Figure 1. Qualities required for border-crossing communication

**Ability to communicate**
- Linguistic skills
- Strategic competence
  
  ‘To communicate in a straightforward, simple, and clear manner and yet politely’

**Communicative dispositions**

**Willingness to communicate**
- Persistent effort to communicate

**Mutual accommodation**
- *kizukai* and *kikubari* [thoughtfulness and considerateness]
- Put oneself in others’ shoes

**Foundational disposition**
- Being interested in culture of Self and Other
  - Building trusting relationships
  - Having non-prejudiced and non-discriminatory attitudes.

**Cultural knowledge**
- Japan’s colonial history
- Contemporary politics
- Cultural difference (e.g., taboos)

**Personal qualities**
- Leadership
- Outgoingness
- Sociability
- Flexibility
- Cooperativeness
- Broadmindedness, etc.