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ROMAN KODET, The Importance of Geography and Natural Conditions for Japan's Pre-Modern History

Modern scholars consider Japan as a separate civilization different from its continental counterparts. This fact is contributed mostly to the special conditions in which its society developed. The geographical and natural conditions of Japanese Islands influenced the shape of the its pre-modern society, its economy and its political development. The natural conditions determined the way of its life, its culture and the shape of Japanese civilization as a whole. The geography of Japan than influenced the dynamics of its development, its relations with the Asian continent and the foreign policy of the Country. The climate than contributed to the rhythm of life on the islands and the place people choose to live in. The fact, that Japan is often afflicted by natural catastrophes then had important impact on the shaping of Japanese mentality. As whole the geographic and natural conditions predetermined much of Japanese history and shaped the evolution of its society.

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