

**Agreement between Japan and the Republic of Korea concerning the Establishment  
of Boundary in the Northern Part of the Continental Shelf adjacent to the two  
Countries  
30 January 1974**

Japan and the Republic of Korea,  
Desiring to promote the friendly relations existing between the two countries,  
Desiring to establish the boundary in the northern part of the continental shelf adjacent to the two countries over which  
Japan and the Republic of Korea respectively exercise sovereign rights for the purpose of exploration and exploitation of mineral  
resources,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

1. The boundary line between that part of the continental shelf appertaining to Japan and that part of the continental shelf appertaining to the Republic of Korea in the northern part of the continental shelf adjacent to the two countries shall be straight lines connecting the following points in the sequence given below:

Point 1	32° 57.0' N	127° 41.1' E
Point 2	32° 57.5' N	127° 41.9' E
Point 3	33° 01.3' N	127° 44.0' E
Point 4	33° 08.7' N	127° 48.3' E
Point 5	33° 13.7' N	127° 51.6' E
Point 6	33° 16.2' N	127° 52.3' E
Point 7	33° 45.1' N	128° 21.7' E
Point 8	33° 47.4' N	128° 25.5' E
Point 9	33° 50.4' N	128° 26.1' E
Point 10	34° 08.2' N	128° 41.3' E
Point 11	34° 13.0' N	128° 47.6' E
Point 12	34° 18.0' N	128° 52.8' E
Point 13	34° 18.5' N	128° 53.3' E
Point 14	34° 24.5' N	128° 57.3' E
Point 15	34° 27.6' N	128° 59.4' E
Point 16	34° 29.2' N	129° 00.2' E
Point 17	34° 32.1' N	129° 00.8' E
Point 18	34° 32.6' N	129° 00.8' E
Point 19	34° 40.3' N	129° 03.1' E
Point 20	34° 49.7' N	129° 12.1' E
Point 21	34° 50.6' N	129° 13.0' E
Point 22	34° 52.4' N	129° 15.8' E
Point 23	34° 54.3' N	129° 18.4' E
Point 24	34° 57.0' N	129° 21.7' E
Point 25	34° 57.6' N	129° 22.6' E
Point 26	34° 58.6' N	129° 25.3' E
Point 27	35° 01.2' N	129° 32.9' E

Point 28	35° 04.1' N	129° 40.7' E
Point 29	35° 06.8' N	130° 07.5' E
Point 30	35° 07.0' N	130° 16.4' E
Point 31	35° 18.2' N	130° 23.3' E
Point 32	35° 33.7' N	130° 34.1' E
Point 33	35° 42.3' N	130° 42.7' E
Point 34	36° 03.8' N	131° 08.3' E
Point 35	36° 10.0' N	131° 15.9' E

2. The boundary line is shown on the map annexed to this Agreement.

#### Article 2

If any single geological structure or field of mineral deposit beneath the seabed extends across the boundary line and the part of such structure or field which is situated on one side of the boundary line is exploitable, wholly or in part, from the other side of the boundary line, the Parties shall seek to reach agreement on the manner in which such structure or field shall be most effectively exploited. Any question upon which the Parties are unable to agree concerning the manner in which such structure or field shall be most effectively exploited shall, at the request of either Party, be referred to third-party arbitration. The decision of the arbitration shall be binding upon the Parties.

#### Article 3

This Agreement shall not affect the legal status of the superjacent waters or air space above.

#### Article 4

This Agreement shall be ratified. The instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Tokyo as soon as possible. This Agreement shall enter into force as from the date on which such instruments of ratification are exchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Seoul in the English language, this thirtieth day of January of the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.