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ABSTRACT

This study aims to explain how the strategic role of the United States through its alliance with Japan in maintaining the stability of the East Asia Region. The method used is qualitative research. For the purposes of this study the author uses Constructivism Theory and the concept of Alliance, related to how Japan increases its alliance with the US in dealing with China in East Asia because of the values that influence it. The changing economic and political constellation of the world entering the 21st century, where the East Asia Region has grown into a new world mandala, has prompted the importance of a study of economic and political dynamics in the East Asia Region. The rise of China as a new world power after the Cold War has been treated with great caution by both Japan and the US. On the one hand, the rise of China as a very potential economic opportunity, but on the other hand China is also considered a threat that can interfere with the interests of the US and Japan. The existence of Japan is the key to the interests of the United States, it is proven that Japan is still a reliable ally of the United States, even though Japan itself has historically had a fairly complicated position with surrounding countries such as China, South Korea and North Korea. Japan and the United States continue to renew the Alliance which has become the cornerstone of peace and security in the Asian region. There is a commitment to universal values and general principles, including freedom, democracy, human rights, the rule of law, international law, multilateralism, and a free and fair economic order. The strategic alliance of Japan and the United States is intended as an effort to advance a common vision of realizing a secure and free Region based on their commitment to universal values and common principles, and the promotion of inclusive economic prosperity.

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