



The Heisei Period and Japan's History Issue

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How has Japan changed during the Heisei Period and why has history become a formidable political issue?

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