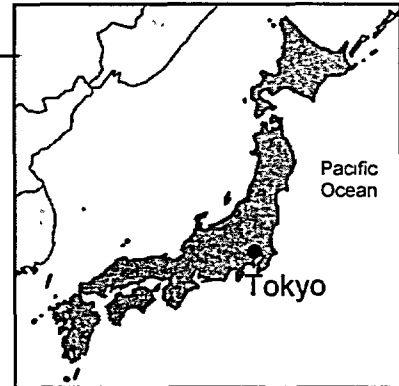


# JAPAN

Capital: Tokyo

## GEODATA

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Area</b><br>377,864 km <sup>2</sup>  | <b>Population</b><br>126.8 (2001 est.)            |
| <b>Major language</b><br>Japanese   | <b>Population growth rate</b><br>0.2% (2001 est.) |
| <b>Major religious groups</b><br>Shinto and Buddhist (84%); Soka Gaki and Christian (16%) |   |
| <b>Surrounding countries</b><br>China, North Korea, Republic of Korea, Russia             |   |



## POLITICAL DATA

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|--|---|
| <b>Type of government</b><br>Constitutional monarchy   | <b>Minister of Foreign Affairs</b><br>Yoriko Kawaguchi                          |
| <b>National legislature</b><br>Upper chamber: House of Councillors<br>Lower chamber: House of Representatives;<br>multiparty | <b>Minister of Finance</b><br>Masajuro Shiokawa                                 |
| <b>Leaders</b><br>Emperor Akihito<br>Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi  | <b>Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry</b><br>Takeo Hiranuma                |
|  | <b>UN Human Development Index (2002)</b><br>Japan ranks 9th among 173 countries |

## ECONOMIC DATA

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>GDP</b><br>\$4.2 trillion US (2001)  | <b>Inflation rate</b><br>-0.7% (2001) |
| <b>GDP growth rate</b><br>-0.5% (2001)  | <b>Unemployment rate</b><br>5% (2001) |
| <b>GDP per capita</b><br>\$27,430 US (2001, PPP)  |                                       |
| <b>Main exports</b><br>Machinery, motor vehicles, consumer electronics and computers  |                                       |
| <b>Main imports</b><br>Mineral fuel, foodstuffs, raw materials, machinery, metallic ore   |                                       |
| <b>Canadian imports from Japan</b><br>\$14.6 billion (2001), including electrical machinery, motor vehicles and parts, machinery, medical equipment, toys and sports equipment, aircraft/spacecraft |                                       |
| <b>Canadian exports to Japan</b><br>\$8.2 billion (2001), including lumber and plywood, coal and mineral fuel, oilseeds and cereal, pulp and paper, meat, fish and seafood                          |                                       |

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