

## **JAPAN SHOULD ASSIST CHINA**

“One of the most vital proposals for China I have always advocated is to seek Japan’s assistance in the matter of abolishing the Unequal Treaties entered into by China with foreign countries. Japan has, thirty years ago, suffered from the same disabilities. China is now suffering as a result of the unequal treaties. It was only by hard struggle with the European and American countries that Japan rid herself of sufferings.

“I hope now that Japan would—mindful of her own experience and in the spirit of helping others to be independent when one's own independence is obtained and helping others to be successful when one's own success is achieved—extend her sympathy and assist China in her struggle.”

— *Dr. Sun Yat-sen, in an interview with journalists at Moji, Japan on December 1, 1924.*