

No. 2292

AGREEMENT OF ALLIANCE OF 1902  
BETWEEN JAPAN AND GREAT BRITAIN  
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Signed at London, in English, January 30, 1902  
(35th year of Meiji)  
Published February 12, 1902.  
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The Governments of Japan and Great Britain, actuated solely by a desire to maintain the status quo and general peace in the Extreme East, being moreover specially interested in maintaining the independence and territorial integrity of the Empire of China and the Empire of Korea, and in securing equal opportunities in those countries for the commerce and industry of all nations hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The High Contracting Parties having mutually recognized the independence of China and of Korea declare themselves to be entirely uninfluenced by any aggressive tendencies in either country. Having in view, however, to their special interests, of which those of Great Britain relate principally to China, while Japan in addition to the interests which she possesses in China is interested in a peculiar degree, politically as well as commercially and industrially, in Korea, the High Contracting Parties recognize that it will be admissible for either of them to take such measures as may be indispensable in order to safeguard those interests, if threatened either by the aggressive action of any other Power or by disturbances arising in China or Korea and necessitating the intervention of either of the High Contracting Parties for the protection of the lives and property of its Subjects.

## ARTICLE II.

If either Japan or Great Britain, in the defence of their respective interests as above described, should become involved in war with another Power, the other High Contracting Party will maintain a strict neutrality and use its efforts to prevent other Powers from joining in hostilities against its Ally.

## ARTICLE III.

If in the above event any other Power or Powers should join in hostilities against that Ally, the other High Contracting Party will come to its assistance and will conduct the war in common and make peace in mutual agreement with it.

## ARTICLE IV.

The High Contracting Parties agree that neither of them will, without consulting the other, enter into separate arrangement with another Power to the prejudice of the interests above described.

## ARTICLE V.

Whenever, in the opinion of either Japan or Great Britain, the above mentioned interests are in jeopardy, the two Governments will communicate with one another fully and frankly.

## ARTICLE VI.

The present Agreement shall come into effect immediately after the date of its signature and remain in force for five years from that date. In case neither of the High Contracting Parties should have notified twelve months before the expiration

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of the said five years the intention of terminating it, it shall remain binding until the expiration of one year from the day on which either of the High Contracting Parties shall have denounced it, but if when the date fixed for its expiration arrives either Ally is actually engaged in war the Alliance shall, ipso facto, continue until peace is concluded.

In faith whereof the undersigned duly authorized by their respective Governments have signed this Agreement, and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in duplicate in London, the 30th January, 1902.

(L. S.) (Signed) HAYASHI,  
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister  
Plenipotentiary of His Majesty  
the Emperor of Japan at the  
Court of St. James.

(L. S.) (Signed) LANSDOWNE,  
His Britannic Majesty's Principal  
Secretary of State for Foreign  
Affairs.

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I, SHIMODA Takeso, Chief of the Archives Section, Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the document in English consisting of 3 pages and entitled "AGREEMENT OF ALLIANCE OF 1902 BETWEEN JAPAN AND GREAT BRITAIN" is an exact and true copy of an official document of the Japanese Foreign Office.

Signed at Tokyo on this  
9th day of August, 1946

(Signed) T. Shimoda  
Signature of Official

Witness: (Signed) S. Nagaharu, ODO