

China's Image in Korea in the 1890s?1900s, Focusing on Daily Newspapers

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Abstrak

This article focuses on the Korean views of China in 1896&ndash1910, when Korea was no longer dependent on the crisis-ridden Qing dynasty and was struggling with the same modernization tasks as China. Although Korean views of China in that period were alike in that they were underpinned by the modernist paradigm, they differed in accordance with the political and intellectual standpoints of different observers. All the differences notwithstanding, most newspapers in Korea in the late 1900s carried the news on the Chinese revolutionary activities, so that the name of Sun Yat-sen was well known in Korea even before the Xinhai Revolution of 1911&ndash12. This preexisting knowledge of the Chinese revolutionary movement laid the foundation for the future participation of a number of the Korean nationalist emigres in the Xinhai Revolution. It was also a harbinger of the close cooperation between Korea&rsquos emigres and the Guomindang (Chinese Nationalist Party) in the late 1920s&ndash30s