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### **The Transnational Advocacy Networks in Japan-Korea Relations: The Case of Gwangju Uprising in South Korea**

This paper examines the role of Transnational Advocacy Networks (TANs) among activists and non-governmental organizations in Japan-Korea relations by taking up Gwangju uprising in 1980 as the case. As Keck and Sikkink claims in *Activists Beyond Borders* (1998), TANs are networks that consist of relevant actors working internationally on an issue, who are bound together by shared values, a common discourse, and dense exchanges of information and services. Gwangju uprising is a significant case in that it was not only a historical event of democratization process in South Korea, but was also a heightening point of TANs in Japan-Korea society. To analyze it, we particularly focus on the Japanese political magazine “*Sekai*” and Japanese artist Tomiyama Taeko.

This research aims at offering a new perspective in understanding Japan-Korea relations and the democratization process of Korea by giving an insight into cooperation, networking and solidarity among citizens of Korea and Japan.