

**Abstract:**

Theme of this bachelor thesis is the origin of pro-North Korean General Association of Korean Residents in Japan. Foundation of this organization is a result of several years' process connected with immigration of Korean ethnic minority to Japan after 1910 and subsequent decision of approximately 600.000 of Koreans for residing in Japan 3 years after the World War II.

In the first part, I depict a period in the space of years from 1910 to 1955. I describe grounds of stay more than 2 million of Koreans at Japan's territory after capitulation of Japan in the Second World War as well as the effort of Japanese connected with assimilation of Koreans despite their attitude to them as lower subordinates of the emperor of Japan. Next I describe conditions of Korean minority in Japan during the period of the Allied occupation of Japan at the end of World War II. I also introduce the League of Koreans in Japan, which represented and associated the Korean minority. Because of its leftist disposition the League of Koreans in Japan is usually wrongly associated with precedence of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan.

In the second part, I illustrate in more details the legal status of Koreans in Japan and especially the origin, organizational structure, politics and other themes related to the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan which was established in May of 1955. I do not omit even the controversial theme of repatriations of Koreans to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The General Association of Korean Residents in Japan played important role in realization of these repatriations. Among others I research the conditions and benefits of signing the Treaty on Basic Relations between Japan and the Republic of Korea for Korean minority residing in Japan. I finish this part (on which I put more stress) with short presentation of the main causes for losing the lead position of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan among others Korean organizations in Japan.

**Key words:**

General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, Korean minority in Japan, League of Koreans in Japan, repatriations, legal status, assimilation, discrimination