

# East Asia's Sporting Diplomacy: Japan-Korea Football Rivalry Heats Up, Taiwan

Sports Diplomacy · Answer Key · 10 Questions

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**1. In the 2025 EAFF E-1 Football Championship, which East Asian nation emerged as the champion after defeating South Korea in the final?**

- A) China
- B) Japan**
- C) North Korea
- D) Taiwan

**2. Which East Asian country is actively leveraging sports diplomacy, including establishing a Ministry of Sports, to enhance its international image and connections?**

- A) South Korea
- B) China
- C) Japan
- D) Taiwan**

**3. Which two East Asian nations recently engaged in joint training for their national sepak takraw teams, aiming to expand sports diplomacy and practical exchanges?**

- A) China and North Korea
- B) Japan and South Korea**
- C) Taiwan and Japan
- D) South Korea and North Korea

**4. During the 2025 EAFF E-1 Football Championship, which team finished third?**

- A) Hong Kong
- B) Taiwan
- C) China**
- D) Guam

**5. Taiwan's sports diplomacy efforts include engaging with Pacific allies through initiatives like an athlete cultivation project. Which of these is a specific aspect of this project?**

- A) Building new stadiums in Pacific nations
- B) Sending coaches to allies and facilitating training abroad**
- C) Organizing joint esports tournaments
- D) Establishing a regional sports university

**6. The 2026 Asian Games are scheduled to be held in which East Asian nation?**

- A) South Korea
- B) China
- C) Japan**
- D) Taiwan

**7. In the context of sports diplomacy, what is a key area of focus for Taiwan's Ministry of Sports, as discussed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?**

- A) Banning international sports federations
- B) Reducing participation in international events
- C) Supporting Taiwanese athletes and raising Taiwan's profile for upcoming major games**
- D) Focusing solely on domestic sports development

**8. Which of the following statements accurately reflects the recent sporting relationship between Japan and South Korea in baseball?**

- A) South Korea has consistently defeated Japan in recent major tournaments.
- B) Japan has dominated South Korea in all recent international baseball matches.
- C) While rivals, they have a long history of high-profile contests, including in the World Baseball Classic.**
- D) Baseball has not been a significant sport for diplomatic exchange between Japan and South Korea.

**9. The 2025 EAFF E-1 Football Championship preliminary competition featured matches played in which location?**

- A) Seoul, South Korea
- B) Tokyo, Japan
- C) Hong Kong**
- D) Taipei, Taiwan

**10. North Korea and China are reportedly strengthening cooperation in winter recreation and tourism, with a focus on which new ski resort that opened in October 2024?**

- A) Baekdu Mountain Ski Resort**
- B) Diamond Mountain Ski Resort
- C) Yangji Pine Ski Resort
- D) Alpensia Ski Resort