

## Will the Korea-Japan Tunnel Finally Break Ground?

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Talk about an undersea tunnel connecting Korea and Japan has continued over the course of the last 30 years.

The argument of whether such a tunnel will improve the strained Korea-Japan relationship has recently gained much popularity.

Reporter Kang Ho Hyung reports on this story.

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The Japanese investigative tunnel grounds for the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel in Karatsu, Tsushima are just an hour and a half drive from the Fukuoka Airport.

Construction began on the tunnel in 1981, but with the continuing tensions between Korea and Japan, efforts had been put on hold. Rusted machines sat idly in this spot until about seven years ago.

Standing: Reporter Ho-Hyung Kang

“Excavation has been carried out to about 540 meters below sea level. Various geological surveys are being carried out for the tunnel even now.”

If this project for the improvement of the Korea-Japan relationship is promoted in Japan, it will only be a matter of time before its completion.

Interview: Yoshitaka Okubo/Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel On-site Engineer

“The Eurotunnel was completed in four years. With construction costs estimated at about 10 trillion yen, the Korea-Japan Tunnel could be completed in about ten years.

The tunnel will connect Tsushima in Fukuoka to Geoje Island (a distance of 235 km). The undersea portion of the tunnel will stretch across 150 km, and will hold the world record for the longest undersea tunnel...