

# JAPAN

Capital: Tokyo

## GEODATA

### Area

377,847 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

126.5 million (1998 est.)

### Population growth rate

0.3% (1998 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 Keizo Obuchi

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Masahiko Kohmura

### Minister of Finance

Kiichi Miyazawa

### UN Human Development Index (1999)

Japan ranks 4th among 174 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

### Nominal GDP

\$3.8 trillion US (1998)

### Real GDP growth rate

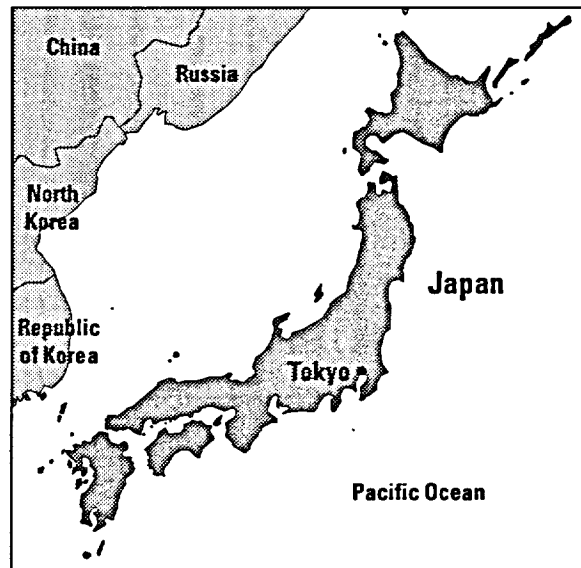
-2.6% (1998)

### GDP per capita

\$29,907 US (1998 est.)

### Inflation rate

0.6% (1998)



### Unemployment rate

4.8% (March 1999)

### Main exports

Machinery, motor vehicles, consumer electronics and computers

### Main imports

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

### Main exports to Canada

\$14 billion (1998), including machinery, electronic and photographic equipment, motor vehicles and parts, computers, chemicals

### Main imports from Canada

\$8.6 billion (1998), including lumber and plywood, pulp and paper, coal, fish, animal products, seafood, oilseeds

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