

DESCRIPTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The main aim of the project is the research on the relations between Poland and Japan in years 1945–2015. My intention is to present the factual material of events, analyze crucial processes that took place in bilateral contacts (political, diplomatic and military) and provide their interpretation. There has almost been no research on this topic, despite the fact it is important not only because of its local significance in the context of bilateral relations but also because of its regional and global role, in the context of processes taking place in Europe, Asia and around the world. The research will be based on primary sources, mostly in Japanese and Polish. I also believe that the conversations with witnesses of the researched events, that is with Poles in Japan, and Japanese in Poland will prove to be necessary.

During the research I would also like to elaborate on the sources of the mutual friendship between the two nations, and I will try to find the answer to the question: what is the reason for two countries which are so far apart geographically and differ so much in culture, becoming so close to each other in the spiritual sense? Yet another especially important reason for developing this research topic is the 100th anniversary of establishing official relations between Poland and Japan, which takes place in the year 2019. Thus, I would like to publish the results of the research in a monograph. There are no works on this topic, in any languages. This project will fill that gap and will also contribute to the deepening of the knowledge on an important topic, also on the general scale of the history of political and diplomatic relations between Poland and Japan. The monograph will be the continuation of my other work *Historia stosunków polsko-japońskich 1904–1945* [The history of Polish-Japanese relations 1904–1945] (co-author A. T. Romer, Warsaw 2009; Tokyo 2009) and thanks to this, the history of our bilateral relations will be fully described. This will also constitute an important source of information for anyone interested in Japan and in Poland, for Japanologists in Poland and specialists in Polish studies in Japan, for historians, political scientists, cultural studies specialists.