Experience of Modernization in Japan and Egypt between Success and Failure": A Comparative Study

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Abstract: Objectives: The Present Paper handles the experience of Development in Japan and Egypt in more than a century. It aims to: (1) – Investigating the causes of failure and success in both countries. (2) – Recognizing the role of Geography in their development. (3) – Investigating the impact of education on Development of both countries.(4) – Examing the impact of external forces, like Colonialism, on the Development of both Countries. Methodology: (1)- An (overview) of the Experience of Development of Development in both countries is to be used. (2) -The Historical method is uses to Highlight the Major events in their History. (3) - Analytical approach is used to analyze the Major events and Influence on their Development. (4) - The Comparative approach is used to compare the Roles of Geographic Location, Education, and external factories in Japan and Egypt. Difficulties: (1) - Lack of References, in Arabic and English, on the Topic. (2) - Long Time span which required: a –Wide Reading on the history of Both Japan and Egypt. b- Comparing both experiences of development. c- Focusing on Major events, not details. (3) - Comparing Japanese, Western, Egyptian views on the Topic.

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1. Introduction

The History of any Country is influenced by Internal and External Factors.

Japan and Egypt turned into Modern States under the Threat of Western Invasion

Both Founded a Military Force Due to This.

In Egypt, this Took Place During the Regime of Mohamed Ali 1805.

In Japan, it Took Place during the Meiji Era 1868, However, Japan Manager to Achieve Development.

Japan made use of Internal and External Factors for Development.

Japan had clear vision, specific goals, ability to deal with obstacles, and future plans.

We will investigate The Three Factors: (Geographic Location – Education- External relations) that Influencing to the Development of Japan and Egypt.

1-Geographic Location 1.

Charles de Gaulle maintained that "Geography made history".

This applies to Egypt and Japan.

Japanⁱⁱ:

The Geographical Location had a Positive impact on it.

Japan has an isolated Geographic Location. It is in the Form of an arc on the Eastern coast of Asia. It is 377.815 KM in area.

It consists of four islands: Honsu, Hokkaido, Kyushu and Shikoku, a long with some chains of islands and 3900 small islands.

Water used to be a Nature Barrier for Japan, Which lies 300 Miles away from Korea and 745 Miles away from China. This Protected Japan against direct military iii occupation Before WW II.

Geographical nature: Mountains form about 71% of Japanese total area; more than 532 mountains are more than 2000 meters high.

Japan has (77 volcanoes), the most famous of which Fuji^{iv}. This helped

Japan to face the challenges at nature. It promoted its industry, planted its mountains and increased exports in spite of lack of Oil and mineral wealth.

The harsh conditions and Disasters^vhelped on the development in Japan.

Political isolation: the Dutch reaches Japan and established a trading company in 1609 in (Hairdo). This Coincided with the beginning of "Tokogawa" military rule or the (Edo era). The English ships and Portuguese and Spanish missionaries also arrived at this time, the government of Japan Expected military Occupation.

This was why it imposed isolation for more than two centuries, from 1639-1853. The Japanese were not permitted to leave their Country, while Foreigners were denied entry. Only "Dejima" in Nagasaki enjoyed some freedom. The Positive aspect of this Isolation was the Reinforcing of national cohesion and belonging it. This lasted till The Renaissance in the (Meiji era).

Japan opened to the world later cautiously and consciously. Japan attempted to be like the West Strong. This would be achieved through education, Industry and openness to the World. After that they had expanded outside.

Egypt:

The Geographical Location viii had a negative impact on it.

Egypt enjoyed a Globally Central location. It had not known isolation, either political or geographical. It used to be the Target of Aggressors likes the "Hyksos", the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans....etc.

In The modern age, The European Expansion and colonialism also targeted Egypt.

Since the sixteenth century," Faramnal" Confirmed that: "Egypt is the most beautiful and wealth country".

"Mêlée" Confirmed that: "no country has the history and location of Egypt".

"Luke" stated that: "the Mediterranean sea was the key to Egypt and India".

"Baron de Tout" stated that: "the location of Egypt make it link Asia, Africa, and Europe". This made Egypt object of colonial states. Philosophers like Montesquieu and Voltaire alluded to its importance.

Establish colonies without expenses and especially after the digging of Suez Canal, Magellan stated that the invasion of Egypt would be the greatest sift for the French. France should Occupy Egypt to attack England in India^{ix}.

"Leibniz" advised Louis X1V in 1672 that the invasion of the Netherlands via Egypt would be much easier'

Those Factors helped to verify the idea; the conflict between France and England to India, the deterioration of Ottoman Empire, the French Revolution, and the increasing of colonial conflict in Europe.

The French expedition of Egypt in 1798^x, but The Egyptian resisted them. The French left in 1801 and England decided to invade Egypt in 1801To reach India more easily which was occupied in 1764.

In1805, Muhammad Ali began his regime. He founded a strong and modern state in Egypt and resisted the west.

Making Egypt the political and military force to protect the region from the west aggression, to achieve the balance of power, this made them treat Egypt as equals.^{xi}

xii. Muhammad Ali resisted England's trial to invade Egypt in 1807;

Industry, Education, xiii He achieved several domestic reforms in all fields; military power and agriculture.

He was involved in several wars with British invasion — "the Mamelukes"— "the Wahhabi" movement in Saudi Arabia- Sudan- Nubian, Crete - the Levant - Anatolia - and defeated the Ottoman army in 1839, finally the signing of the London Treaty.

- Culture Location: Egypt's power is based on its Culture, its religion, Ideology, education, Middle East Political Power and The role of "Al-Azhar" in the Muslim World. It used to attract the attention of the military xiv Leaders throughout Darius to Hitler.
- Suez Canal: this is an International Water Passage that Connects the Mediterranean and Red sea. It links the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

It made the modern history of Egypt. the project of this Canal began in 1854 when Said Pasha granted a French company (for 99 years xv) the Franchise to dig it. The Canal was behind France and British attempts of Occupying Egypt. Britain bought Egypt's shares in the Canal in" Ismael" eraxvi

In 1875.

Britain won a lot of from the canal^{xvii} besides the intervention and occupation of Egypt in 1882^{xviii}.

British and European Intervention in Egypt Increased, but the 1952 Revolution put an End to Monarchy and Occupation. in 1956, the Suez Canal was nationalized by Nasser, this entailed the French, British, and Israeli tripartite aggression against Egypt in 1956. in 1967 the Canal was called due to Israeli Occupation of Sinai. It was reopened in 1975. However, the Middle East and the Egyptian budget still suffered from Unrest due to Israeli Threats of nuclear Power.

2- Education:

Education, scientific research, educated population and Capital^{xx} are the basis of the national wealth of any country. Educating People is long term Investment.

Development report in 1991 sure That: "If you are planning for a year, Plant crop, if you are planning for ten years, plant tree and if you are planning for hundred years learn people". When you grain crop will bring one. And when people learn you will take 100 crops^{xxi}). Japan applies this Principle.

Saw the change in Society throughout Culture and Personality xxii Sorokin Including values and ethical standards that guide interactions between members of community, Education enhances all of this.

Japan: Education was the key of development.

"Johnson" stated that: "Economic development depended on workforce and Technology, but the

Development of human resources is based on; Education and Training" xxiii.

During the "Tokogawa" era (1603-1867), Japan built 20,000 schools. During the Edo era, Education increased thanks trade.

Male learners were 43% while Female learner were 10% this Proportion

. $^{xxiv}Rose$ to 54% for males and 19% for females in 1875

These Learners Completed their Primary Education. Buddhism and

Education and Culture. xxv "Confucism" helped spread

1n 1871 to 1873, student went to the US and Europe xxvi | Iwakura | mission

To study Technology and Western Science (107-members) and to amend the

Unequal treaties. This was the Mission of Minister, Who failed to amend it.

However, western Technology was transferred to Japan.

Western advisors were appointed, Missions were sent to the West and Inventions were imitated. Japan could combine internal and foreign "xxvii System"

Education founded the modern state, modernized the Japanese, guided the masses and promoted national belonging.

Meiji era Witnessed equality of education Opportunities and Education was Compulsory for six Years in 1908.

Japanese children became superior to their Americans and Europeans Counterpart Education promoted group not Individuals. Oscar Wilde Maintained that Japan was a pure invention and that no people or country xxviii were like it.

Education helped to the development and led to the superiority and became A mean to enrich the state and reinforcement the army, "western science and Japanese spirit".

Fukuzawa affirmed that "if we achieve personal independence, we will

xxix Achieve our national independence this is through Education.

The ratio of illiteracy was 1% only in Japan at The early 20^{th} century.

Japan eliminated illiteracy completely and achieved economic miracle.

In 1920, Japan was a creditor state. It fought China, Russia and other states in expansionist war.

By the end of WW II xxx, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were stricken with atomic bombs. After the war Japan achieved gross national product and the growth ratio reached to 10.5% from 1950 to 1973 while U-S was spending large sums on military spending and intelligence with emphasis on Soviet Union, China and the Middle East.

Japan achieved more diversity and promotion in industry. Education was behind all this. Agricultural production by 35% from 1880-1938, as Tang confirmed. "Edwin Richopron" maintained that education realized xxxi Japan's dreams of superiority

• Egypt xxxii:

Muhammad Ali dedicated all resources of Egypt for Military Purposes. Education^{xxxiii} began with Missions to France from 1826 to 1831^{xxxiv}.

Fifty schools were built for 5500 student in 1838. "Bulaq" Press was built in 1821 and books were printed in Arabic, Turkish, Persian and English.

The School of Translation was built in 1835. But in 1840, Egypt signed the Treaty of London that reduced the Egyptian army.

Muhammad Ali's Successor's did not have sufficient consciousness of education role. They closed schools xxxvtill Khedive Ishmael revived Education to take aspects of European civilization, without the mechanisms that led to it, such Ishmael and his desire to make (Egypt a piece of Europe) by Borrowing.

Loans led to interfere to Egypt's affairs and even entrance two Ministers from France and England in the Egyptian government for financial and public works, leading to British occupation in 1882.

Education deteriorated severely under occupation xxxvi. It was for the Rich only till Egypt gained Independence in 1954.

As usual for Egypt, the major powers in the world try to control on it as a result of the Canal nationalization in 1956.

The wars of 1956, 1967 and 1973 impeded development and Expenditure

On Education. The wars have a negative impact on the development plans and the spending on education^{xxxvii}.

Defense spending has become the highest priority between 1962-1963. It reached to 5- 6% of GDP even rose to be 9.4% in 1963-1964 to be 10% of GDP. That's affected to the Proportion of education, which accounted on average from 6.1% to 6.4%.from 1970 to 1975^{xxxviii}.

The bulk of Egypt's GDP was spent on defense, not Education. This is still the case due to Middle East Unrest and Israel's possession of nuclear weapons.

3 - External relations:

External relations of Egypt and Japan affected them.

• Japan;

External relations have negative and positive effects.

- The First Clash was Military, after the Opium War in 1842, China was defeated. Perry reached the

Coast of Japan in 1853, 1854 It was forced to Ratify unequal Trade treaties xxxix with the Americans, The British, The Russians and The Dutch, This brought about the downtown of Tokogawa in 1868 due to Foreign intervention. The Emperor restored power and the slogan of {reverence for the emperor and expulsion of foreign barbariansx1} has risen.

Japanese felt with helplessness and the supremacy of the west. They had to start administrative reforms. It adapted Central government (Diet xli)- Conscription, Promoting Industry and sending of scientific missions, this aimed at Facing External Aggression. Japan accepted Western civilization, achieved independence and built a strong army then go out to earn colonize areas xlii. Japan adopted the Slogan; (Enrich the state and reinforcement of army xliii)

- The second Clash started with the expansionism xliv of Japan. It fought China in 1894-1895 to control Korea. Japan won the war.

Japan got on: (compensation up to 310 million yen from the gold - Taiwan- and Liaodong), After the victory of Japan against China in 1895 Korea and northeast China, has been under Russian influence, Which conflict with the expansionist policy of Japan. It fought Russia and won in (1904-1905).

Japan annexed Korea in 1910, and entered WW I under the provisions of the Anglo - Japan Alliance in 1902. It became a world superpower (non-Western). Its Navy was the fourth globally.

And its exports ^{xlv}the demand for Japanese products has increased after WW1

.xlvi Rose from590 million Yen in 1914 to 5.400 million yen in 1918

In 1924 USA announced a policy imposed a ban on racial grounds, the Japanese felt with discrimination. This invited them to a second military expansion in Manchuria and China in 1931.

The W W11 began in 1939 and the opposition of U S and Europe of Japan's expansionist policy xlvii. Japan entered (Viet-nam) in 1941 to secure the army's, and the wrath of the United States, imposed economic sanctions (export oil to Japan and the freezing of assets),

This has made Japan prepared for war with the US xlviii after the attack on Pearl Harbor the Pacific war started against the US And its allies.

Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and the US has to declare war on Japan. American forces destroyed the Japanese industry in 1944 and hit Hiroshima

And Nagasaki xlix with atomic bombs in August 1945 to put an end to war and

Achieve two goals:

I: end the war more quickly, and less losses, with the extension of American hegemony. 2: Declaration of power and superiority to deter the Soviet Union¹.

-Shared interests:

After the war, conflict moved from geo-strategy to techno strategy^{li.}

The US occupied Japan from (1945-1951), demilitarized it and signed the

Security Treaty in 1947.

Japan regained independence after the signing of (San Francisco treaty) in 1954, US held the (Mutual Security treaty) in 1952 with Japan lii, After that the slogan of "new Japan liii has raisin and focused on the reform of the education liv.

After the war, US were number one globally and it's GNP about $50\%^{lv}$.

The U S confirmed that Japan should build its own economy without any help^{lvi}, but it helped Japan to build its economy to turn it into an ally in the Cold War. The US Wanted Japan to confront Communism in China and Russia and not to be neutral like Switzerland.

Some factors helped Japan on development;

- Marshall Plan in 1947aimed to Facing Communist in Europe.
- The Special Services Draft for Asia helped Asian Countries to recover their Economy buy Japanese exports^{lvii}.
- The Korean War led to increase trade by 34% and production by 70%.
- American Troops in Japan reduced military spending. Prime Minister Yoshida was able to encourage reconstruction, economic growth, and education. Iviii

lixThe Security Treaty was amended in 1960. Okinawa was restored accordingly, and Japan had more stability. The Power of Japan increased

lx Thanks to Trade and the strong alliance with US. Richard Roskrans maintained that States increase their Power through colonization or Trade. lxi Japan's rate of growth rose to 10.5% in 1973.

Japan produced 50% of world ships. From 1960 to 1985, its Car production increased from 0% to 25%. From 1979-1989 Japan achieved the highest rates of industrial growth worldwide lxii

Douglas Frantz and Catherine Collins said in their book (<u>selling full</u>) that the Japanese has set up factories in the U.S.A. for production of cars, electronics and foods. Japan became the first partner of the USA. Direct and indirect investments.

President Carter told Mr. Fukuda Prime Minister of Japan that "Japan had invaded the USA. No American home, did not have a car or "biiiDevice from Japan The American CIA stated that Japan was a threat to the U.S. national security. Der Spiegel 1991, the German Daily, stated that Japan would be. biv The next enemy to the USA Japan faced the west with economic invasion, balancing the budget deficit and as you use

nuclear weapon, we will control your ability in wars by Semi -conductors.

• Egypt:

- First Clash was military, Foreign French and British campaigns against Egypt in 1798 and 1801. External circumstance invited Egypt to modernization in the 19th Century. Muhammad Ali expanded lav of the Ottoman Empire. He fought the Wahabi in Saudi 1811, sent campaigns to Sudan and Nubian, sent Troops to Crete in 1821 at the sultan's request and the conversed the Levant from 1831 to 1840. But the Egyptian army had to withdraw as European power intervened for the benefit of the Sultan.

They were afraid of the progress of Mohamed Ali.

The West have the opportunity to curtail the power of Muhammad Ali, to remain (the sick man^{lxvi}), England, Russia, Prussia and Austria lxvii Unite against Muhammad Ali and thus hit the Egyptian experience by Signature of the Treaty in 1840^{lxviii}, Which stripped him from his military and marine power, and extracted from him all countries under his influence, so he lost some of the independence of the administrative procedure.

The Western colonial powers look to Egypt for the investment of surplus capital, and export the surplus of goods, to keep it weak. lxix Egypt began to deteriorate since them.

- Second Clash was financial and industrial. Industry declined with the decline of the army and the agreement made in 1838 to prevent monopoly of Muhammad Ali was allowed to entrance of foreign goods to the Ottoman state and its mandates.

There are several things affected to the Egyptian economy:

- Industry was the basic of army that led to the deterioration of industry.
- Egypt was obliged to fulfill the treaties of the Ottoman as the treaty between Britain and Ottoman in 1838 then the Industry failed to compete with European manufactures. lxx
- Foreign Capitulation lxxi Treaty granted in The Ottoman Empire more rights, exemptions and immunities. They applied the laws of their own country.

Hinckley stated that those Treaties were amended in Turkey, but not in Egypt. It was more than any other place. Mixed courts were set up in 1876. lxxii

The era of Said pasha was called (consuls era) due to the great influence of foreign consuls.

Egypt was plundered by Europeans in that era. Consuls had many Privileges.

The Europeans thieves offered false projects for hefty compensation in 1871.

The Suez Canal deal was concluded and debts rose. In 1863 Egypt had 8 million pounds of debt. This increased to 53 million pounds during the regime of Ishmael. This weakened the Khedive and The debt Fund was set up to handle the problem of debts to European states. bxxiii

The Funds was run by France, Britain, Austria and Italy in 1876. It was means of exploitation and Oppression. It weakens Egypt and ended with the British Occupation of Egypt in 1882. Strangely enough, the States affected from the British bombing demanded compensation from the Egyptian laxiv Government in 1883, then Egypt had to pay 20 million dollars!!! Lord Derby said:" Killing the goose that lays golden eggs"

The English Consul Vivian Wrote: "The Status is absolutely scandalous, and the country has absorbed to the last drop" The foreign intervention has increased, until the appointment of foreign Ministers; Wilson for financial and de Pellnier for public works, and thus. lxxvMoved the Trusteeship to direct rule

Third Clash was military; Egypt's revolution in 1952 liberated the country. Nasser^{lxxvi} nationalized the Suez Canal for more revenues for the state in 1956.

This led to the tripartite aggression by France, Britain and Israel in 1956. lxxviiNasser had right to nationalize the canal, but the West described him (new Hitler). Egypt suffered from successive wars in 1967 and 1973, which affected the development up to Now.

Conclusion

- 1- Japan made a better use of Modernization than Egypt, where foreign intervention increased.
- 2- The geographic Location of Japan was positive, while that of Egypt affected it negatively.
- 3- Greed in Suez Canal formed Egypt's modern and contemporary history. But it was behind foreign intervention and Occupation of Egypt. Its negative effects on Egypt's development still hold.
- 4- Japan made better use of education in its renaissance to achieve Development. In Egypt, foreign rulers did not use education a apriority.
- 5- Japan's External relations used to be positive and negative, but in Egypt they always had negative effects.
- 6- Egypt and Japan were translated by international superpowers not to allow their expansion during Mohamed Ali era in Egypt and before WW11 in Japan, to keep the balance of power as it was.

Prospects for joint cooperation between Japan and Egypt:

- Egypt and Japan from the east, what constitutes a good basis for joint cooperation.

- Joint cooperation in the scientific fields, technological and educational.
- The exchange of energy (renewable and nonrenewable) and natural gas.
- Economic cooperation and agriculture (To take advantage of Japanese technology and the Egyptian land).
- Cultural cooperation.
- Tourism Cooperation.

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