

The Reality and Background of Japan's Weapons Exports to Russia During of World War I

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This manuscript is part of a series of works studying the reality of Japanese weapons exports in the pre-World War II. In that context, this manuscript aims to analyze the reality of Japan's export of weapons to Russia, which got into full swing after the start of World War I, and investigate the background and the reasons for it. From the start of World War I in 1915 through 1916, The reason for this was the Japanese government's political and diplomatic policy, which was aimed at strengthening its relations with Russia so as to achieve independence from European society centred on Britain and France and establishing its position in Asia. That is to say, Japan, while responding to Russia's request for the provision of weapons, strengthened its own domestic weapons production system. This led to the establishment of Japan's national security in the 1920s and furthermore, in my opinion, led to a long-term strategy of building a system for total war. By investigating the reality of weapons exports to Russia, which was not always regarded as important in previous research, this manuscript emphasizes the deep connection between weapons exports and the issues of national security.