

**FROM THE FOLK MATERIALS ABOUT THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND KOREA  
(Through the work "Forgotten Japanese People"  
by Miyamoto Tsuneichi)**

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The paper contributes further a document involved in the relationship between Japan and Korea in folk works. The author mentions to a way to do research and approach the problem in general, especially the students belonging to Korean studies and Japanese studies in particular when they study their majors in Faculty of Oriental studies.

Forgotten Japanese People is a masterpiece by Miyamoto Tsuneichi, an understanding researcher in the field of folklore in Japan's contemporary time. Through this work, the readers can draw some knowledge of the reality in Japan during this period. The relationship between Japan and Korea can find the trace through the stories by the village elders: the old men Kajita Tomogoro in "*Story by Kajita Tomogoro*" and Matsuda Itaro in "*Folk Teacher*". Those stories as well as their general spirit not only mention to personal fates but also the context of historical society. The relationship between Japan and Korea through the stories was described vividly in detail.

An event can be approached in many ways, doing research on culture can be carried out through many sources of materials belonging many different fields. To the students in Oriental Studies, in the process of learning their majors, they should pay attention to collecting, exploiting the reality from textbooks, cultural and literary works, ... In addition to the concrete figures, they can have got the living documents from many angles to make their study more interesting and deeper in meanings.