

JAPAN

Capital: Tokyo

GEODATA

Area

377 801 km²

Population

125.04 million (1994)

Population growth

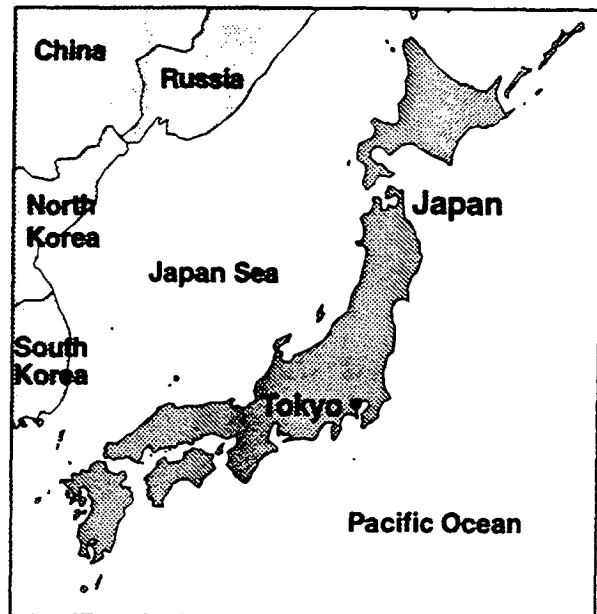
0.4% (1994)

Major language

Japanese

Major religions

Buddhist, Shinto, Christian



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Leader

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto

Foreign Affairs Minister

Yukihiko Ikeda

Minister of International Trade and Industry

Shumpei Tsukahara

Democratic institutions

Bicameral parliament (Diet)

UN Human Development Index

Japan ranks 3rd among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

US\$4.149 trillion (1995 estimate)

GDP growth rate

0.6% (1995)

GDP per capita

US\$33 182 (1995 estimate)

Inflation rate

-0.1% (1995)

Unemployment rate

3.2% (1995)

Major exports

Machinery, metals, chemical products, textile fibres and products, motor vehicles, ships, consumer electronics and optical instruments

Major imports

Mineral fuels, food, raw materials, machinery, and metal ore and scrap

Major exports to Canada

\$12.01 billion (1995), including motor vehicles and parts, computers, chemicals, electronics and photographic equipment

Major imports from Canada

\$12.1 billion (1995), including lumber, plywood, coal, pulp and paper, fish, seafood and oil seeds