

Japan “agrees to buy” disputed islands

The Japanese government has agreed to buy several privately-owned islands in the East China Sea that are controlled by Japan but also claimed by China and Taiwan, according to media reports



*Senkaku / Diaoyu
Eight uninhabited islands
have total area of 7 sq km*



Japan's government has agreed to buy three of the five main islands from the **Kurihara** family for 2.05 billion yen (\$26 million)

RIVAL CLAIMS



JAPAN: Incorporated Senkaku into its territory of **Nansei Shoto** in 1895 after surveying islands for 10 years and finding them to be uninhabited. After World War II, Nansei Shoto put under U.S. trusteeship by 1952 **Treaty of San Francisco** before being returned to Japan in 1971



CHINA: Says Diaoyu has been part of its territory since ancient times, serving as important fishing grounds administered by Taiwan. Taiwan was ceded to Japan in 1895 but returned in 1952, when China argues Diaoyu should also have been returned