

The theme of this work is an introduction to the situation of indigenous people of Japan, Ainu, in contemporary Japan. At the beginning of this work I briefly comprehended the history of Japanese-Ainu relations from the very beginning until the resolution calling for the Recognition of the Ainu as Indigenous Peoples of Japan which was adopted by the Japanese government on the 6th June, 2008. In the next chapters I wrote about the Indigenous Peoples Summit in Ainu Moshir in 2008 and briefly summarized two related documents – the Nibutani Declaration and An Appeal to the Japanese Government. In the following chapters I wrote about the Role of Ainu minority in Contemporary Japan and about ways, how the Ainu culture is presented to the general public.