

JAPAN

Capital: Tokyo

GEODATA

Area

378,000 km²

Population

126 million (1996)

Population growth rate

0.23% (1996 est.)

Major language

Japanese

Major religious groups

Buddhist, Shinto

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Democratic institutions

Bicameral parliament

Leaders

Emperor Akihito

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Keizo Obuchi

Minister of Finance

Hikaru Matsunaga

UN Human Development Index (1997)

Japan ranks 7th among 175 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$4.74 trillion US (1997)

Real GDP growth rate

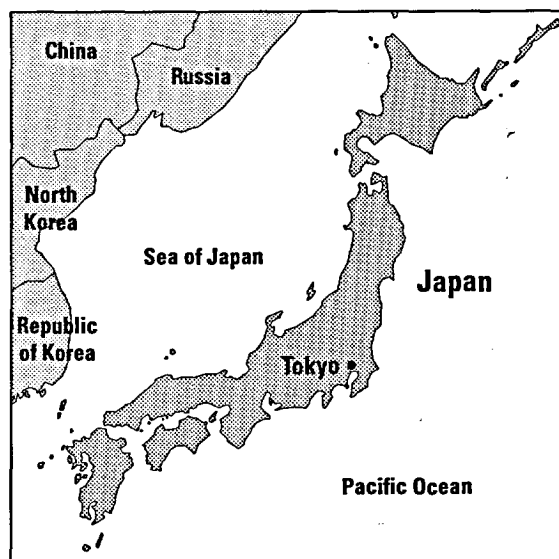
0.9% (1997)

Inflation rate

1.7% (1997)

Unemployment rate

3.6% (February 1998)



Main exports

Machinery, motor vehicles, consumer electronics and computers

Main imports

Mineral fuels, foodstuffs, raw materials, machinery, metal ore

Main exports to Canada

\$12.5 billion (1997), including machinery, electronics and photographic equipment, motor vehicles and parts, computers, chemicals

Main imports from Canada

\$10.9 billion (1997), including lumber and plywood, pulp and paper, coal, fish, animal products, seafood, oilseeds

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