

JAPAN

Capital: Tokyo

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Area

377,864 km²

Population

126.8 (2001 est.)

Major language

Japanese

Population growth rate

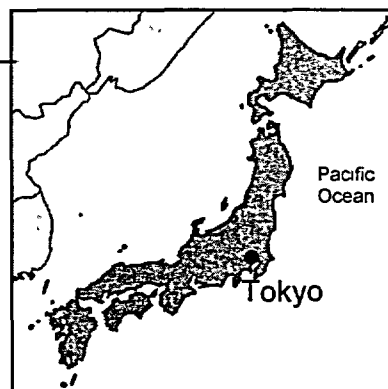
0.2% (2001 est.)

Major religious groups

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

Surrounding countries

China, North Korea, Republic of Korea, Russia



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Yoriko Kawaguchi

National legislature

Upper chamber: House of Councillors

Lower chamber: House of Representatives; multiparty

Minister of Finance

Masajuro Shiokawa

Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry

Takeo Hiranuma

Leaders

Emperor Akihito

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi

UN Human Development Index (2002)

Japan ranks 9th among 173 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$4.2 trillion US (2001)

Inflation rate

-0.7% (2001)

GDP growth rate

-0.5% (2001)

Unemployment rate

5% (2001)

GDP per capita

\$27,430 US (2001, PPP)

Main exports

Machinery, motor vehicles, consumer electronics and computers

Main imports

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

Canadian imports from Japan

\$14.6 billion (2001), including electrical machinery, motor vehicles and parts, machinery, medical equipment, toys and sports equipment, aircraft/spacecraft

Canadian exports to Japan

\$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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