57. Based on an analysis of the Japanese currency used during the Meiji period (1868–1912) shown above, which of the following is the primary message conveyed by the engraving?

(A) The Japanese government considered its geographical proximity to China to be of primary importance.

(B) The Japanese government focused its expansionist policy on Australia and New Zealand.

(C) The Japanese government saw itself as a major Pacific power.

(D) The Japanese government was eager to develop trade ties with the United States.