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**The Amendment of the Japanese Constitution**

Since the enactment of the Japanese Constitution in 1947, no amendment has been passed. During these sixty years, different political and social right wing groups have proposed amendments, especially concerning Art. 9, the so called “pacifist clause”, establishing the renounce to the war and to the use of force as means of settling international disputes. However, since our days, those proponents groups have not achieved a general consensus of the public opinion. Furthermore, the constitutional amendment procedure requires a concurring vote of two-thirds of each House of the Diet and the popular ratification. In 2007 Prime Minister Abe has proposed to the Diet the regulation of the referendum (now in discussion in the House of Councilors), as a previous step for the discussion of the constitutional amendment. I am going to study this process and for and against arguments for this amendment.