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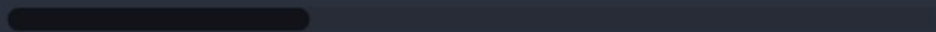
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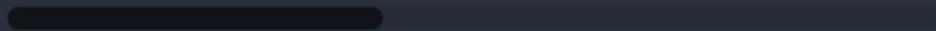
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Abstract

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This thesis analyses the function of Japan's assistance to Kenya as a national interest tool in line with its own national interests. The study looks at the motives behind Japan's foreign aid policies, looks at the goals and techniques used, and assesses the implications for both countries, including strengthening economic ties, obtaining availability of natural resources, developing political alliances, and dealing with global issues. It focuses on the context of Japan-Kenya bilateral relations. This research employs a qualitative method and combines document analysis, journal reading, and government publication analysis. It draws on theoretical frameworks from international relations and development studies. The paper investigates historical and contemporary influences on Japan's aid practices, emphasizing the importance of regional economic, political, and security concerns in Africa. This thesis also explores how Japan has maintained its presence in development cooperation with Kenya through the utilization of foreign aid as a strategic tool aligned with its national interest. The findings of this research shed light on the various strategies and processes Japan uses to maintain its involvement in Kenya's development assistance. The study also looks into how the structure of power and influence in the Kenya-Japan relationship have influenced Japan's sustained involvement in Kenya's development cooperation. It looks at how diplomatic interactions, policy agreement, and shared interests shape the two countries' relationship and support Japan's aid initiatives. The study also identifies the crucial elements that have allowed Japan to continue participating in development cooperation in Kenya. It underlines the value of a sustained commitment, flexible aid plans, and gains for both countries.

Keywords: Japan, Kenya, foreign aid, national interest, bilateral relations, development cooperation, economic ties, political alliances, regional dynamics, diplomatic engagement

Abstrak

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Tesis ini menganalisis fungsi bantuan Jepang kepada Kenya sebagai alat kepentingan nasional sesuai dengan kepentingan nasionalnya sendiri. Studi tersebut melihat motif di balik kebijakan bantuan luar negeri Jepang, melihat tujuan dan teknik yang digunakan, serta menilai implikasinya bagi kedua negara, termasuk memperkuat ikatan ekonomi, memperoleh ketersediaan sumber daya alam, mengembangkan aliansi politik, dan menangani isu-isu global. Ini berfokus pada konteks hubungan bilateral Jepang-Kenya. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif dan menggabungkan analisis dokumen, pembacaan jurnal, dan analisis publikasi pemerintah. Ini mengacu pada kerangka teoritis dari hubungan internasional dan studi pembangunan. Makalah ini menyelidiki pengaruh historis dan kontemporer pada praktik bantuan Jepang, menekankan pentingnya masalah ekonomi, politik, dan keamanan regional di Afrika. Tesis ini juga mengeksplorasi bagaimana Jepang mempertahankan kehadirannya dalam kerjasama pembangunan dengan Kenya melalui pemanfaatan bantuan luar negeri sebagai alat strategis yang selaras dengan kepentingan nasionalnya. Temuan penelitian ini menyoroti berbagai strategi dan proses yang digunakan Jepang untuk mempertahankan keterlibatannya dalam bantuan pembangunan Kenya. Studi ini juga melihat bagaimana struktur kekuasaan dan pengaruh dalam hubungan Kenya-Jepang mempengaruhi keterlibatan berkelanjutan Jepang dalam kerja sama pembangunan Kenya. Ini melihat bagaimana interaksi diplomatik, kesepakatan kebijakan, dan kepentingan bersama membentuk hubungan kedua negara dan mendukung prakarsa bantuan Jepang. Studi ini juga mengidentifikasi elemen penting yang memungkinkan Jepang untuk terus berpartisipasi dalam kerja sama pembangunan di Kenya. Ini menggarisbawahi nilai komitmen berkelanjutan, rencana bantuan yang fleksibel, dan keuntungan bagi kedua negara.

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List of Abbreviations

ABE: African Business Education

AU: African Union

AUC: African Union Commission

DFID: Department for International Development

EAC: East African Community

EASS: European External Action Service

FDI: Foreign Direct Investment

FY: Fiscal Year

GDP: Gross Domestic Product

GNP: Gross National Product

JBIC: Japan Bank for International Cooperation

JETRO: Japan External Trade Organization

JICA: Japan international Cooperation Agency

JPY: Japanese Yen

MAPP: Market-based and Oriented Agriculture Promotion Project

MOFA: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MoU: Memorandum of Understanding

ODA: Official Development Assistance

OEDC: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

OPEC: Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

OVOP: One-Village One-Product

PPPs: Public-private Partnerships

SDGs: Sustainable Development Goals

SHEP UP: Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion Unit Project

TICAD: Tokyo International Conference on African Development

UN: United Nations

UNSC: United Nations Security Council

USD: United States Dollar

WWII: World War II

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