Subject of the thesis: Modern Russian-Japanese relations.

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Relevance of the research issue. At the beginning of the XXI century a greater role in the political process of the planet begins to play the Asia-Pacific Region (APR), which is characterized by a considerable intensification of integration processes. The hallmark here is significant difference in the level of development of the region and the extent of their participation in political and economic life. Russian Federation should be intensified eastward foreign policy for the active and full participation of the country in the construction of such a regional system of political relations in the Asia-Pacific region, in which it was given to place the most appropriate political, economic and intellectual potential, military, political and foreign economic opportunities and needs Japan is the most developed country in the region. All this makes the study of acute demand content and direction of the regional political process as well as the peculiarities of its development. Under current conditions in the region open up new prospects for the development of cooperation between Russia and Japan.

Subject of research is content of cooperation between Russia and Japan in the structure of regional political process in the APR.

The purpose of this work is to analyze the interaction between Russia and Japan, revealing the relation of their national interests in the region, as well as in the study of the specificity of the regional system of political processes APR.

Realization of this goal involves the formulation and solution of the following tasks:
- To consider the main approaches to the study of regional political processes, as well as the specifics of the integration processes in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Identify the importance and role of national interests in regional political processes;
- An analysis of the Russian-Japanese cooperation in the economic field;
- Explore the geopolitical dynamics of political processes in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as the degree of participation of Russia and Japan.

Scientific novelty of the study is defined as follows:
- The specificity of economic interests and justify their fundamental role in the integration processes in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Carried out an analysis of the current stage of development of Russian-Japanese economic relations and identifies areas of mutually beneficial partnerships;
- Investigated the role of Russia and Japan in the regional political process and their participation in the construction of a new security system in the Asia-Pacific region in the XXI century.

The structure reflects the logic of the research and is subject to the decision of tasks. The work consists of an introduction, two chapters, each of which includes three paragraphs, conclusion, bibliography of literature containing 63 names. Total amount of work is 68 pages of typescript.

Summary. Study has several important findings related to the state of Russian-Japanese relations. The purpose of the study was achieved in the process of phased implementation of the tasks. In modern conditions, when the international community is in the process of active formation of new forms of intergovernmental cooperation, the Russian Federation and Japan must work even more closely, while strengthening their partnership at the global and regional levels will contribute to the development of relations between them. Despite these positive changes, remains unresolved one very important question. It is the absence of a peace treaty between the two countries for the problems of ownership of four islands located north of the Japanese island of Hokkaido, Iturup, Kunashir, Shikotan and Habomai. Both states have
very divergent views on this issue, as well as disagreement about what is regarded as belonging to the island of the Kuril chain.

Also required by enhancing cooperation in various spheres bring Russian ☐ ☐ Japanese relations to a level that would correspond to their potentialities that would be of strategic importance for the situation in the Asia Pacific region ☐ ☐ and the world at large.