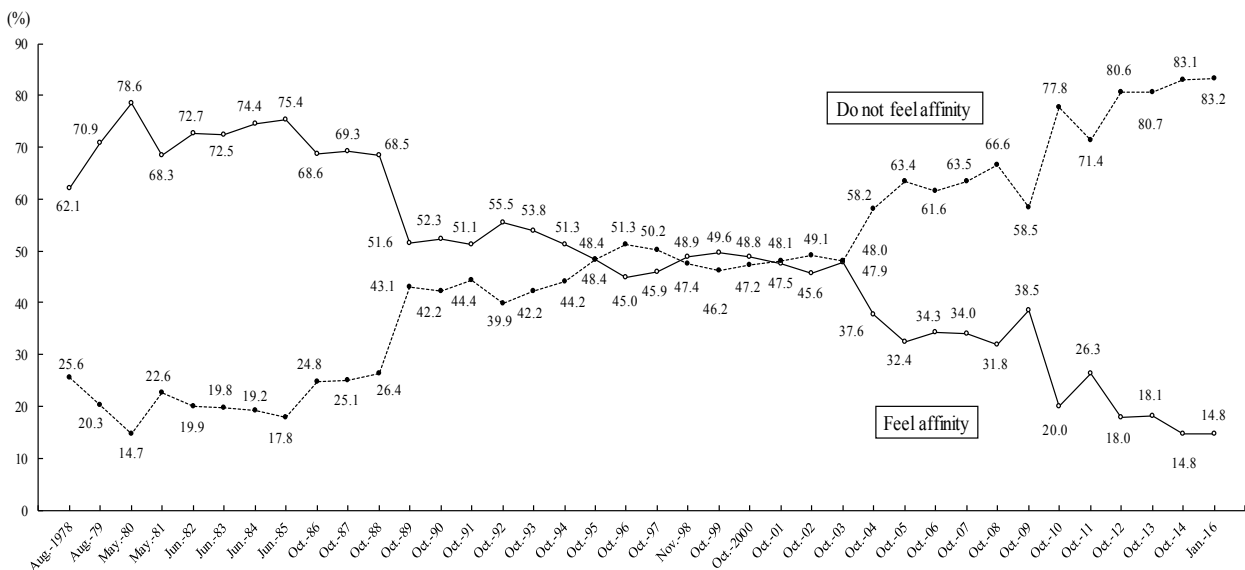
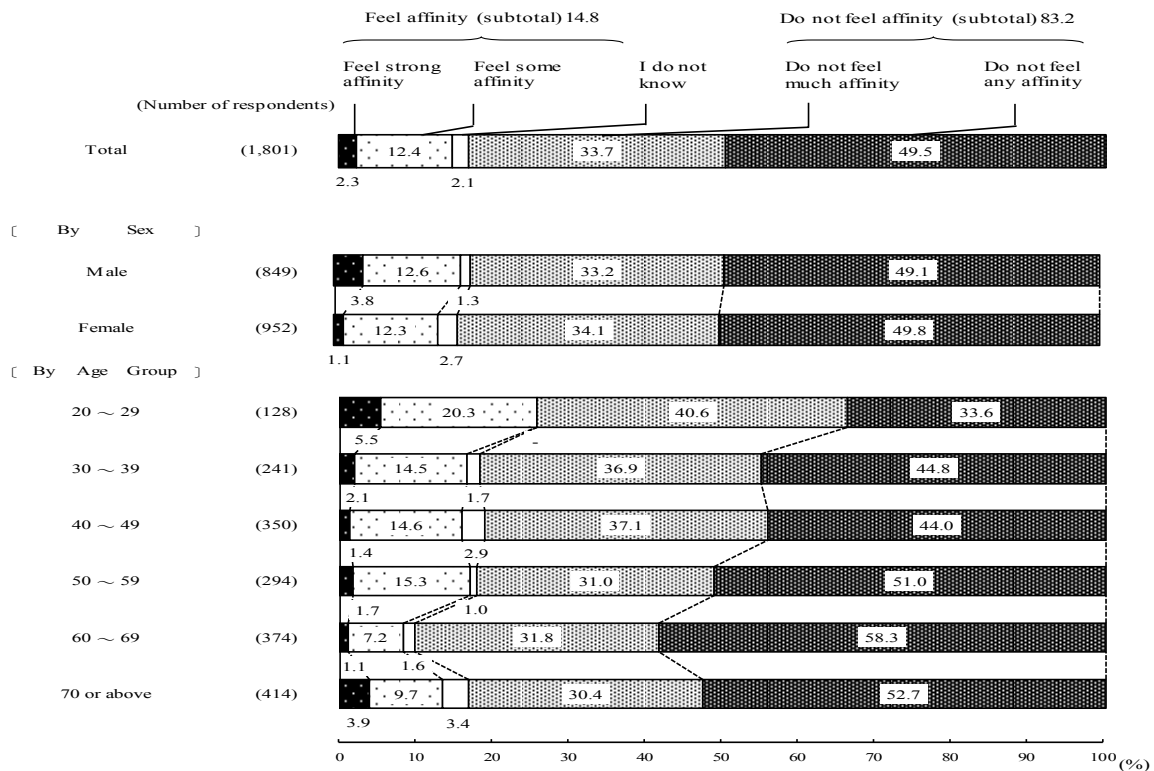


### (3) Japan and China

#### A. Affinity towards China

Q1-3 Do you feel an affinity towards China? Please select one answer from the following.

	October 2014	→	January 2016
• Feel affinity (subtotal)	14.8%	→	14.8%
• Feel strong affinity	3.3%	→	2.3%
• Feel some affinity	11.4%	→	12.4%
• Do not feel affinity (subtotal)	83.1%	→	83.2%
• Do not feel much affinity	30.4%	→	33.7% (↑)
• Do not feel any affinity	52.6%	→	49.5%



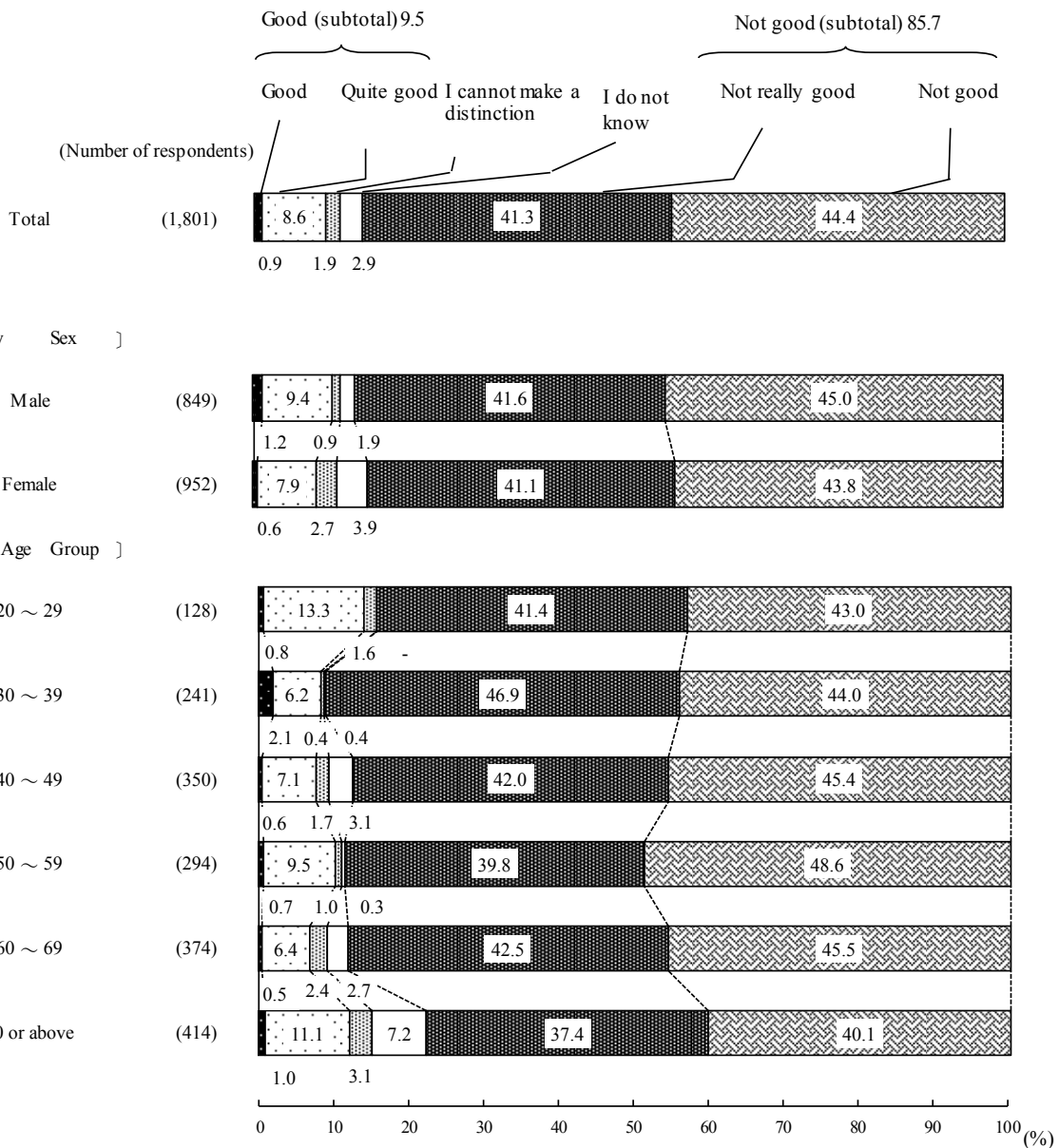


## B. Current Relations between Japan and China

Q2-3 Do you think that the current relations between Japan and China are, on the whole, good?  
Please select one answer from the following.

January 2016

- Good (subtotal) 9.5%
  - Good 0.9%
  - Quite good 8.6%
- Not good (subtotal) 85.7%
  - Not really good 41.3%
  - Not good 44.4%

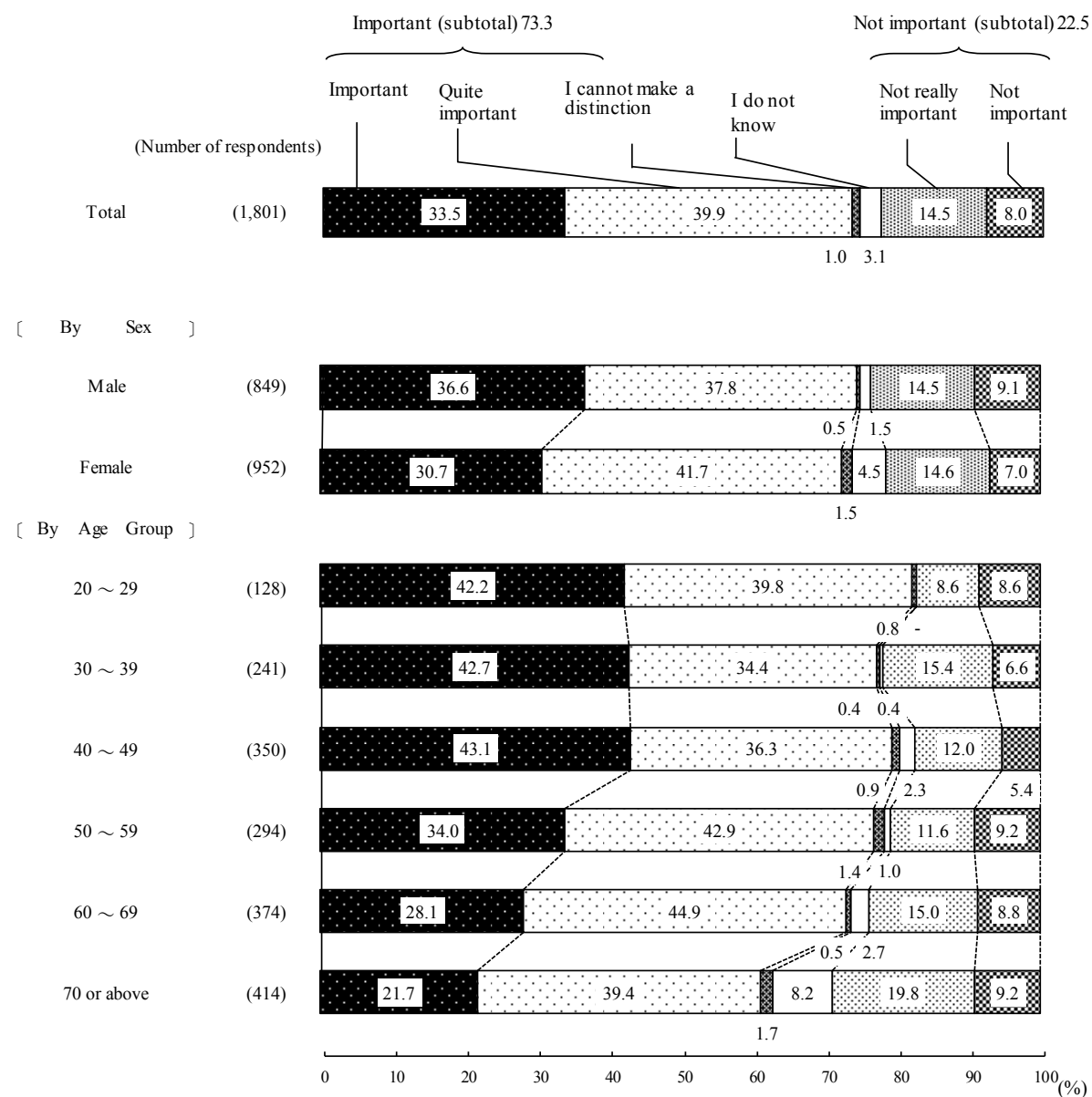


### C. Future Development of Relations between Japan and China

Q3-3 Do you think that the future development of the relations between Japan and China is important for the two countries, and for Asia and the Pacific region? Please select one answer from the following.

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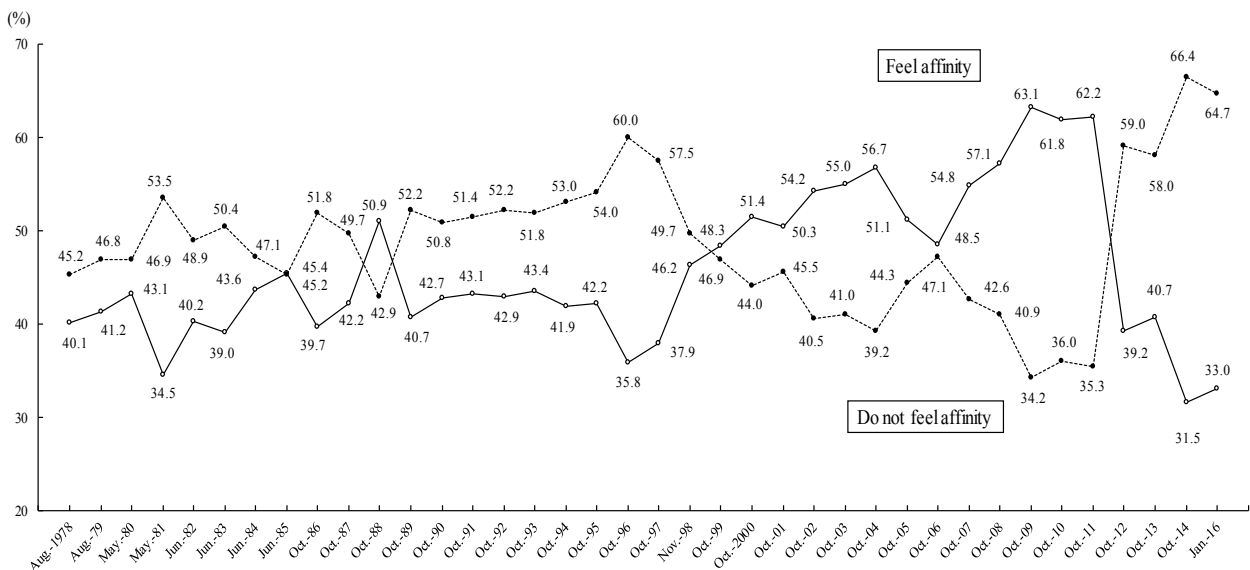
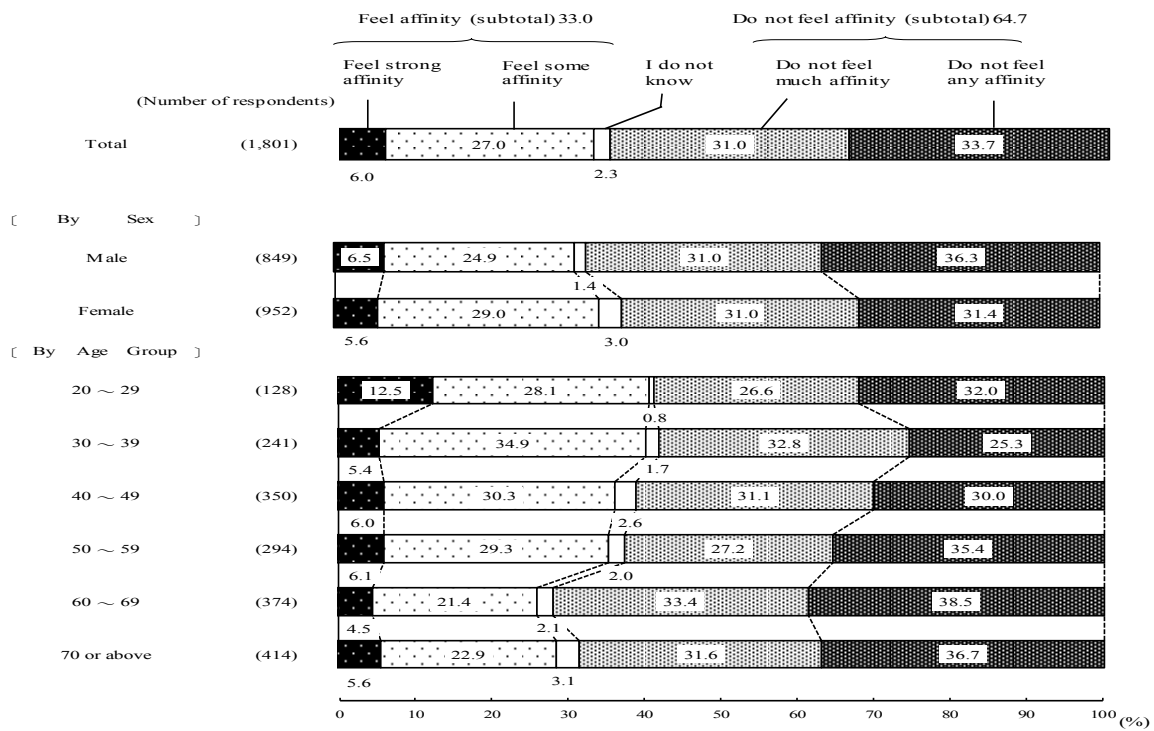
- Important (subtotal) 73.3%
  - Important 33.5%
  - Quite important 39.9%
- Not important (subtotal) 22.5%
  - Not really important 14.5%
  - Not important 8.0%



**(4) Japan and Republic of Korea**  
**A. Affinity towards Republic of Korea**

*Q1-4 Do you feel an affinity towards Republic of Korea? Please select one answer from the following.*

	October 2014	→	January 2016
• Feel affinity (subtotal)	31.5%	→	33.0%
• Feel strong affinity	6.9%	→	6.0%
• Feel some affinity	24.6%	→	27.0%
• Do not feel affinity (subtotal)	66.4%	→	64.7%
• Do not feel much affinity	28.4%	→	31.0%
• Do not feel any affinity	38.0%	→	33.7% (↓)

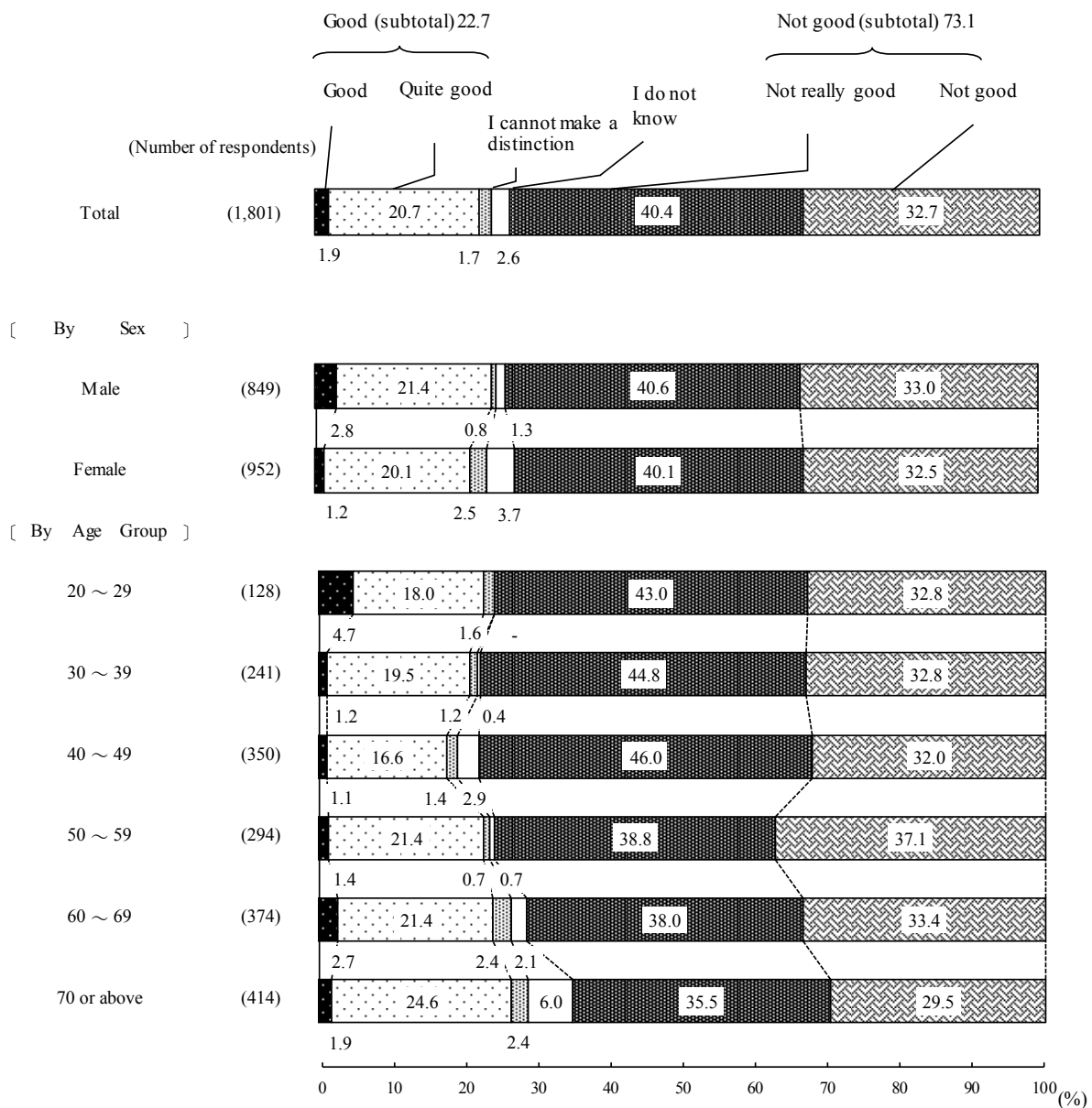


## B. Current Relations between Japan and Republic of Korea

Q2-4 Do you think that the current relations between Japan and Republic of Korea are, on the whole, good? Please select one answer from the following.

January 2016

- Good (subtotal) 22.7%
  - Good 1.9%
  - Quite good 20.7%
- Not good (subtotal) 73.1%
  - Not really good 40.4%
  - Not good 32.7%

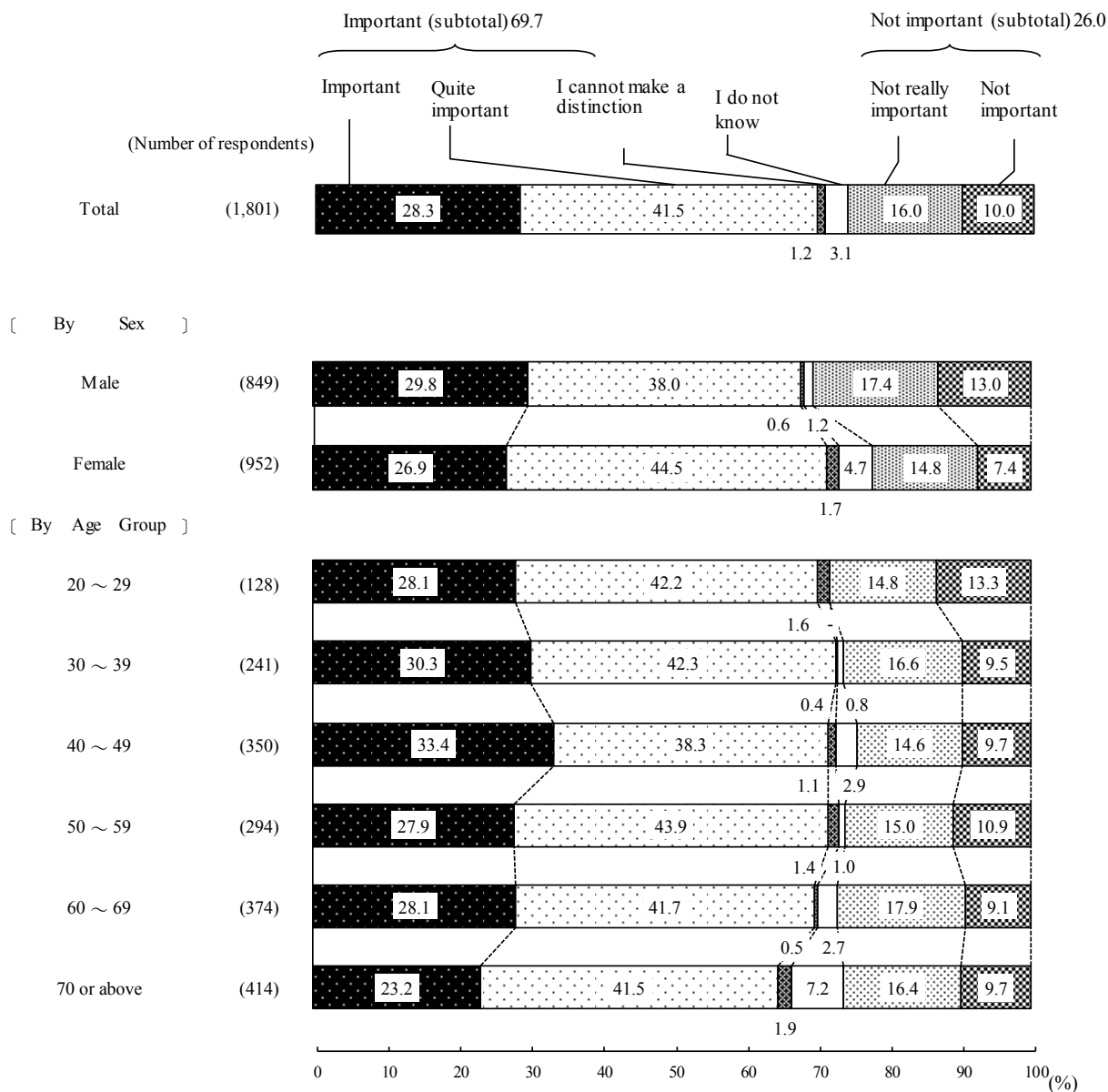


### C. Future Development of Relations between Japan and Republic of Korea

Q3-4 Do you think that the future development of the relations between Japan and Republic of Korea is important for the two countries, and for Asia and the Pacific region? Please select one answer from the following.

January 2016

- Important (subtotal) 69.7%
  - Important 28.3%
  - Quite important 41.5%
- Not important (subtotal) 26.0%
  - Not really important 16.0%
  - Not important 10.0%

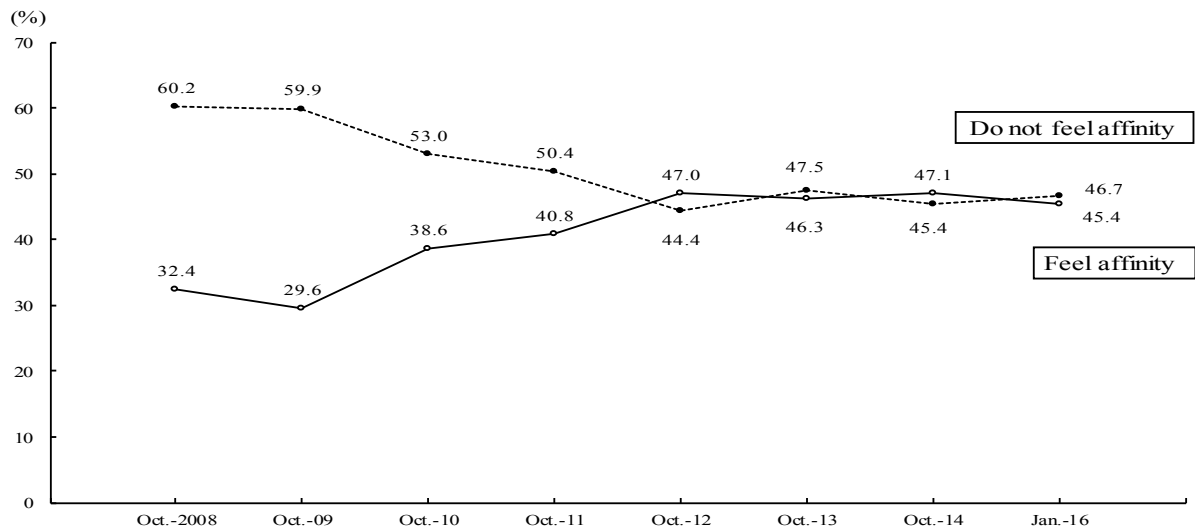
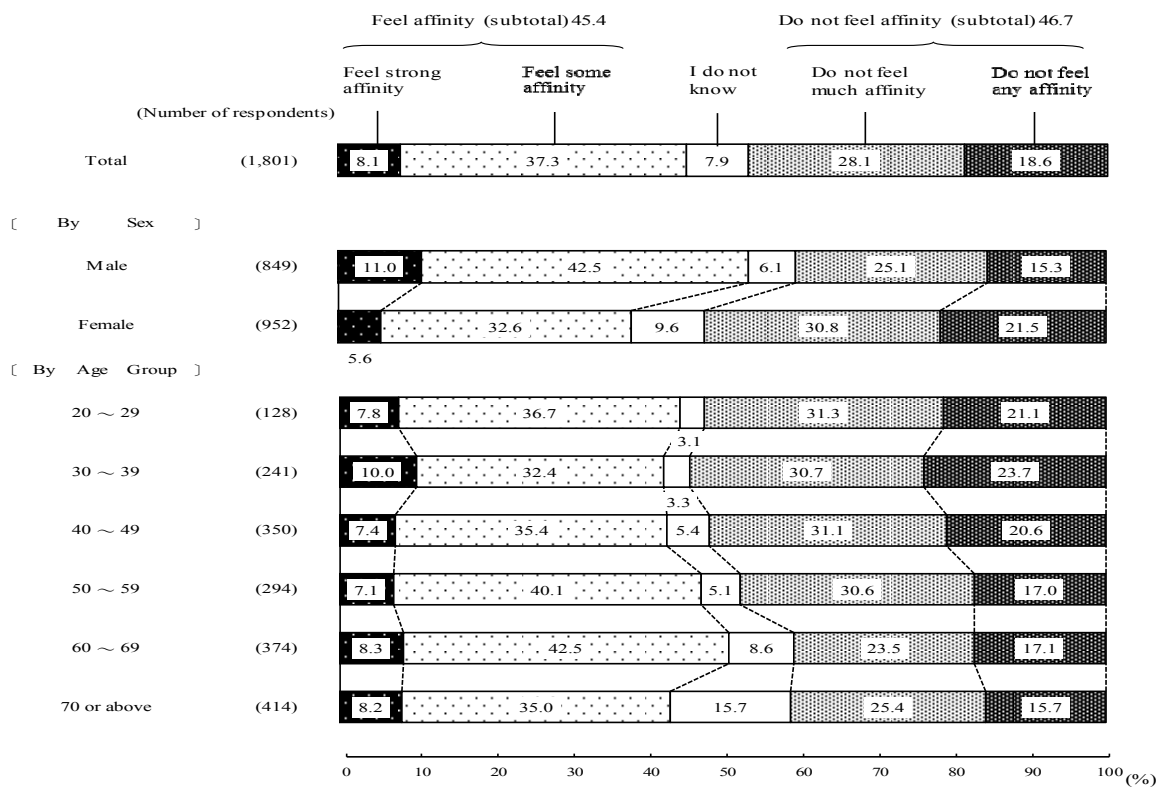


## (5) Japan and India

### A. Affinity towards India

Q1-5 Do you feel an affinity towards India? Please select one answer from the following.

	October 2014	January 2016
• Feel affinity (subtotal)	47.1%	45.4%
• Feel strong affinity	9.2%	8.1%
• Feel some affinity	37.9%	37.3%
• Do not feel affinity (subtotal)	45.4%	46.7%
• Do not feel much affinity	24.9%	28.1% (↑)
• Do not feel any affinity	20.4%	18.6%

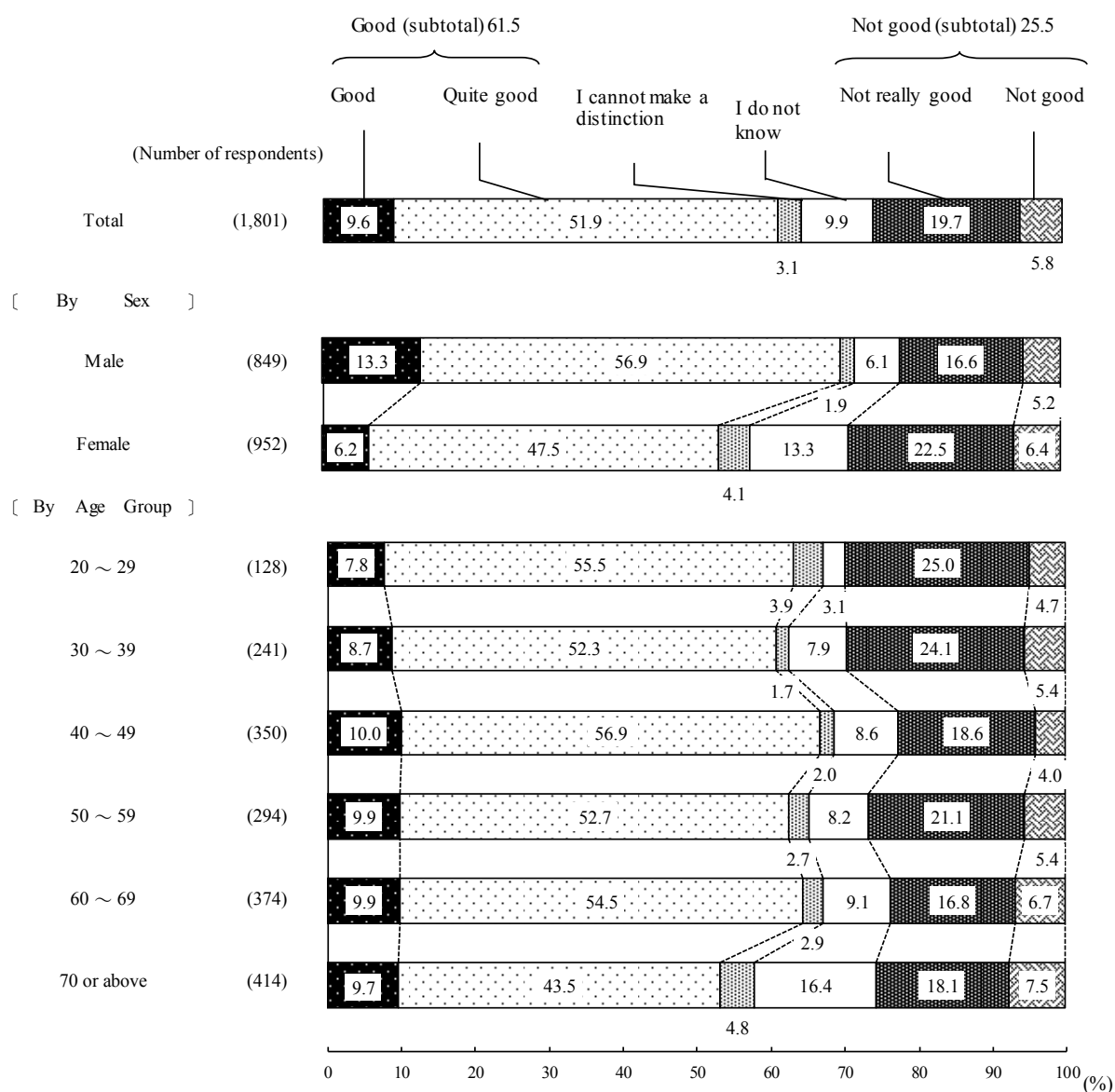


## B. Current Relations between Japan and India

Q2-5 Do you think that the current relations between Japan and India are, on the whole, good?  
Please select one answer from the following.

January 2016

- Good (subtotal) 61.5%
- Good 9.6%
- Quite good 51.9%
- Not good (subtotal) 25.5%
- Not really good 19.7%
- Not good 5.8%

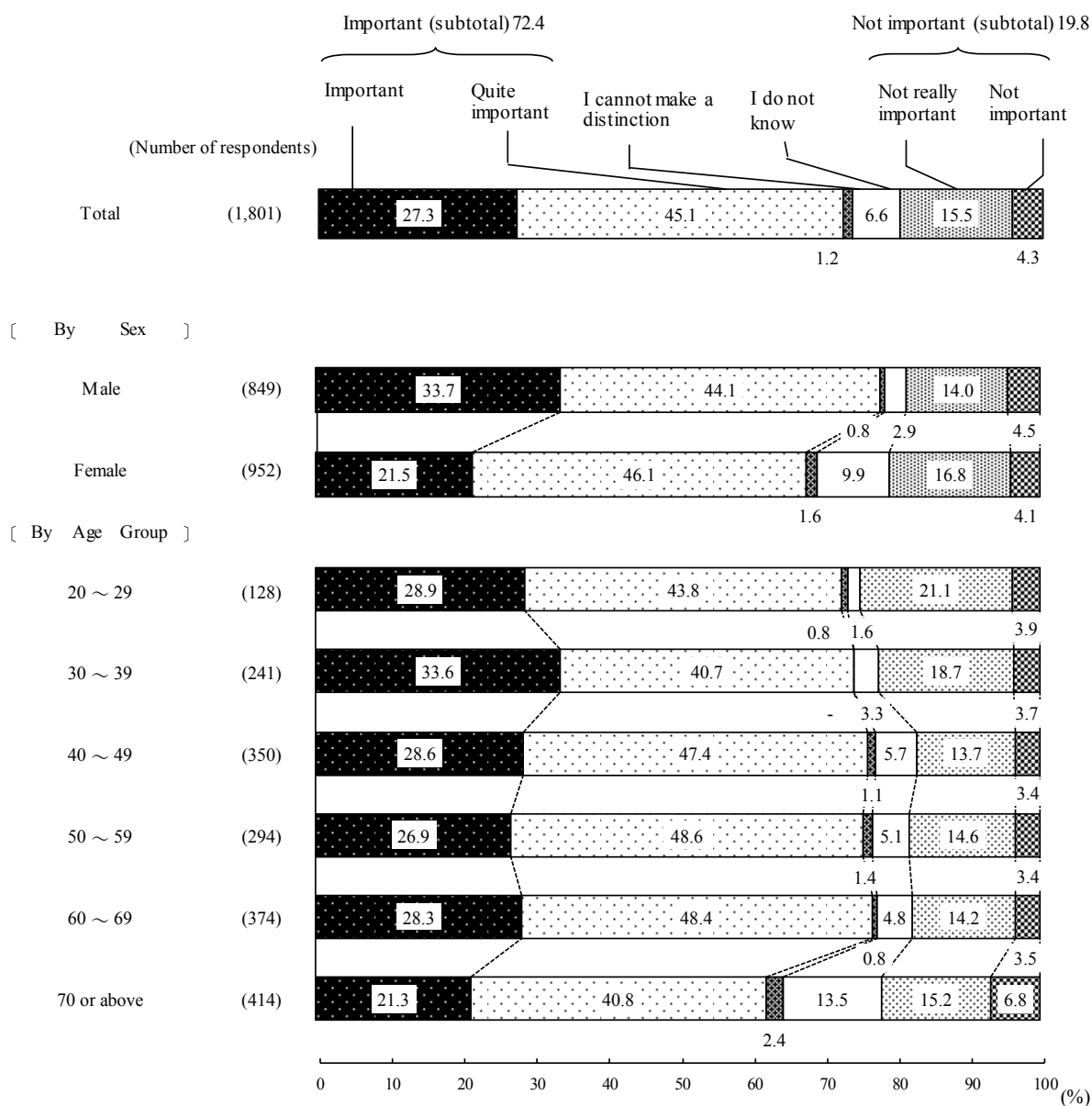


### C. Future Development of Relations between Japan and India

Q3-5 Do you think that the future development of the relations between Japan and India is important for the two countries, and for Asia and the Pacific region? Please select one answer from the following.

January 2016

- Important (subtotal) 72.4%
  - Important 27.3%
  - Quite important 45.1%
- Not important (subtotal) 19.8%
  - Not really important 15.5%
  - Not important 4.3%



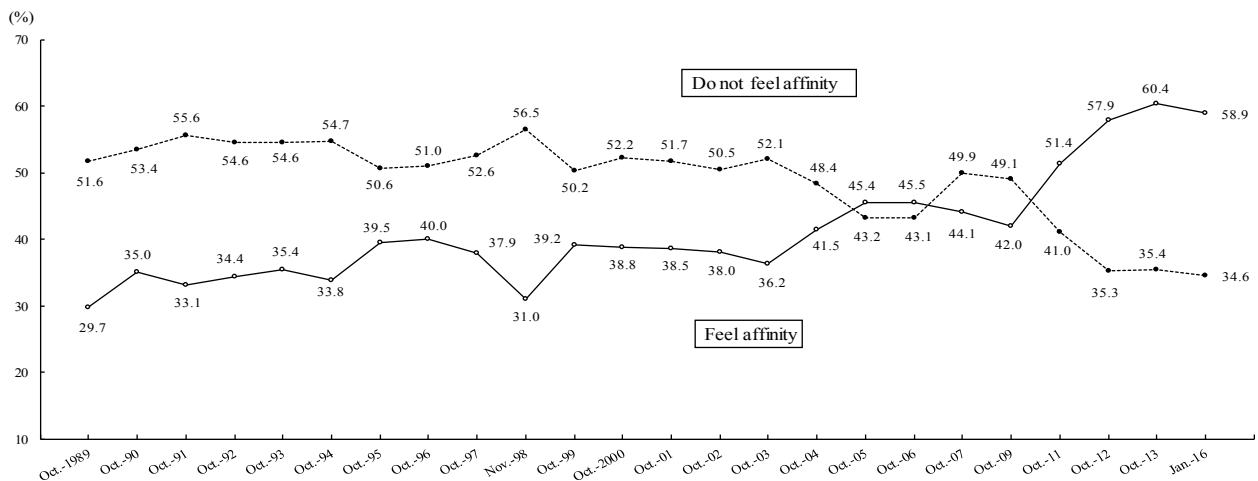
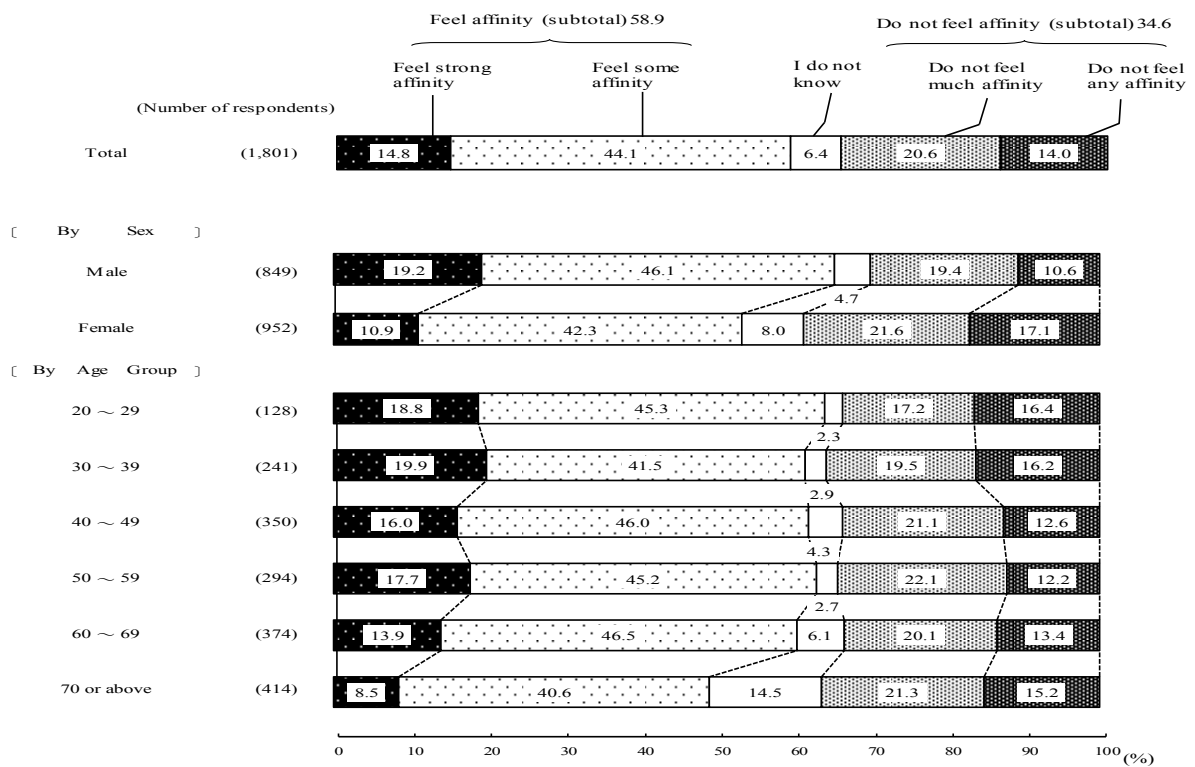


## (6) Japan and Countries in Southeast Asia

### A. Affinity towards Countries in Southeast Asia

Q1-6 Do you feel an affinity towards Countries in Southeast Asia? Please select one answer from the following.

	October 2013	January 2016
• Feel affinity (subtotal)	60.4%	58.9%
• Feel strong affinity	16.1%	14.8%
• Feel some affinity	44.3%	44.1%
• Do not feel affinity (subtotal)	35.4%	34.6%
• Do not feel much affinity	22.9%	20.6%
• Do not feel any affinity	12.4%	14.0%

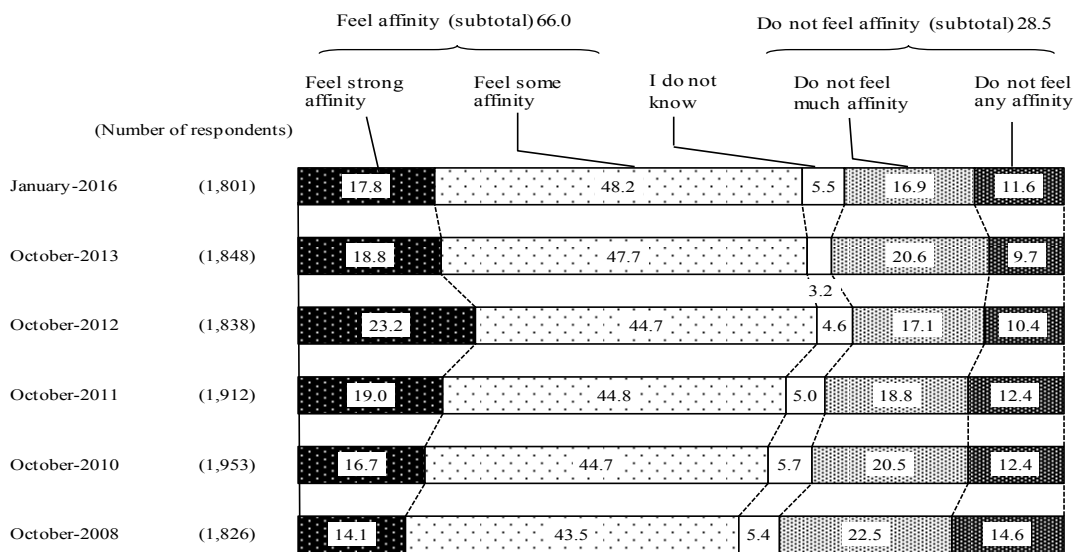


(Note) The question asked about "ASEAN Countries" up to October 1998.

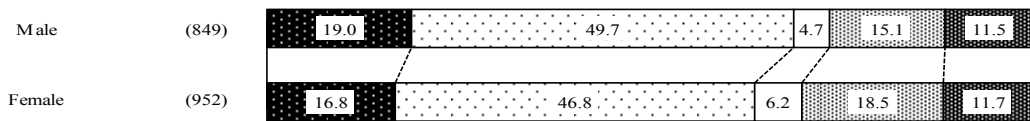
**(7) Japan and Countries in Europe**  
**A. Affinity towards Countries in Europe**

*Q1-7 Do you feel an affinity towards Countries in Europe? Please select one answer from the following.*

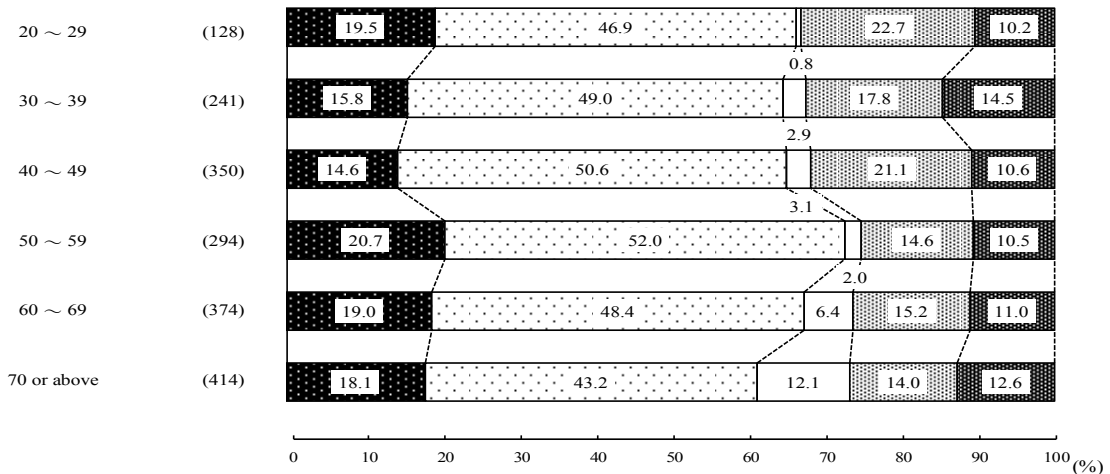
	October 2013		January 2016
• Feel affinity (subtotal)	66.5%	→	66.0%
• Feel strong affinity	18.8%	→	17.8%
• Feel some affinity	47.7%	→	48.2%
• Do not feel affinity (subtotal)	30.2%	→	28.5%
• Do not feel much affinity	20.6%	→	16.9% (↓)
• Do not feel any affinity	9.7%	→	11.6%



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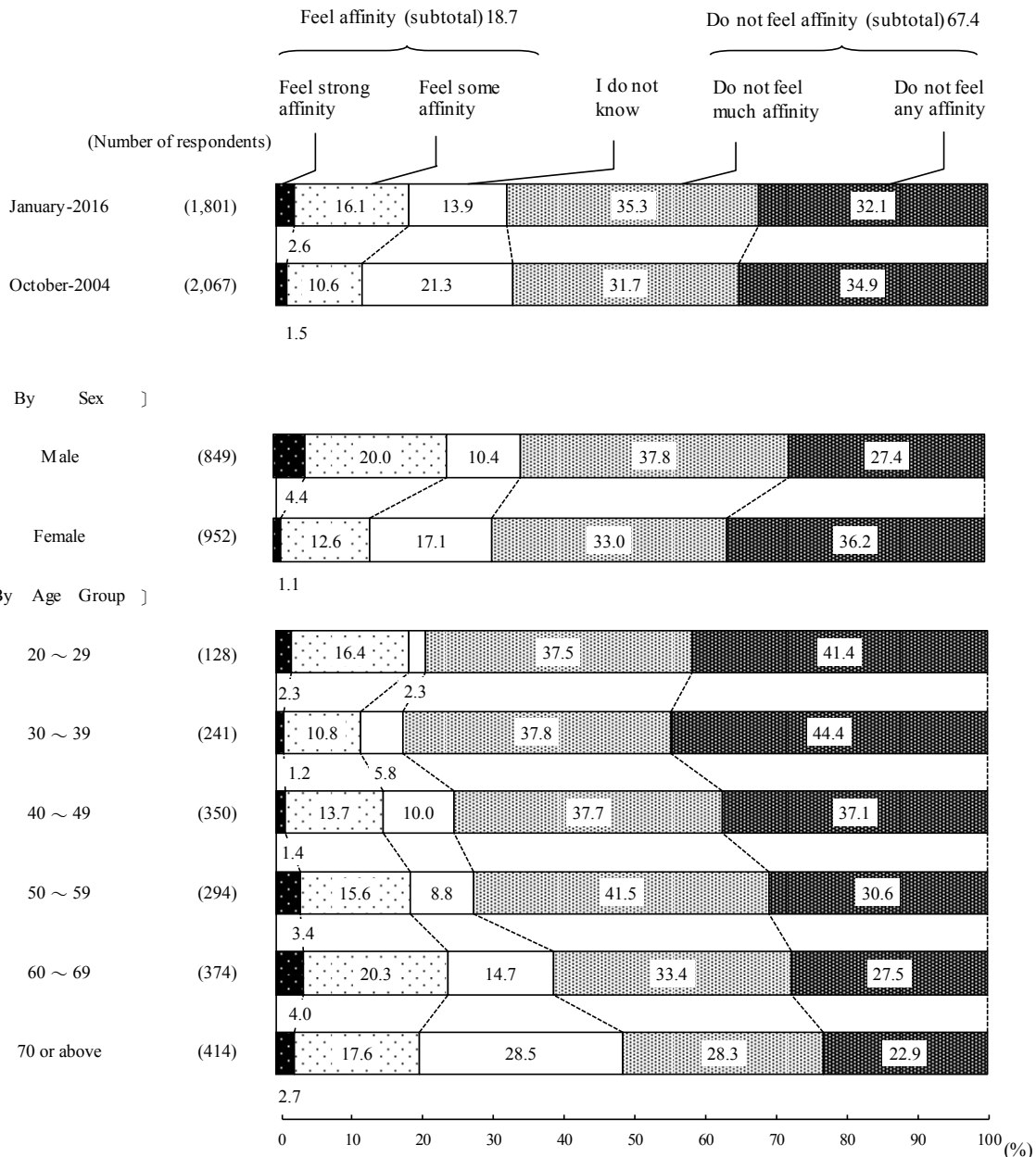


**(8) Japan and Countries in Central Asia/Caucasus**

**A. Affinity towards Countries in Central Asia/Caucasus**

*Q1-8 Do you feel an affinity towards Countries in Central Asia/Caucasus? Please select one answer from the following.*

	October 2004	→	January 2016
• Feel affinity (subtotal)	12.0%		18.7% (↑)
• Feel strong affinity	1.5%		2.6% (↑)
• Feel some affinity	10.6%		16.1% (↑)
• Do not feel affinity (subtotal)	66.7%		67.4%
• Do not feel much affinity	31.7%		35.3% (↑)
• Do not feel any affinity	34.9%		32.1%
• I do not know	21.3%		13.9% (↓)



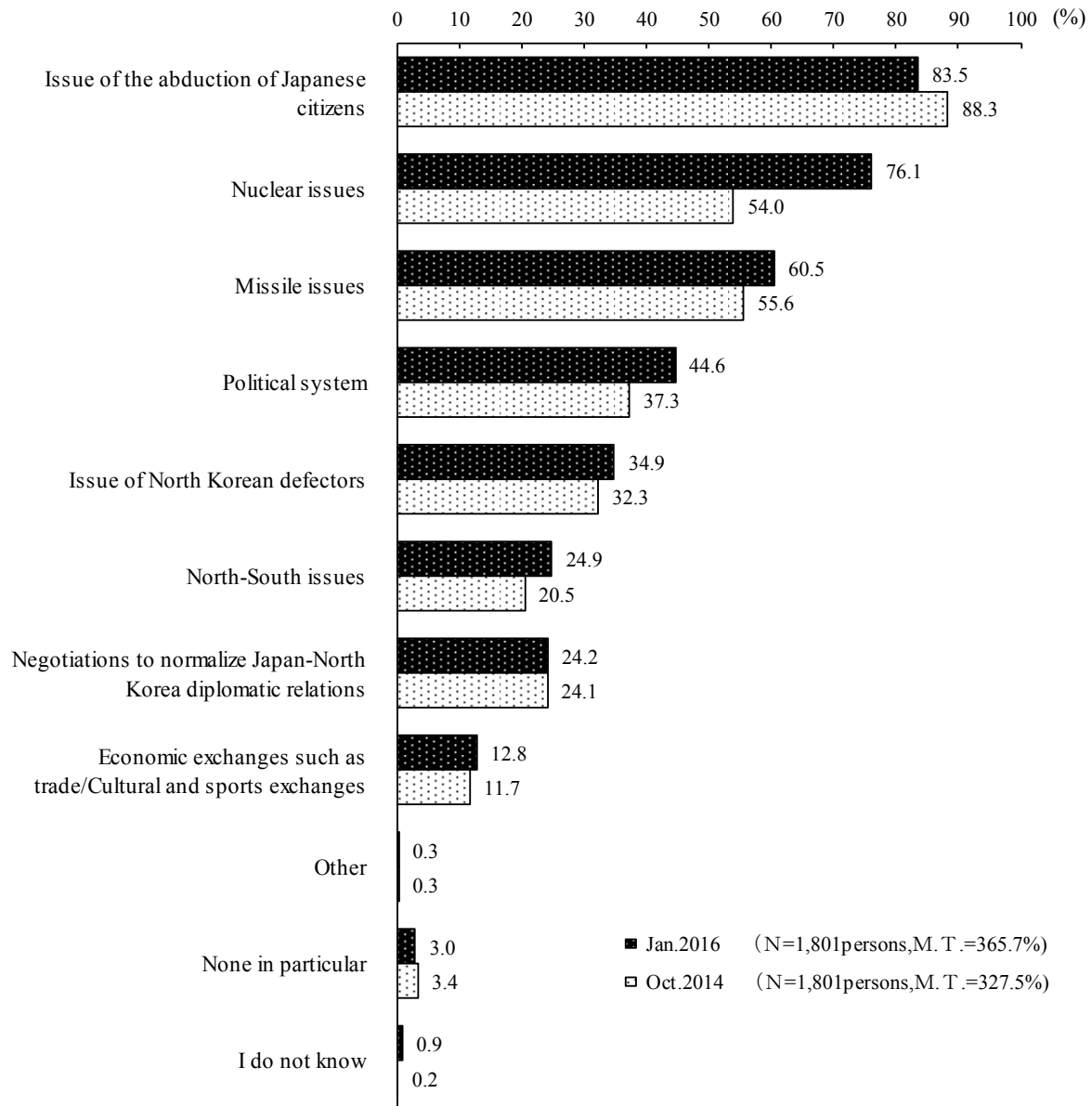
**(9) Interest in Issues Related to North Korea**

*Q4 Are you interested in any issues related to North Korea? Please select all applicable answers.  
(M.A.)*

(Top 4 Items)

	October 2014	→	January 2016
• Issue of the abduction of Japanese citizens	88.3%		83.5% (↓)
• Nuclear issues	54.0%		76.1% (↑)
• Missile issues	55.6%		60.5% (↑)
• Political system	37.3%		44.6% (↑)

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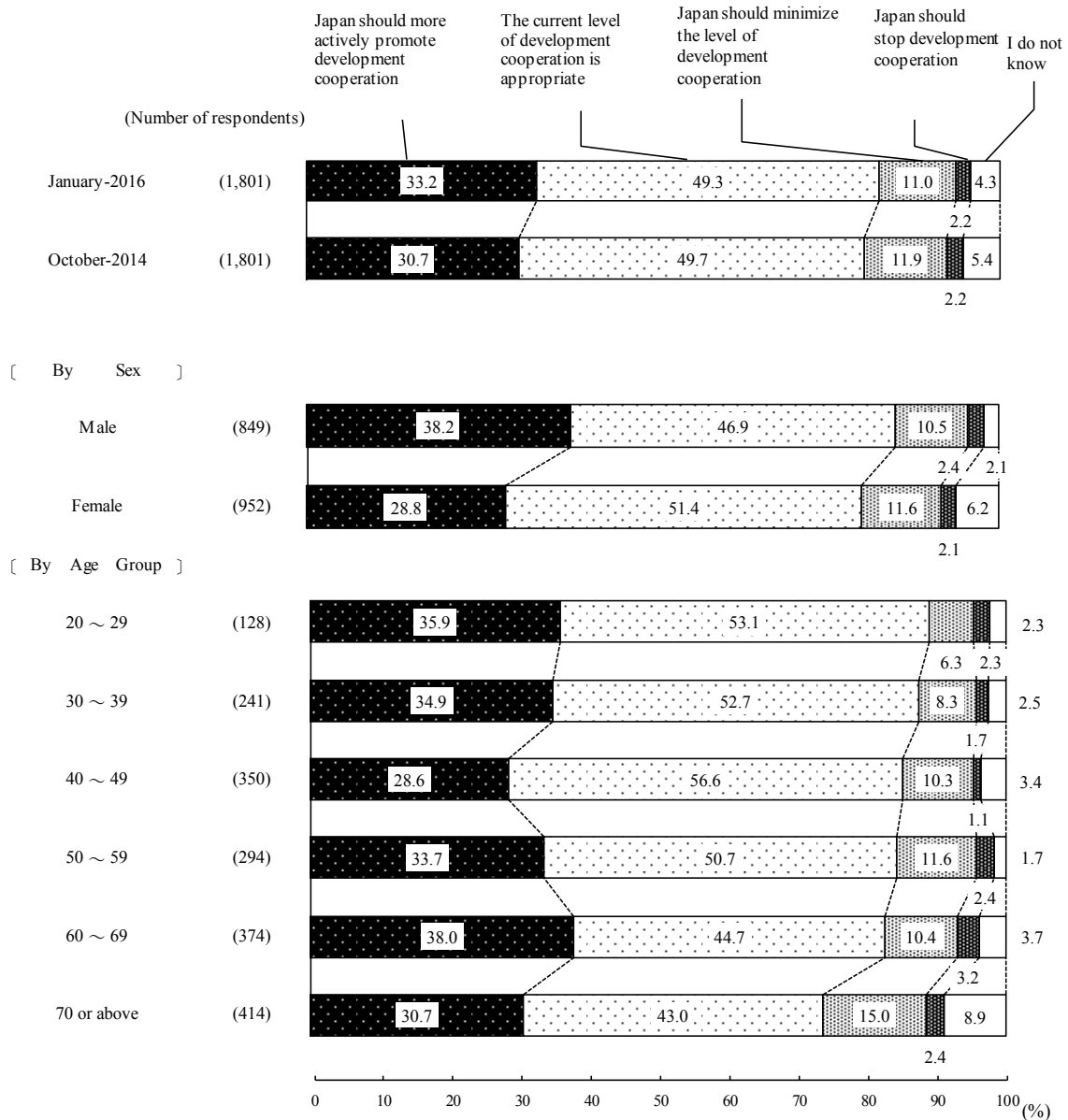


## 2. Development Cooperation

### (1) Future of Japan's Development Cooperation

*Q5 Developed countries extend development cooperation, such as financial and technical cooperation, to developing countries. Taking into consideration the various aspects involved, how do you feel about Japan's development cooperation in the future? Please select one answer from the following.*

	October 2014	→	January 2016
• Japan should more actively promote development cooperation	30.7%	→	33.2%
• The current level of development cooperation is appropriate	49.7%	→	49.3%
• Japan should minimize the level of development cooperation	11.9%	→	11.0%
• Japan should stop development cooperation	2.2%	→	2.2%



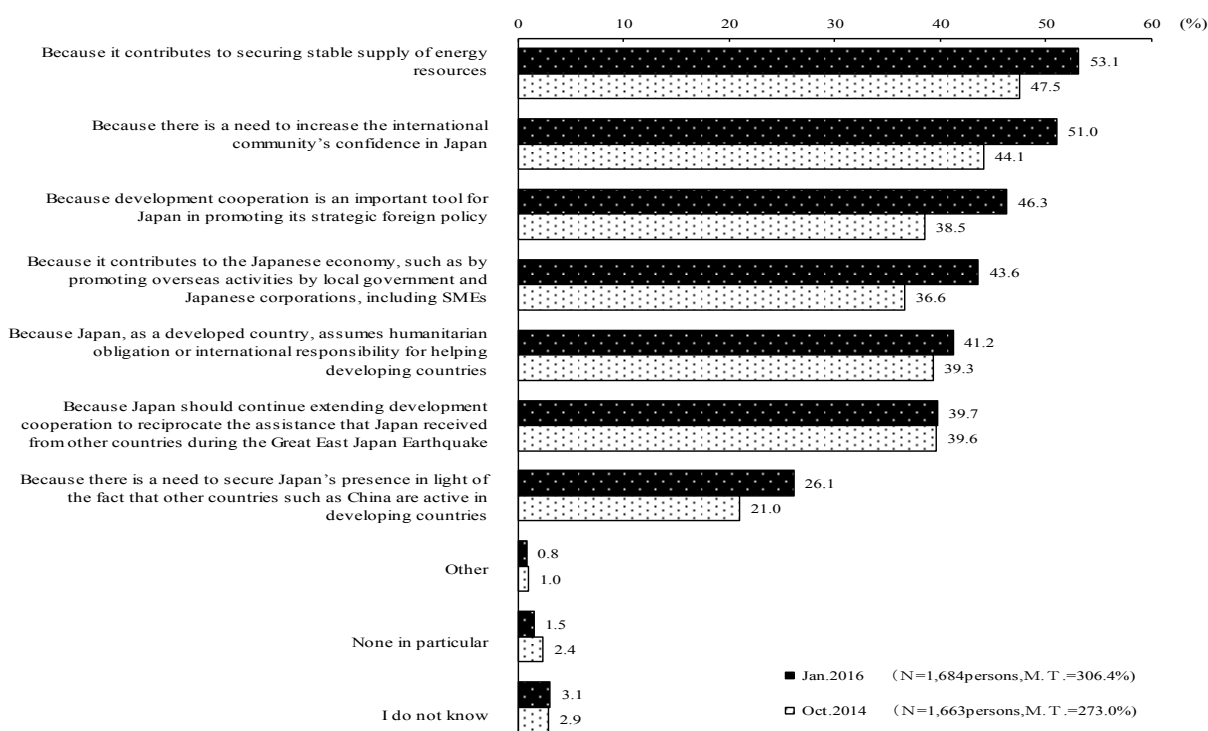
## A. Perspectives on Extending Development Cooperation

*SQ (For 1,648 people who responded “Japan should more actively promote development cooperation”, “The current level of development cooperation is appropriate” or “Japan should minimize the level of development cooperation” to Q5)  
From which perspective do you think development cooperation should be extended to developing countries? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)*

(Top 6 Items)

	October 2014	January 2016
• Because it contributes to securing stable supply of energy resources	47.5%	53.1% (↑)
• Because there is a need to increase the international community’s confidence in Japan	44.1%	51.0% (↑)
• Because development cooperation is an important tool for Japan in promoting its strategic foreign policy	38.5%	46.3% (↑)
• Because it contributes to the Japanese economy, such as by promoting overseas activities by local government and Japanese corporations, including SMEs	36.6%	43.6% (↑)
• Because Japan, as a developed country, assumes humanitarian obligation or international responsibility for helping developing countries	39.3%	41.2%
• Because Japan should continue extending development cooperation to reciprocate the assistance that Japan received from other countries during the Great East Japan Earthquake	39.6%	39.7%

For those who responded “Japan should more actively promote development cooperation”, “The current level of development cooperation is appropriate” or “Japan should minimize the level of development cooperation” to Q5 (M.A.)

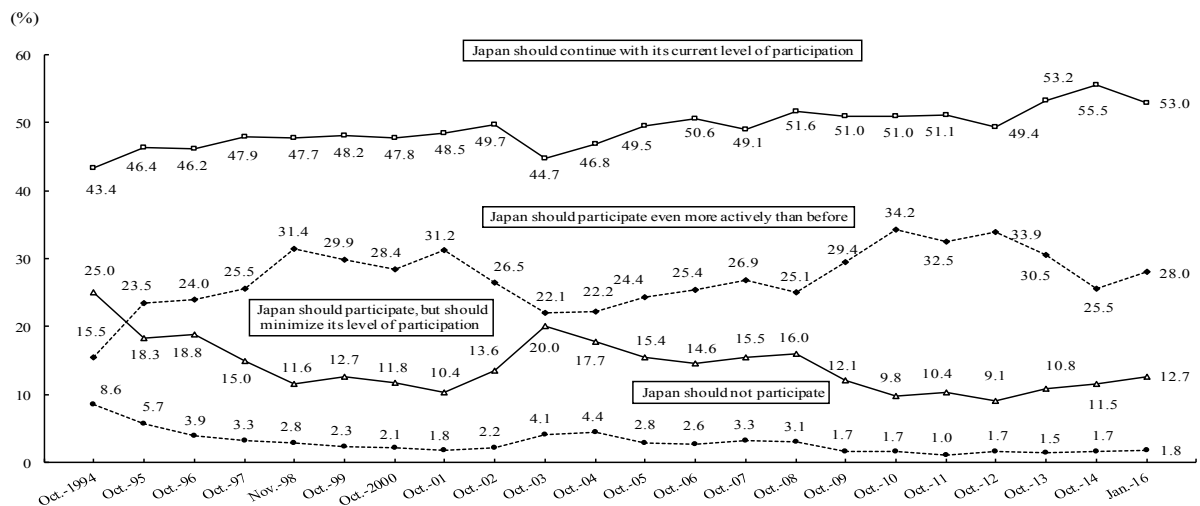
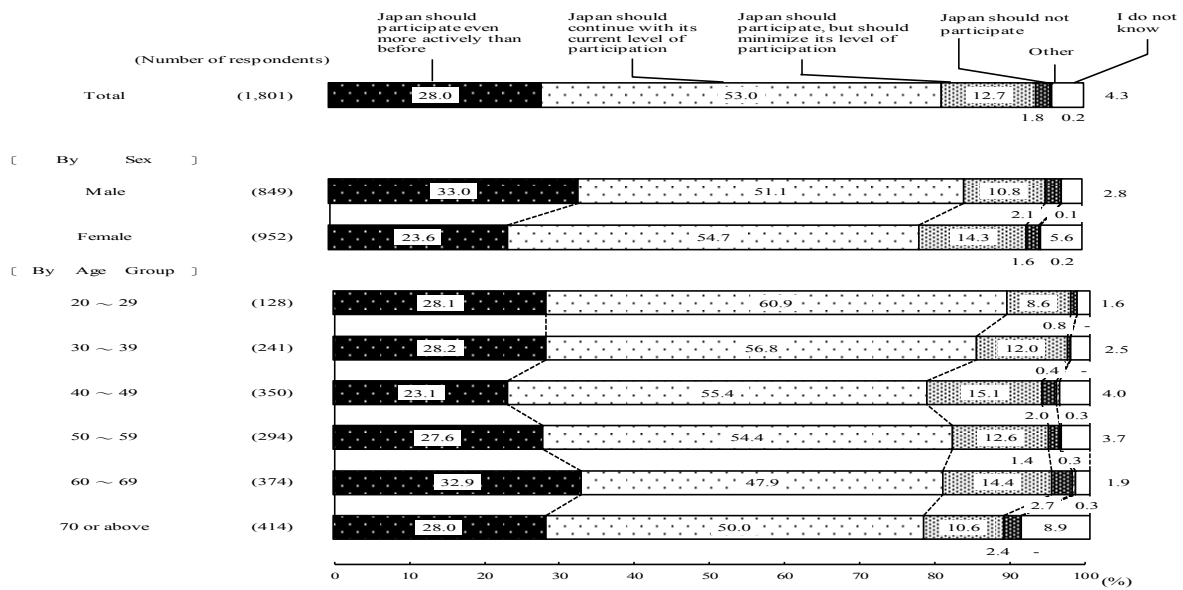


### 3. Japan's Role in the United Nations

#### (1) Attitude towards Japan's Participation in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations

Q6 Currently, more than 100 countries around the world have dispatched personnel to the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UN PKO). In accordance with the International Peace Cooperation Law, Japan has also participated in UN PKO missions in places such as Cambodia, the Golan Heights, East Timor, Haiti, and South Sudan; international humanitarian relief operations such as assistance to Iraqi refugees; and international election monitoring activities such as in East Timor or Nepal. Do you think that Japan should continue such activities as part of its efforts to contribute human resources to the international community? Please select one answer from the following.

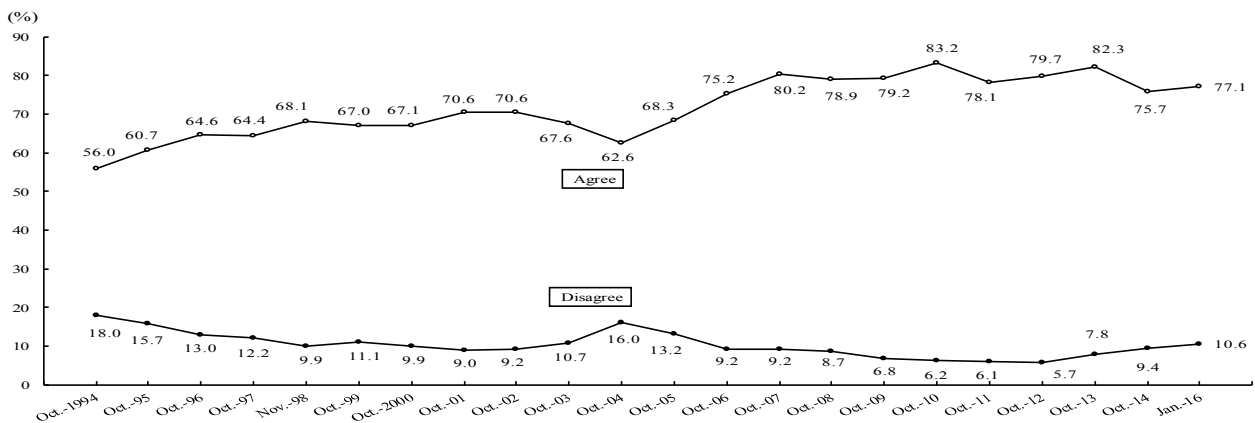
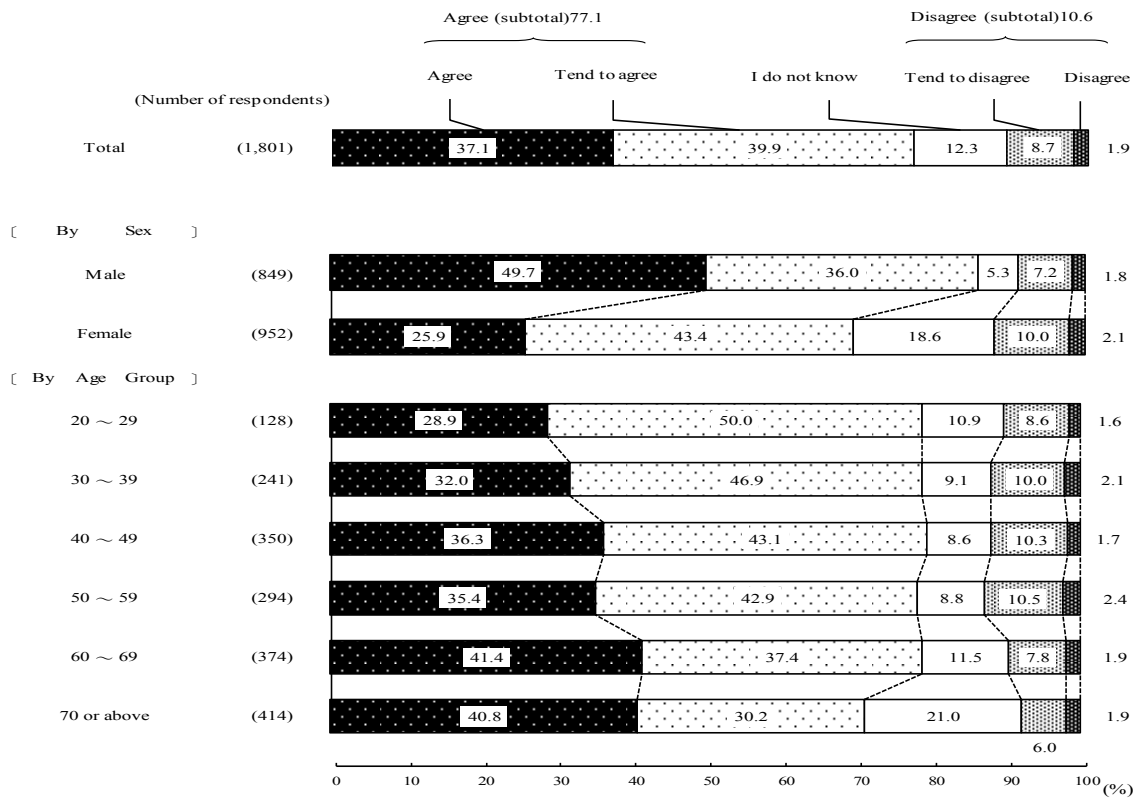
	October 2014	January 2016
• Japan should participate even more actively than before	25.5%	→ 28.0%
• Japan should continue with its current level of participation	55.5%	→ 53.0%
• Japan should participate, but should minimize its level of participation	11.5%	→ 12.7%
• Japan should not participate	1.7%	→ 1.8%



**(2)Japan's Addition as a Permanent Member of the Security Council**

*Q7 The United Nations is engaged in discussions to increase the number of member states of the Security Council with the aims of strengthening its functions as well as enhancing the representation of each region in the Council. Do you think that Japan should be added as a permanent member of the Security Council? Please select one answer from the following.*

	October 2014	→	January 2016
• Agree (subtotal)	75.7%		77.1%
• Agree	35.2%		37.1%
• Tend to agree	40.5%		39.9%
• Disagree (subtotal)	9.4%		10.6%
• Tend to disagree	7.2%		8.7%
• Disagree	2.2%		1.9%
• I do not know	14.9%		12.3% (↓)



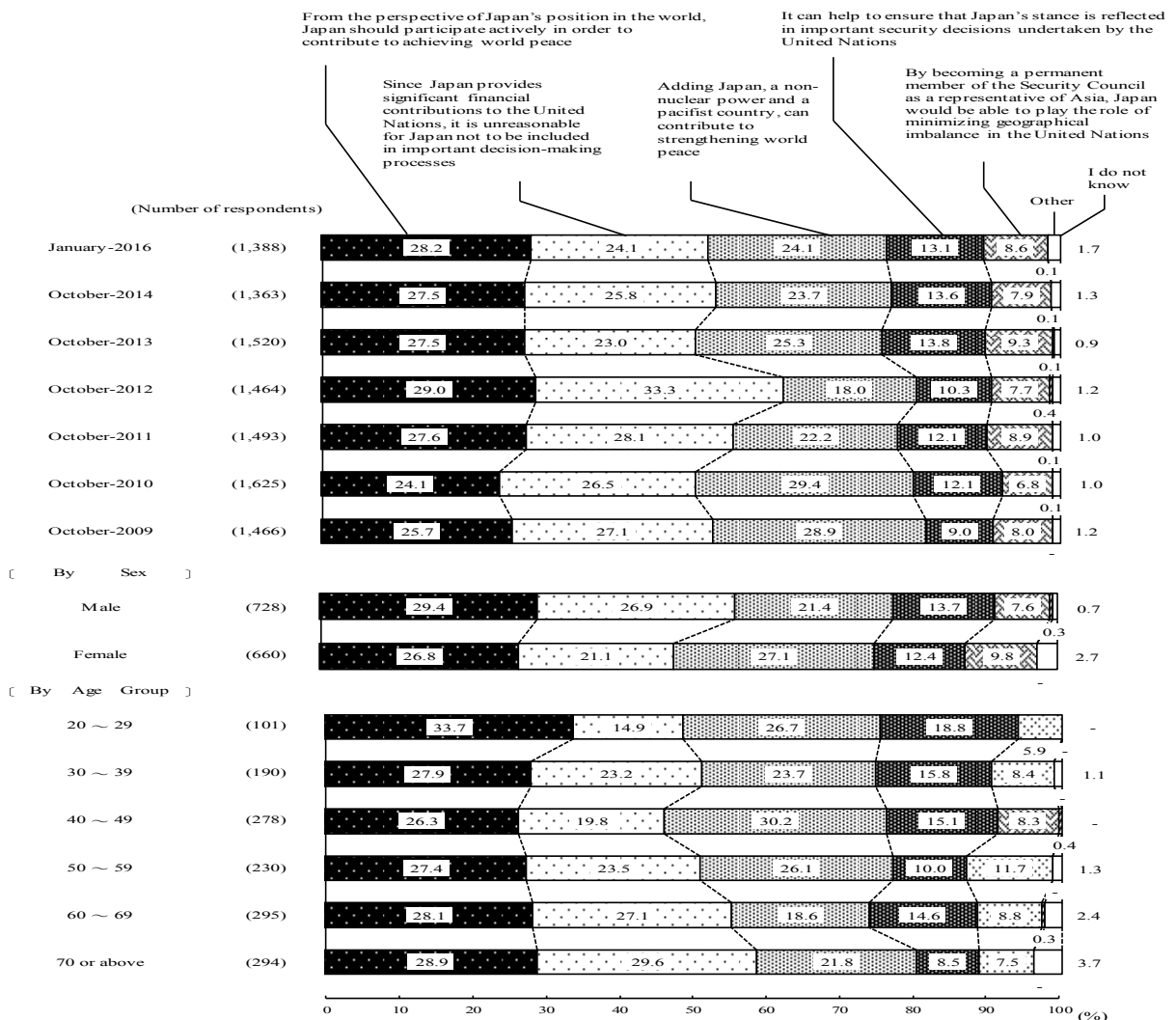


## A. Reasons to Agree to Japan's Addition as a Permanent Member of the Security Council

*SQ (For 1,388 people who responded "Agree" or "Tend to agree" to Q7)  
Why do you think so? Please select one answer from the following.*

	October 2014	→	January 2016
• From the perspective of Japan's position in the world, Japan should participate actively in order to contribute to achieving world peace	27.5%		28.2%
• Since Japan provides significant financial contributions to the United Nations, it is unreasonable for Japan not to be included in important decision-making processes	25.8%		24.1%
• Adding Japan, a non-nuclear power and a pacifist country, can contribute to strengthening world peace	23.7%		24.1%
• It can help to ensure that Japan's stance is reflected in important security decisions undertaken by the United Nations	13.6%		13.1%
• By becoming a permanent member of the Security Council as a representative of Asia, Japan would be able to play the role of minimizing geographical imbalance in the United Nations	7.9%		8.6%

[ For those who responded "Agree" or "Tend to agree" to Q7 ]



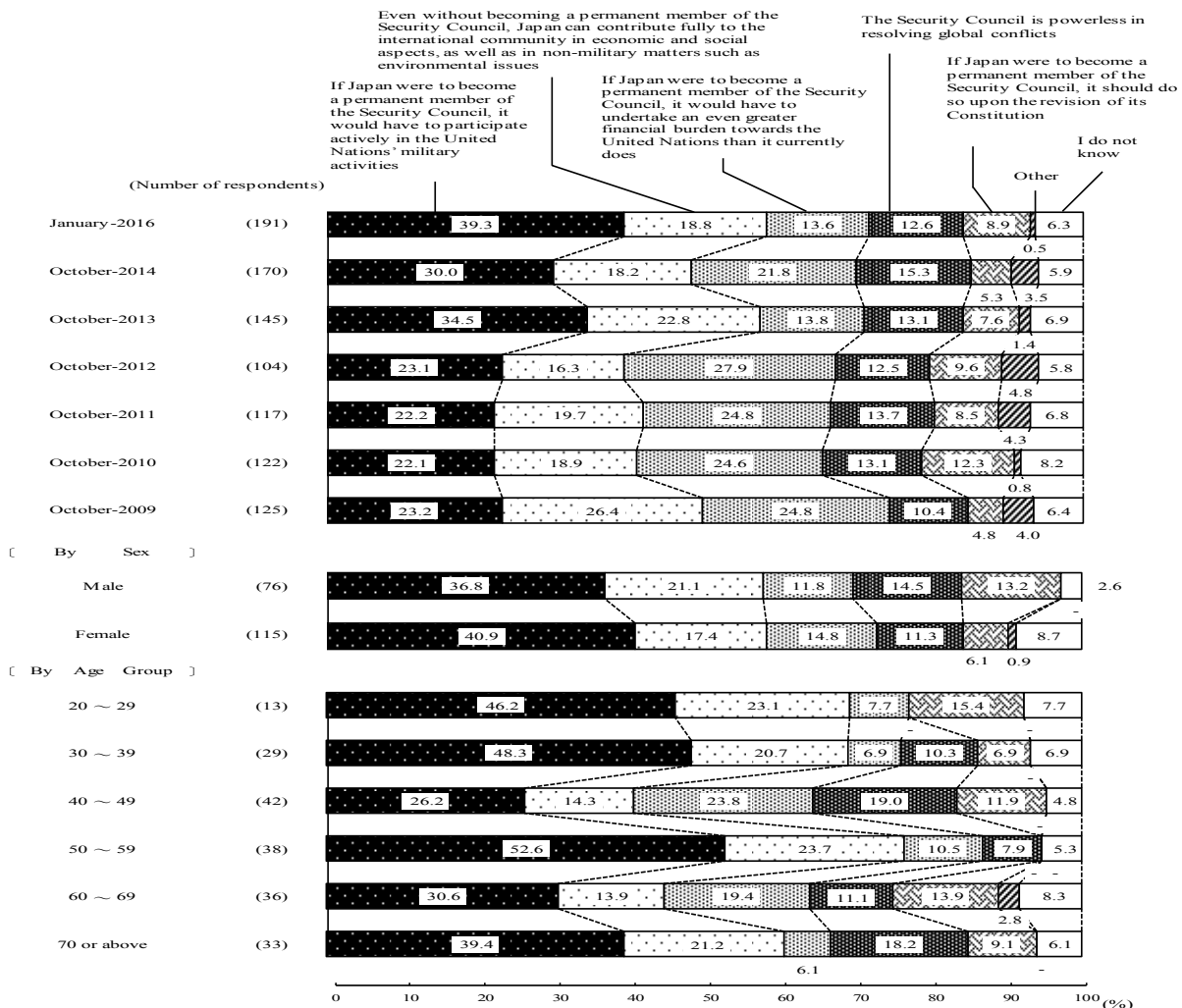
## B. Reasons to Disagree to Japan's Addition as a Permanent Member of the Security Council

*SQ (For 191 people who responded "Disagree" or "Tend to disagree" to Q7)  
Why do you think so? Please select one answer from the following.*

October 2014      January 2016

- If Japan were to become a permanent member of the Security Council, it would have to participate actively in the United Nations' military activities      30.0% → 39.3%
- Even without becoming a permanent member of the Security Council, Japan can contribute fully to the international community in economic and social aspects, as well as in non-military matters such as environmental issues      18.2% → 18.8%
- If Japan were to become a permanent member of the Security Council, it would have to undertake an even greater financial burden toward the United Nations than it currently does      21.8% → 13.6% (↓)
- The Security Council is powerless in resolving global conflicts      15.3% → 12.6%
- If Japan were to become a permanent member of the Security Council, it should do so upon the revision of its Constitution      5.3% → 8.9%

[ For those who responded "Disagree" or "Tend to disagree" to Q7 ]



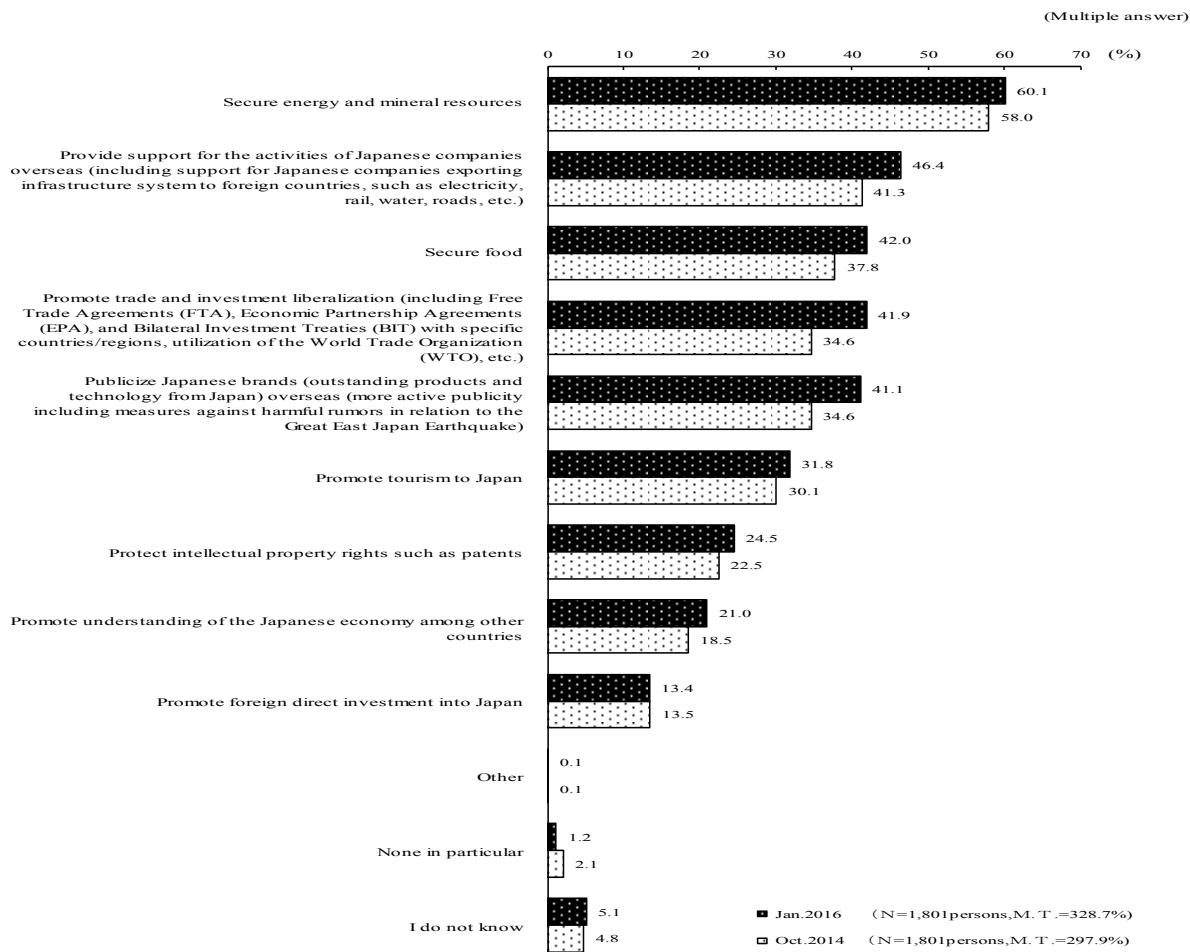
## 4. External Economy

### (1) Japan's Areas of Priority in Developing Foreign Economic Relations

Q8 Which are the areas that you think Japan should place priority on in its efforts to develop economic relations with other countries? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)

(Top 5 Items)

	October 2014	January 2016
• Secure energy and mineral resources	58.0%	60.1%
• Provide support for the activities of Japanese companies overseas (including support for Japanese companies exporting infrastructure system to foreign countries, such as electricity, rail, water, roads, etc.)	41.3%	46.4% (↑)
• Secure food	37.8%	42.0% (↑)
• Promote trade and investment liberalization (including Free Trade Agreements (FTA), Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA), and Bilateral Investment Treaties (BIT) with specific countries/regions, utilization of the World Trade Organization (WTO), etc.)	34.6%	41.9% (↑)
• Publicize Japanese brands (outstanding products and technology from Japan) overseas (more active publicity including measures against harmful rumors in relation to the Great East Japan Earthquake)	34.6%	41.1% (↑)



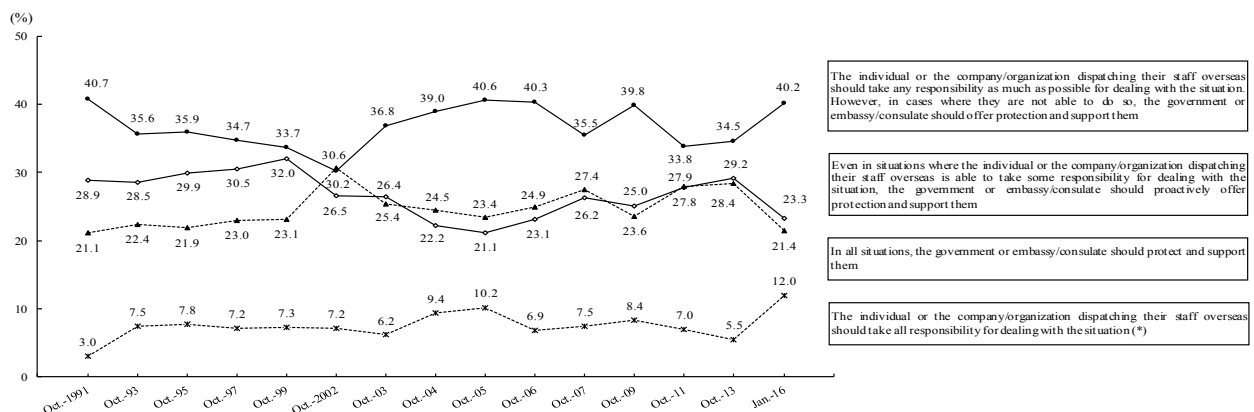
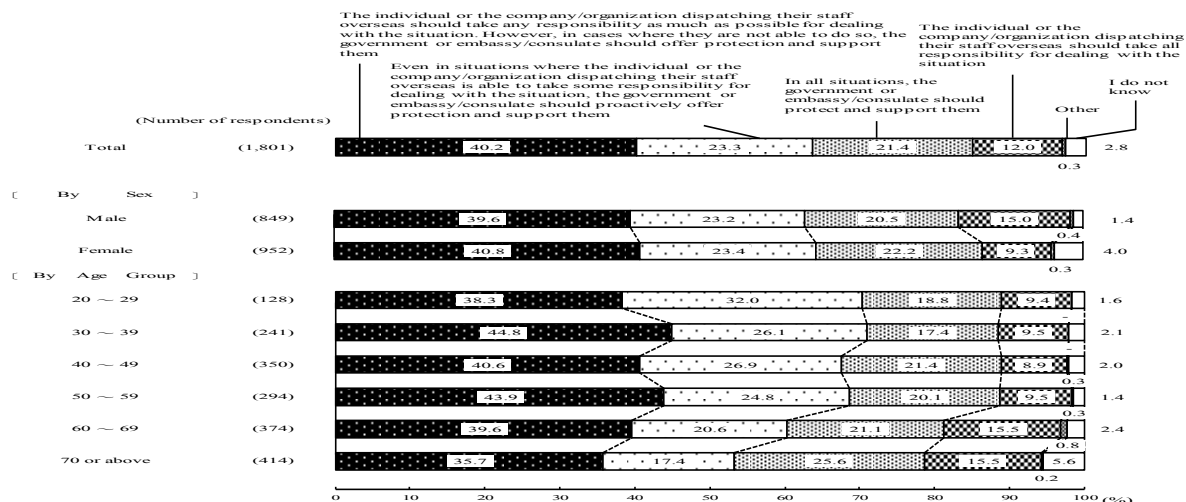
## 5. Protection of Japanese Nationals Overseas

### (1) Views on Protection and Support of Japanese Nationals Overseas

*Q9 What are your views on providing protection and support to Japanese nationals who are involved in incidents or accidents overseas, such as traffic accidents, crimes, illness, or terrorism? Please select one answer from the following.*

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- The individual or the company/organization dispatching their staff overseas should take any responsibility as much as possible for dealing with the situation. However, in cases where they are not able to do so, the government or embassy/consulate should offer protection and support them     34.5%     →     40.2% (↑)
- Even in situations where the individual or the company/organization dispatching their staff overseas is able to take some responsibility for dealing with the situation, the government or embassy/consulate should proactively offer protection and support them     29.2%     →     23.3% (↓)
- In all situations, the government or embassy/consulate should protect and support them     28.4%     →     21.4% (↓)
- The individual or the company/organization dispatching their staff overseas should take all responsibility for dealing with the situation     5.5%     →     12.0% (↑)



(\*) The response option was phrased "The individual of the company/organization dispatching their staff overseas should take all responsibility for dealing with the situation, and the government does not need to act in particular." in the October 1991 survey.

## 6. The Role that Japan Should Fulfill

### (1) The Role that Japan Should Fulfill

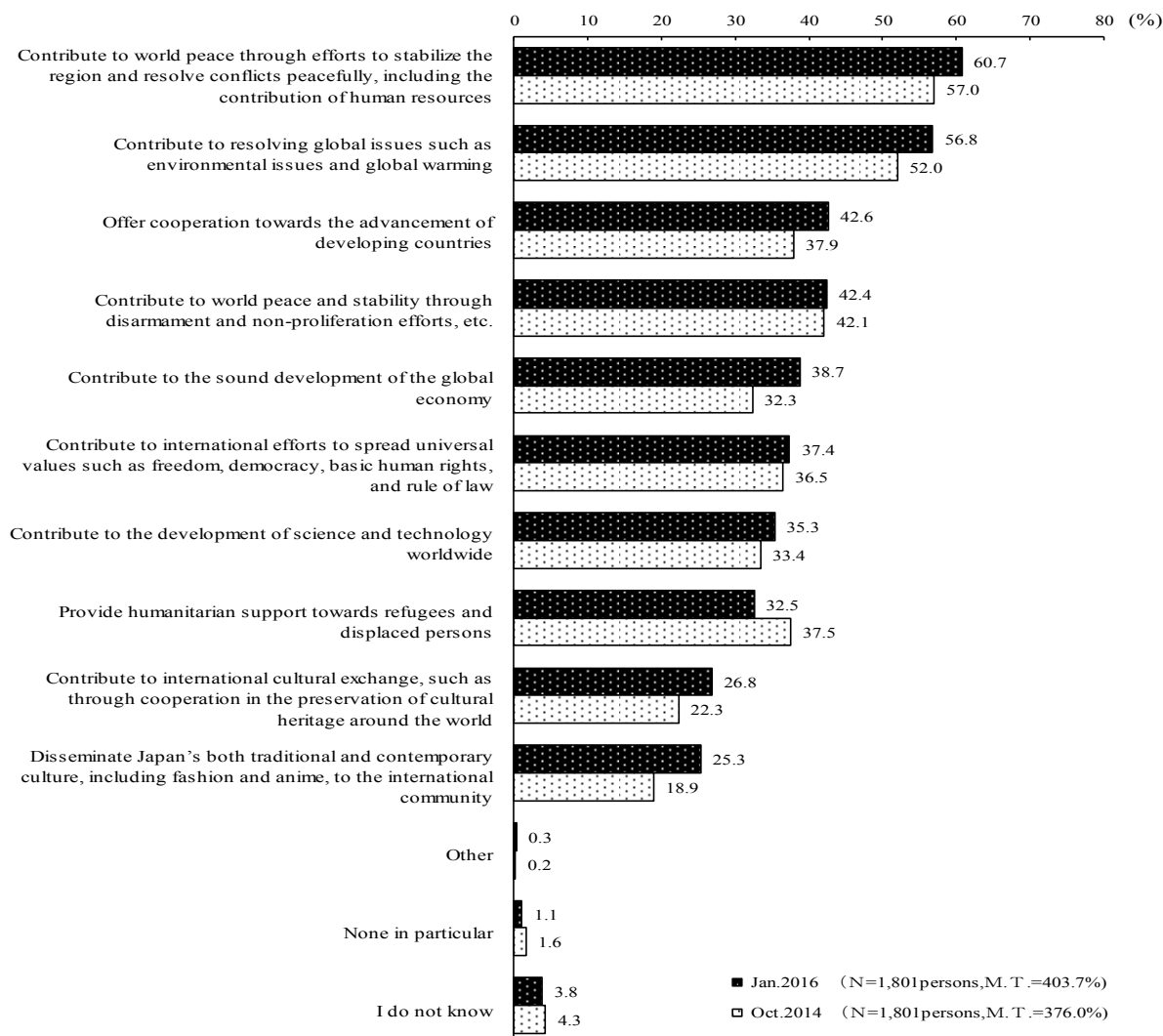
*Q10 What is the main role that you think Japan should fulfill in the international community?  
Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)*

(Top 4 Items)

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• Contribute to world peace through efforts to stabilize the region and resolve conflicts peacefully, including the contribution of human resources	57.0%	→	60.7% (↑)
• Contribute to resolving global issues such as environmental issues and global warming	52.0%	→	56.8% (↑)
• Offer cooperation toward the advancement of developing countries	37.9%	→	42.6% (↑)
• Contribute to world peace and stability through disarmament and non-proliferation efforts, etc.	42.1%	→	42.4%

(Multiple answer)



# Public Opinion Survey on Diplomacy

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(N=1,801)

## 1. Relations between Japan and other countries

Q1. [Response Sheet 1] Do you feel an affinity towards the United States of America?

Please select one answer from the following.

[The same question applies for the following countries, in order: (2) Russia, (3) China, (4) Republic of Korea, (5) India, (6) Countries in Southeast Asia (Thailand, Indonesia, etc.), (7) Countries in Europe (United Kingdom, France, Poland, etc.), and (8) Countries in Central Asia/Caucasus (Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, etc.)]

	(a) Feel strong affinity	(b) Feel some affinity	(c) Do not feel much affinity	(d) Do not feel any affinity	I do not know
(1) United States of America .....	(43.4)	(41.0)	( 7.7)	( 5.9)	( 2.1)
(2) Russia .....	( 1.9)	(15.5)	(45.8)	(33.5)	( 3.3)
(3) China .....	( 2.3)	(12.4)	(33.7)	(49.5)	( 2.1)
(4) Republic of Korea .....	( 6.0)	(27.0)	(31.0)	(33.7)	( 2.3)
(5) India .....	( 8.1)	(37.3)	(28.1)	(18.6)	( 7.9)
(6) Countries in Southeast Asia .....	(14.8)	(44.1)	(20.6)	(14.0)	( 6.4)
(Thailand, Indonesia, etc.)					
(7) Countries in Europe .....	(17.8)	(48.2)	(16.9)	(11.6)	( 5.5)
(United Kingdom, France, Poland, etc.)					
(8) Countries in Central Asia/Caucasus .....	( 2.6)	(16.1)	(35.3)	(32.1)	(13.9)
(Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, etc.)					

Q2. [Response Sheet 2] Do you think that the current relations between Japan and the United States of America are, on the whole, good? Please select one answer from the following.

[The same question applies for the following countries, in order: (2) Russia, (3) China, (4) Republic of Korea, and (5) India.]

	(a) Good	(b) Quite good	(c) Not really good	(d) Not good	I cannot make a distinction	I do not know
(1) United States of America .....	(37.1).....	(50.8).....	( 7.9) .....	( 1.3) .....	( 1.3).....	( 1.6)
(2) Russia .....	( 1.3).....	(20.5).....	(52.5).....	(18.5).....	( 2.9).....	( 4.2)
(3) China .....	( 0.9).....	( 8.6).....	(41.3).....	(44.4).....	( 1.9).....	( 2.9)
(4) Republic of Korea.....	( 1.9).....	(20.7).....	(40.4).....	(32.7).....	( 1.7).....	( 2.6)
(5) India .....	( 9.6).....	(51.9).....	(19.7).....	( 5.8) .....	( 3.1).....	( 9.9)

Q3. [Response Sheet 3] Do you think that the future development of the relations between Japan and the United States of America is important for the two countries, and for Asia and the Pacific region? Please select one answer from the following.

[The same question applies for the following countries, in order: (2) Russia, (3) China, (4) Republic of Korea, and (5) India.]

	(a) Important	(b) Quite important	(c) Not really important	(d) Not important	I cannot make a distinction	I do not know
(1) United States of America .....	(79.1).....	(16.8).....	( 1.6) .....	( 0.5) .....	( 0.4).....	( 1.7)
(2) Russia .....	(28.7).....	(47.3).....	(14.7).....	( 4.2) .....	( 1.0).....	( 4.1)
(3) China .....	(33.5).....	(39.9).....	(14.5).....	( 8.0) .....	( 1.0).....	( 3.1)
(4) Republic of Korea.....	(28.3).....	(41.5).....	(16.0).....	(10.0).....	( 1.2).....	( 3.1)
(5) India .....	(27.3).....	(45.1).....	(15.5).....	( 4.3) .....	( 1.2).....	( 6.6)

Q4. [Response Sheet 4] Are you interested in any issues related to North Korea? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)

- (44.6) (a) Political system
- (24.9) (b) North-South issues
- (24.2) (c) Negotiations to normalize Japan-North Korea diplomatic relations
- (83.5) (d) Issue of the abduction of Japanese citizens
- (76.1) (e) Nuclear issues
- (60.5) (f) Missile issues
- (34.9) (g) Issue of North Korean defectors
- (12.8) (h) Economic exchanges such as trade/Cultural and sports exchanges
- (0.3) Other ( )
- (3.0) None in particular
- (0.9) I do not know

(M.T.=365.7)

## 2. Development cooperation

Q5. [Response Sheet 5] Developed countries extend development cooperation, such as financial and technical cooperation, to developing countries. Taking into consideration the various aspects involved, how do you feel about Japan's development cooperation in the future? Please select one answer from the following.

- (33.2) (a) Japan should more actively promote development cooperation
  - (49.3) (b) The current level of development cooperation is appropriate
  - (11.0) (c) Japan should minimize the level of development cooperation
  - (2.2) (d) Japan should stop development cooperation
  - (4.3) I do not know
- (To Q6.)

(For those who responded “(a) Japan should more actively promote development cooperation”, “(b) The current level of development cooperation is appropriate”, or “(c) Japan should minimize the level of development cooperation” in Q5)

SQ. [Response Sheet 6] From which perspective do you think development cooperation should be extended to developing countries? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)

(N=1,684)

- (46.3) (a) Because development cooperation is an important tool for Japan in promoting its strategic foreign policy
- (26.1) (b) Because there is a need to secure Japan's presence in light of the fact that other countries such as China are active in developing countries
- (43.6) (c) Because it contributes to the Japanese economy, such as by promoting overseas activities by local government and Japanese corporations, including SMEs
- (53.1) (d) Because it contributes to securing stable supply of energy resources
- (39.7) (e) Because Japan should continue extending development cooperation to reciprocate the assistance that Japan received from other countries during the Great East Japan Earthquake
- (51.0) (f) Because there is a need to increase the international community's confidence in Japan
- (41.2) (g) Because Japan, as a developed country, assumes humanitarian obligation or international responsibility for helping developing countries
- (0.8) Other ( )
- (1.5) None in particular
- (3.1) I do not know

(M.T.=306.4)



(For all respondents)

**3. Japan's role in the United Nations**

Q6. [Response Sheet 7] Currently, more than 100 countries around the world have dispatched personnel to the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UN PKO). In accordance with the International Peace Cooperation Law, Japan has also participated in UN PKO missions in places such as Cambodia, the Golan Heights, East Timor, Haiti, and South Sudan; international humanitarian relief operations such as assistance to Iraqi refugees; and international election monitoring activities such as in East Timor or Nepal. Do you think that Japan should continue such activities as part of its efforts to contribute human resources to the international community? Please select one answer from the following.

- (28.0) (a) Japan should participate even more actively than before
- (53.0) (b) Japan should continue with its current level of participation
- (12.7) (c) Japan should participate, but should minimize its level of participation
- ( 1.8) (d) Japan should not participate
- ( 0.2) Other ( )
- ( 4.3) I do not know.

Q7. [Response Sheet 8] The United Nations is engaged in discussions to increase the number of member states of the Security Council with the aims of strengthening its functions as well as enhancing the representation of each region in the Council. Do you think that Japan should be added as a permanent member of the Security Council? Please select one answer from the following.

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|--------|---------------|------------------|----------|---------------|
| (37.1) | (39.9)        | ( 8.7)           | ( 1.9)   | (12.3)        |
| (a)    | (b)           | (c)              | (d)      |               |
| Agree  | Tend to agree | Tend to disagree | Disagree | I do not know |
- ↓
↓
→ To Q8.

(For those who responded “(a) Agree” or “(b) Tend to agree” in Q7)

SQ a. [Response Sheet 9] Why do you think so?

Please select one answer from the following.

(N=1,388)

- (28.2) (a) From the perspective of Japan's position in the world, Japan should participate actively in order to contribute to achieving world peace
- (24.1) (b) Since Japan provides significant financial contributions to the United Nations, it is unreasonable for Japan not to be included in important decision-making processes
- (24.1) (c) Adding Japan, a non-nuclear power and a pacifist country, can contribute to strengthening world peace
- (13.1) (d) It can help to ensure that Japan's stance is reflected in important security decisions undertaken by the United Nations
- ( 8.6) (e) By becoming a permanent member of the Security Council as a representative of Asia, Japan would be able to play the role of minimizing geographical imbalance in the United Nations
- ( 0.1) Other ( )
- ( 1.7) I do not know

(For those who responded “(c) Tend to disagree” or “(d) Disagree” in Q7)

SQ b. [Response Sheet 10] Why do you think so?

Please select one answer from the following.

(N=191)

- (13.6) (a) If Japan were to become a permanent member of the Security Council, it would have to undertake an even greater financial burden towards the United Nations than it currently does
- (39.3) (b) If Japan were to become a permanent member of the Security Council, it would have to participate actively in the United Nations' military activities
- (18.8) (c) Even without becoming a permanent member of the Security Council, Japan can contribute fully to the international community in economic and social aspects, as well as in non-military matters such as environmental issues
- ( 8.9) (d) If Japan were to become a permanent member of the Security Council, it should do so upon the revision of its Constitution
- (12.6) (e) The Security Council is powerless in resolving global conflicts
- ( 0.5) Other ( )
- ( 6.3) I do not know

(For all respondents)

#### **4. External economy**

Q8. [Response Sheet 11] Which are the areas that you think Japan should place priority on in its efforts to develop economic relations with other countries? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)

- (41.9) (a) Promote trade and investment liberalization (including Free Trade Agreements (FTA), Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA), and Bilateral Investment Treaties (BIT) with specific countries/regions, utilization of the World Trade Organization (WTO), etc.)
- (60.1) (b) Secure energy and mineral resources
- (42.0) (c) Secure food
- (13.4) (d) Promote foreign direct investment into Japan
- (46.4) (e) Provide support for the activities of Japanese companies overseas (including support for Japanese companies exporting infrastructure system to foreign countries, such as electricity, rail, water, roads, etc.)
- (24.5) (f) Protect intellectual property rights such as patents
- (31.8) (g) Promote tourism to Japan
- (21.0) (h) Promote understanding of the Japanese economy among other countries
- (41.1) (i) Publicize Japanese brands (outstanding products and technology from Japan) overseas (more active publicity including measures against harmful rumors in relation to the Great East Japan Earthquake)
- ( 0.1) Other ( )
- ( 1.2) None in particular
- ( 5.1) I do not know (M.T.=328.7)

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#### **5. Protection of Japanese nationals overseas**

Q9. [Response Sheet 12] What are your views on providing protection and support to Japanese nationals who are involved in incidents or accidents overseas, such as traffic accidents, crimes, illness, or terrorism? Please select one answer from the following.

- (12.0) (a) The individual or the company/organization dispatching their staff overseas should take all responsibility for dealing with the situation
- (40.2) (b) The individual or the company/organization dispatching their staff overseas should take any responsibility as much as possible for dealing with the situation. However, in cases where they are not able to do so, the government or embassy/consulate should offer protection and support them
- (23.3) (c) Even in situations where the individual or the company/organization dispatching their staff overseas is able to take some responsibility for dealing with the situation, the government or embassy/consulate should proactively offer protection and support them
- (21.4) (d) In all situations, the government or embassy/consulate should protect and support them
- ( 0.3) Other ( )
- ( 2.8) I do not know

**6. The role that Japan should fulfill**

Q10. [Response Sheet 13] What is the main role that you think Japan should fulfill in the international community? Please select all applicable answers. (M.A.)

- (60.7) (a) Contribute to world peace through efforts to stabilize the region and resolve conflicts peacefully, including the contribution of human resources
- (42.4) (b) Contribute to world peace and stability through disarmament and non-proliferation efforts, etc.
- (37.4) (c) Contribute to international efforts to spread universal values such as freedom, democracy, basic human rights, and rule of law
- (32.5) (d) Provide humanitarian support towards refugees and displaced persons
- (38.7) (e) Contribute to the sound development of the global economy
- (42.6) (f) Offer cooperation towards the advancement of developing countries
- (56.8) (g) Contribute to resolving global issues such as environmental issues and global warming
- (26.8) (h) Contribute to international cultural exchange, such as through cooperation in the preservation of cultural heritage around the world
- (35.3) (i) Contribute to the development of science and technology worldwide
- (25.3) (j) Disseminate Japan's both traditional and contemporary culture, including fashion and anime, to the international community
- ( 0.3) Other ( )
- ( 1.1) None in particular
- ( 3.8) I do not know

(M.T.=403.7)

<<Respondent's Profile>>

Finally, please provide us with the following information about yourself, in order to facilitate the statistical analysis of your responses.

F1 [Sex]

(47.1) Male

(52.9) Female

F2 [Age] How old are you?

(2.9) 20 - 24 years old

(8.3) 45 - 49 years old

(8.4) 70 - 74 years old

(4.2) 25 - 29 years old

(8.4) 50 - 54 years old

(7.7) 75 - 79 years old

(6.4) 30 - 34 years old

(7.9) 55 - 59 years old

(6.9) 80 years old or above

(6.9) 35 - 39 years old

(8.9) 60 - 64 years old

(11.2) 40 - 44 years old

(11.8) 65 - 69 years old

F3 [Response Sheet 14] [Employment status] Which of the following applies to your employment status?

(48.5) (a) Employed (including executive officer)

(7.8) (b) Self-employed (including home-based work)

(2.6) (c) Family worker

(41.2) (d) Unemployed (including homemaker, student)

(For those who responded "(a) Employed (including executive officer)", "(b) Self-employed (including home-based work)" or "(c) Family worker" in F3)

SQ-a [Occupation] What is your occupation?

(Write down specific details, and circle the applicable job category below.)

(N=1,059)

[ ]

(6.5) Administrative or Managerial Worker

(15.2) Professional or Technical Worker

(22.4) Clerical Worker

(28.2) Sales, Service, or Security Worker

(4.0) Agriculture, Forestry, or Fishery Worker

(23.7) Production, Transportation, Construction or Related Worker

(For those who responded "(d) Unemployed (including homemaker, student)" in F3)

SQ-b [Homemaker, other unemployed]

Are you a homemaker?

(N=742)

(54.9) Housewife

(3.4) Househusband

(41.8) Other