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Notes

¹Bilateral trade has increased dramatically, with the total value rising from US\$1 billion in 1972 to US\$211 billion in 2006. In addition, both private and public investments and capital flows have boomed. Aside from its investment in Hong Kong, the cumulative total of Japanese investments in South Korea has exceeded US\$100 billion as of 2004. Until fiscal 2003, Japan was South Korea's largest trade partner. Technical cooperation has also increased, with Japan providing more than 100,000 man-years of cooperation since 1978. Japan's official development assistance (ODA) to South Korea has increased from 1.5 billion yen in 1978 to 1.5 billion yen in 2003, respectively.

²For the territorial dispute between Japan and South Korea, see Min Gyo Koo (2005: 196–239).

³Barham (2005: 196–239). Trade liberalization has been a major factor in the growth of South Korea's economy. $(S_{ij} - S_{ij}^0)/GDP_i =$

⁴For more on the territorial dispute, see Min Gyo Koo (2005: 196–239).

⁵Interview with Min Gyo Koo, 10 June 2006, in Tokyo in



⁶Japanese ownership claims over the island group are multilayered. Privately held Kuba-jima Island and the Islands of Uotsuri, Kita-kojima, and Minami-kojima have allegedly been rented out to the Japanese government since 1972 and 2002, respectively, while Taisho-jima Island has always been owned by the Japanese government. For more details, see Urano (2005: 206–7). I would like to thank one of the anonymous reviewers for bringing this book to my attention.

⁷These Chinese protests were inflamed by the Japanese government's authorization of history textbooks in early April that have reinforced Japan's territorial claim to the islands as well as glossing over its wartime atrocities. The Japanese campaign for a permanent UN Security Council seat was also a target of Chinese public anger.

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