

We are old neighbors, Korea and Japan

Joseon Tongsinsa(Korean missions to Japan)

Joseon Tongsinsa was a series diplomatic delegations which were dispatched from Joseon to Japan a total of 12 times from 1607 to 1811, since its resumption of diplomatic relations after the Japanese Invasion of Korea.

It was a long journey for about 500 people which took 5~6 months, 3,000km round-trip, using land and sea routes from Hanyang(Seoul) to Edo(Tokyo), and finally to Nikko.

Joseon Tongsinsa strengthened friendly relations between both Joseon and Japan, and at the same time, it played a very significant role in exchanges in terms of politics, economy and culture.

The meaning of 'Tongsin(通信)' in the expression 'Tongsinsa' is "exchanging by trusting each other".

