

JAPAN

Capital: Tokyo

GEODATA

Area

377,835 km²

Major language

Japanese

Major religious groups

Shinto and Buddhist (84%); Soka Gaki and Christian (16%)

Surrounding countries

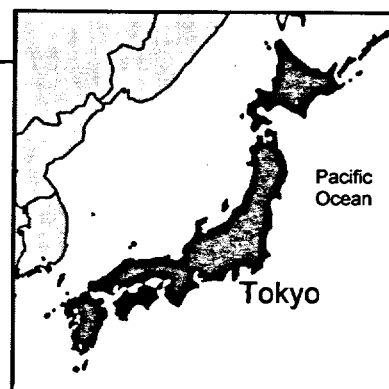
China, North Korea, Republic of Korea, Russia

Population

126.9 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

0.2% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Upper chamber: House of Councillors

Lower chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Leaders

Emperor Akihito

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Makiko Tanaka

Minister of Finance

Masajuro Shiokawa

Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry

Takeo Hiranuma

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Japan ranks 9th among 162 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$4.61 trillion US (2000)

Inflation rate

-0.6% (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

1.7% (2000)

Unemployment rate

4.7% (March 2001)

GDP per capita

\$37,748 US (2000)

Main exports

Machinery, motor vehicles, consumer electronics and computers

Main imports

Mineral fuel, foodstuff, raw materials, machinery, metallic ore

Main exports to Canada

\$16.6 billion (2000), including motor vehicles and parts, machinery, electrical machinery, medical equipment, toys and sports equipment, aircraft/spacecraft

Main imports from Canada

\$9 billion (2000), including lumber and plywood, coal and mineral fuel, oilseeds and cereal, pulp and paper, meat, fish and seafood

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