

STATISTICAL PROFILE

JAPAN

- Geography: 143,000 square miles (1/27th of the area of Canada); 16% cultivated, 69% forest, the balance is urban, grasslands or mountains.
- Population: 115 million people, of which 25 million live in the immediate vicinity of Tokyo; the 7th most populous country in the world; 70% of the population live in urban areas; a highly homogeneous society, 99.2% of which are ethnic Japanese; virtually 100% literacy.
- Government: The 1947 Japanese Constitution declares that sovereignty resides with the people, and that the Emperor will be the symbol of the State and of the unity of the people, deriving his position from the will of the people.

The National Diet of Japan is bicameral, consisting of the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors. (For more information, see "The Japanese Political System and Political Development in 1979.")