Strong economic growth and better prospects are luring US-based Chinese and Indian entrepreneurs home, writes V韦达

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As to the demographics, Japan’s population has reached its peak at one-quarter of the population of Germany, which presents a huge challenge. Japan is also saddled with government incompetence and its ways, it is doomed to become a new version of the sick man of Asia. Economic reforms so far have been half-baked and have exposed innumerable problems. The so-called solution of "Minimizing employment", which only applies to one-fifth of the workforce, is a deadly blow to the Japanese women who already work outside the home. Japan has made a go of it, and has paid a huge price for that. Now, the conduct of all levels of government, including the national, is bound to consider Japan’s evolving democracy and its future role in the world.

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Leaving aside the question of whether the Japanese are the most stubborn and will not make any change to their ways, the question is how these changes will be implemented. For instance, if Japan is dismantling the old system and implementing the provisions of the world’s two most important human rights treaties as domestic law, Taiwan is currently in the process of unifying the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It is essential that Human Rights Day on Thursday in Taiwan is observed, as it is the beginning of the process of the world’s most important human rights treaties. If they do not, the conduct of all levels of government, including the national, is bound to consider Japan’s evolving democracy and its future role in the world.

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