

## *Japan – Fact Sheet*

<b>Type of Government</b>	Constitutional Monarchy
<b>Head of State</b>	Emperor Hirohito (age 84)
<b>Head of Government</b>	Yasuhiro Nakasone
<b>Foreign Minister</b>	Shintaro Abe
<b>International Trade &amp; Industry Minister</b>	Michio Watanabe
<b>Finance Minister</b>	Noboru Takeshita
<b>Area</b>	378,000 sq. km.
<b>Land Use</b>	Agricultural 15% Forest 67% Other 18%
<b>Population</b>	120.1 million (life expectancy 76 - world's highest)
<b>Population Density</b>	318 per sq. km. (Canada: 2/sq. km.)
<b>Major Religions</b>	Shintoism and Buddhism (Christianity comprises approximately 1%)
<b>Education</b>	19.7% of public expenditure spent on education 94% of population finish high school 38% of population finish university
<b>GNP</b>	\$1,159 billion (1983) (Average GNP growth 1979-83: 4.1%) (Estimated growth for 1986 2.8% - 3.4%)
<b>GNP per Capita</b>	US \$9,700 (1983)
<b>Inflation Rate</b>	2.2% (1984)
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	2.6% (1985)
<b>Bank of Japan Discount Rate</b>	5.5%
<b>Savings Rate</b>	21.3%
<b>Investment Rate</b>	32% of GNP
<b>Annual Productivity Increases</b>	6 - 8%
<b>Currency</b>	141 Yen - \$1 Canadian, December 1985
<b>Trade (1984)</b>	Total Japanese Exports: US \$170.3 billion (16% increase over 1983) Total Japanese Imports: US \$137.3 billion (8% increase over 1983)
<b>Current Account Surplus</b>	US \$33 billion (1984)
<b>Total Japanese Exports to Canada</b>	
1985	\$5.9 billion
1984	\$5.7 billion
1983	\$4.41 billion
1982	\$3.52 billion
1981	\$4.04 billion

Major Items: Motor Vehicles, Photographic Goods, Electric Generating Equipment, Tires and Tubes, Plate, Sheet and Strip Steel, Home Entertainment Items