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ABSTRACT

This undergraduate thesis tried to discuss about the territorial dispute over Dokdo. Dokdo is a group of tiny islands in the East Sea / Sea of Japan disputed by Japan and South Korea. At this time, Dokdo is under the administration of South Korea. However, Japan still insists on claiming Dokdo as its territory.

In the end of this research, there are at least three reasons why Japan still insists on claiming Dokdo. The first reason is the economic value of Dokdo. Dokdo has at least two high economic value natural resources, which are gas hydrate and fishing ground. The second reason is that Japan wants to keep its sovereignty over Dokdo since Dokdo is under the administration of South Korea now. The final reason is the military-strategic value of Dokdo.

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