

interests of trade with China. You can expand trade only when you have friendly relationships. So from sheer utilitarian standpoints Japan's friendly policy towards China is dictated by the sheer need of Japan to acquire an expanding market on the Chinese continent. Unfortunately, there are conflicting interests; that is, because of civil wars in China it becomes very difficult for the Japanese Government to protect the interests of its citizens in China. So when civil wars menace the lives and properties of Japanese residents in parts of China, the Japanese government took steps to protect the Japanese people on the spot by sending expeditionary forces as a police force, which was evidenced by the concentration of troops in 1927 and 1928; and also took steps to protect the vested interests. Unfortunately, this policy incurred the ill-will of China, and the Japanese merchants suffered. So the merchants did not like this policy, speaking entirely from the standpoint of a hard-boiled business man - because I do not want to discuss the other side of the picture. From sheer economic need Japan had to pursue the policy of protecting the Japanese interests and that dictated to us a more friendly attitude to China.

Therefore I can say at this moment the Japanese nation as a whole viewed from a sheer utilitarian viewpoint would not tolerate an aggressive policy towards China, which is in the long run for Japan's own interest, and <sup>to</sup> the ultimate end of Japan and China getting together as a cultural unit of the Asiatic peoples. Viewed from that standpoint, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> our long history which extends for twenty centuries of cultural commonness <sup>between</sup> of Japan and China, a more friendly understanding is dictated between China and Japan in which the younger generation of Japan is most interested. Therefore there is in Japan at present a marked revival of the study of the Oriental cultures. Along with the scientific mind given by the Western nations, the Japanese scholars and students are coming back to the