# POST-COVID-19 GEOPOLITICS —JAPAN'S ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH COOPERATION

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#### **OUTLINE**

- WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO INTERNATIONAL HEALTH COOPERATION AS PART OF THE LIBERAL ORDER?
- HOW TO SETTLE THE PANDEMIC?
- WHAT ROLE IS JAPAN EXPECTED TO PLAY?



# (1) INTERNATIONAL POLITICS SURROUNDING COVID-19

#### U.S.-CHINA CONFRONTATION

- APRIL: "THE U.S. IS GOING TO HALT FUNDING TO THE WHO BECAUSE IT HAS FAILED IN ITS BASIC DUTY"
- MAY: "WE WILL BE TODAY TERMINATING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WHO"
- → THE WHO AS A WAY FOR BLAMING CHINA

#### IF THE U.S. WITHDRAWS FROM THE WHO...

- THE WHO WILL LOSE 12% OF ITS FUNDING
- PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION WILL BE INTERRUPTED
- WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO WHO STAFF OF U.S. NATIONALITY?
- WHAT WOULD BE THE AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION COUNTERPART OF WHO?

### WHO FUNDING FY2020-21 BY CONTRIBUTORS

Contributor	Percentage of total funding
U.S.	11.96
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	11.41
GAVI Alliance	6.49
UK	5.86
Germany	5.51
European Commission	4.77
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Japan	3.77
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China	0.97

### THE BREAKDOWN OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION BY USE

Program	%
Health Emergencies	27.94
Polio eradication	22.91
Improved access to quality essential medicines	18.91
Epidemic and pandemic prevention	12.95
Countries prepared for health emergencies	4.38
Improved access to essential medicines, vaccines, diagnoses, and devices for primary health care	2.1
Others	10.81

### WHO STAFF (8049) BY NATIONALITY

		Number of staff	Percentage of total
	Nigeria	413	5%
	India	409	5%
	France	376	4%
	Egypt	349	4%
	Philippines	326	4%
(	U.S.	291	3.6%
	UK	251	3.1%
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	China	76	0.9% http://www.unsystem.org

#### U.S. IN GLOBAL HEALTH

- LED THE CREATION OF THE WHO (1948)
- ACTIVE COMMITMENT TO THE WHO'S SMALLPOX ERADICATION PROGRAM (1960S-1970S)
- LED THE CREATION OF VARIOUS FINANCIAL FRAMEWORKS FOR DISEASES
- LED UNSC RESOLUTIONS ON PUBLIC HEALTH

#### UNSC RESOLUTION 1308 (2000)

- STRESSING THAT THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC, IF UNCHECKED, MAY POSE A RISK TO STABILITY AND SECURITY
- EXPRESSES CONCERN AT THE POTENTIAL DAMAGING

  IMPACT OF HIV/AIDS ON THE HEALTH OF

  INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING PERSONNEL, INCLUDING

  SUPPORT PERSONNEL



## (2) HOW TO RESPOND TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD?

# FEATURES OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

- MULTI-DIMENSIONAL INFLUENCES ON WORLD ECONOMY, POLITICS, AND SOCIETIES
- POLITICISE THE REACTION TOWARDS DISEASES WITH WORLD LEADERS' ACTIVE COMMITMENTS

# PROBLEMS OF THE EXISTING FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTH COOPERATION

- •MEMBER STATES' INADEQUATE CAPACITY FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATION
- THE WHO'S LACK OF AUTHORITY
- •LACK OF A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

#### HOW TO SETTLE COVID-19?

- 1.REFORM AND STRENGTHEN THE
  COOPERATION FRAMEWORK INTO A MORE
  SOLID AND COMPREHENSIVE ONE
- 2. MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
  THROUGH SOLIDARITY BETWEEN MIDDLE POWERS

### THE ROLE EXPECTED OF JAPAN

- •COOPERATION WITH OTHER MIDDLE POWERS IN SETTLING COVID-19 AND PREPARING FOR THE NEXT PANDEMIC
- •HELPING OTHER COUNTRIES STRENGTHEN
  THEIR HEALTH SYSTEM AND PREPAREDNESS