

Nagoya, Japan

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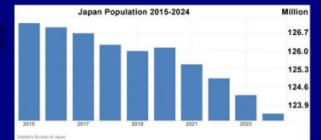
Comparing Japan and USA

Some Facts	JAPAN	UNITED STATES
Capital	Tokyo	Washington, DC
Area	146,000 sq mi	USA: 3,718,000 sq mi. Florida: 66,000 sq mi.
Population	123 million	USA: 330 million Florida: 23 million
States	47 Prefectures	50 States
Language	Japanese	English
President/ Prime Min.	Shigeru Ishiba (Since 2024)	Donald Trump (Since 2025)

Japan's Four Main Islands



Japan Population:
123.2 million
(2024 est.)



Ethnic groups:

- Japanese 97.5%.
- Chinese 0.6%.
- Vietnamese 0.4%
- South Korean 0.3%.
- Others 1.2%.

*Sharp decline
in population
past 10 years.
Projected to
continue
declining
indefinitely.*

Japan Life Expectancy at Birth (2024 est):

- Total population: 85.2 years.
- Male: 82.3 years.
- Female: 88.2 years.

4th in world (Monaco, Singapore, Macau).

USA Life Expectancy:

- Total pop (2024 est): 80.9.

USA 49th out of 227 countries.

Japan Median Age (2024 est):

- Total: 49.9 years.
- Male: 48.3 years.
- Female: 51.3 years.

Second oldest in the world (Monaco is first).

USA Median (total): 38.9 years.

UK: 40.8 years.

China: 40.2 years.

Japan's Ageing Population

29.5% of population is 65 and over.

- Highest in the world (2024 est).
- World average 65 and over: 10.3%.

Japan: 1 in 10 people aged 80 or over.

727,000 babies born 2023: Lowest since records began in 19th century.

*Due to ageing population,
Japan sells more adult
diapers than kids' diapers.*



UN Population Forecast (Millions of People)

	Japan	World
2024	123 (actual)	8,127 (actual)
2030	120	8,536
2035	116	8,855
2040	112	9,149
2050	105	9,644
2060	99	9,977
2070	91	10,182
2080	85	10,281
2090	81	10,274
2100	77	10,186

Implications (Examples):

- Economy general: Labor and skills shortages.
- Declining productivity.
- Lower tax collections (fewer workers).
- Increased health care and pension costs (already 34% of Japan's national budget).
- Increased dependency on carers.
- Need for immigrants.
- Will young people stay?

UN World Population Prospects: The 2024 Revision

Japan Brief History (1 of 2)

600 BC: Japan united (loosely) as single country. Regional warfare.

1500 AD: Europeans arrived. International trade began.

1603-1867: Edo period. Isolation from rest of world. Tokugawa Shoguns rather than Emperor.

1867: Civil War. Shogunate ended. Emperor restored (Meiji Restoration).

Japan Brief History (2 of 2)

1867-1890s: Modernization. Industry.

1890s-1945: Wars with neighbors – China, Russia, Korea, Vietnam, even USA (Pearl Harbor). **Defeated in WW2.**

1950s-1980s: Strong economic growth.

1900s-2000s: Economic slowdown.

Since 2010: Slow recovery. Ageing population.

Head of Government: Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba Since Sept 2024



- Leader of the majority party or majority coalition in the House of Representatives usually becomes Prime Minister.
- Cabinet: Prime Minister appoints.

Japan also has an Emperor. Emperor Naruhito.



- Hereditary.
- Succeeded his father who abdicated on April 30, 2019.
- Powers are ceremonial.
- No power in running the government.
- Defined in Japan's Constitution as "the symbol of the state and the unity of the people".

Bicameral Parliament (Diet):

House of Councillors:

- 242 seats.
- 6-year terms, half renewed every 3 years.

House of Representatives:

- 465 seats.
- 4-year terms.



Japanese Money

The Yen

Symbol ¥

¥148 = US\$1



So this 10,000 yen note is worth about US\$70.



Nagoya Background Population:

- City 2.3 million.
- Metro 10.2 million.
- 4th largest city in Japan.

Area: 126 sq miles.

Located between Japan's two historic capitals – Tokyo and Kyoto.



Tokyo to Nagoya 165 miles

Nagoya was a major driver of Japan's industrial revolution: Ceramics, textiles, railways, and in 20th century became automobile and aircraft capital of Japan.

Consequently Nagoya was a key WWII target of the Allies. Bombed from April 1942 to June 1945. One-quarter of the city was destroyed.

Nagoya Port: Largest port by international trade value in Japan.



Nagoya Castle
Built 1610-1619
Tokagawa Warlords
Destroyed in
1945 air raids.
Reconstructed.



Honmaru Palace – Warlords' Residence
Built 1615. Reconstructed.
Many decorations are original.



Osu Kannon Temple – Originally built 1612.
Repeatedly damaged by flooding and fire.
Current buildings mostly 20th century
reconstructions.



Main Altar of Osu Kannon Temple.
Pull rope to ring bell to awaken gods
to listen to your prayers.



Osu Kannon Temple
Buddhist.
Library contains 15,000
classic Japanese
and Chinese texts.



Osu Kannon Temple Antiques Market
18th and 28th of every month.
Souvenirs, antiques, ceramics,
clothes, second hand goods.



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Fuji Sengen Shrine (near Osu Kannon)
Dates back to 1495.

Nagoya Metro (Subway) Trains

- 6 lines.
- 58 miles.
- 87 stations.
- 90% underground.
- Single trip fares range from ¥200 to ¥320.
- 24-hour pass ¥740.



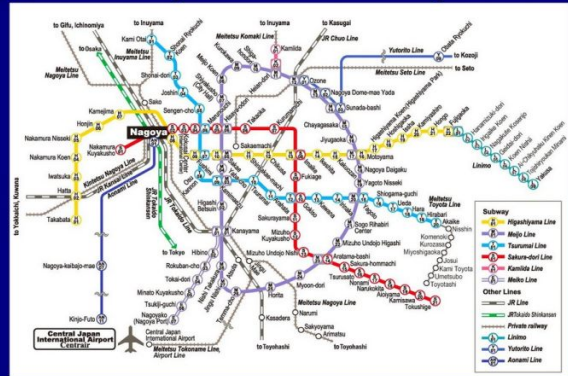
There are several other private train lines that operate like the Metro but require separate tickets.

- One of those lines is Maglev.

Meitetsu Airport Express is separate, tickets ¥870 non-reserved, ¥1,230 reserved express.

Signage and announcements in English.

Nagoya Metro (Subway Train) System. The H, S, T, M, K, E lines are part of Metro. Others private.



Metro Ticket Machines

Japanese and English.

Or go to window.



Nagoya Metro Platform

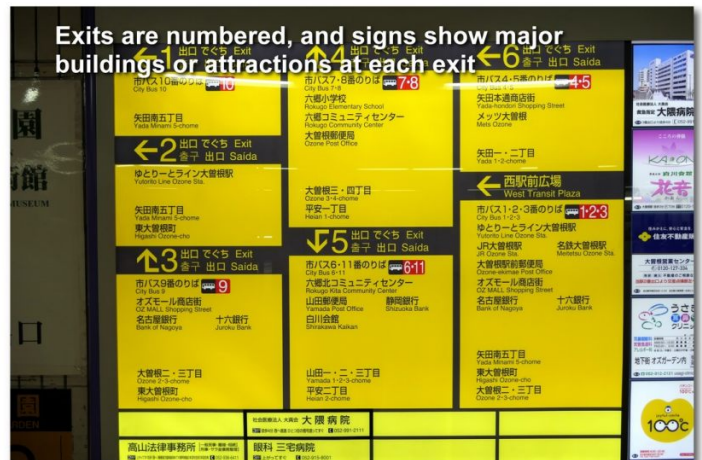


To prevent falling onto tracks, these doors open only after train is in station.

Often packed much more than this



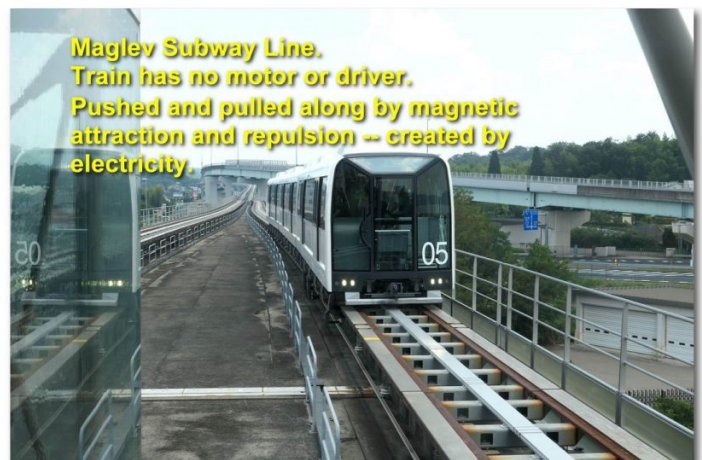
Exits are numbered, and signs show major buildings or attractions at each exit

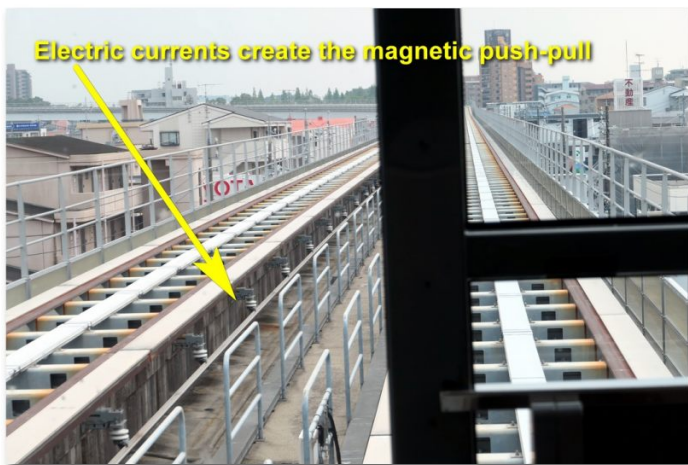


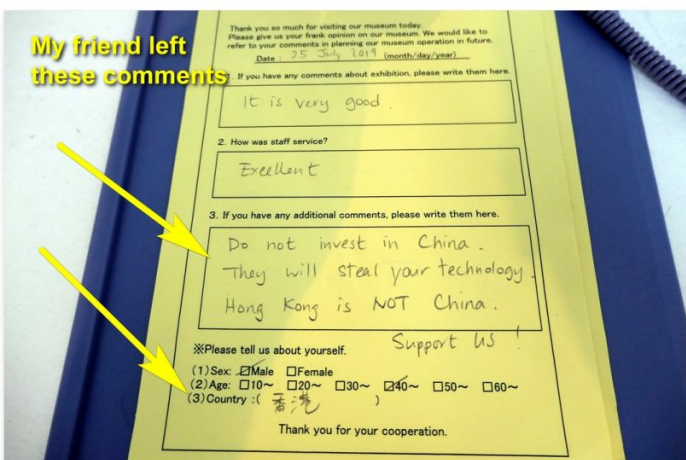
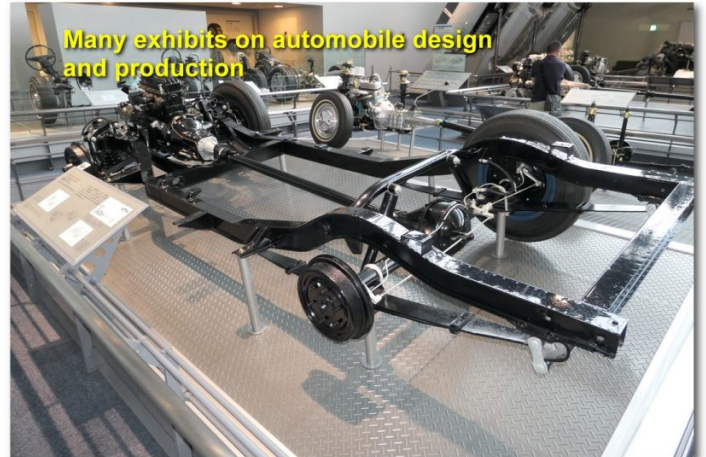
Due to groping problems (all over Japan) Metro trains have Women-Only Cars.

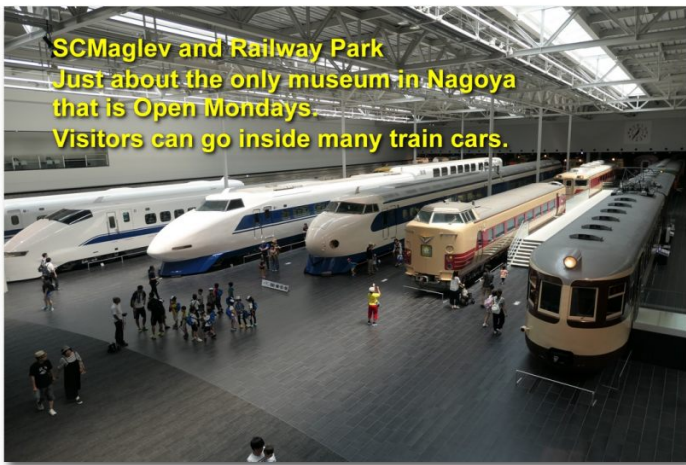


Maglev Subway Line. Train has no motor or driver. Pushed and pulled along by magnetic attraction and repulsion – created by electricity.







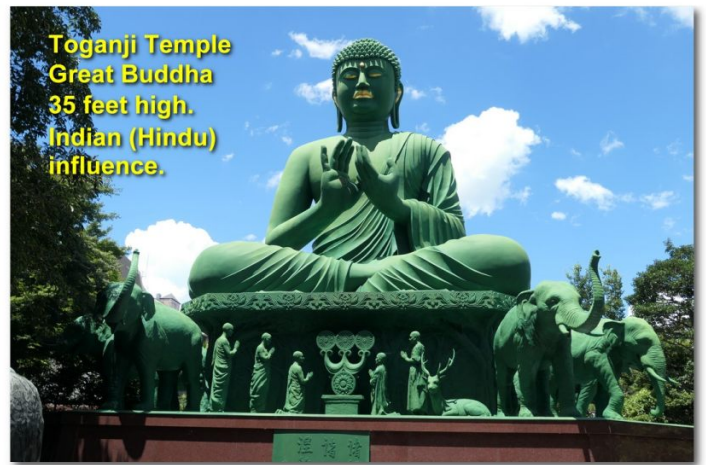








**Koshoji Temple
Main Prayer Hall
1686**



**Toganji Temple
Great Buddha
35 feet high.
Indian (Hindu)
influence.**



**Typical Japanese Cemetery
at Toganji Temple
First cremated, then buried.**



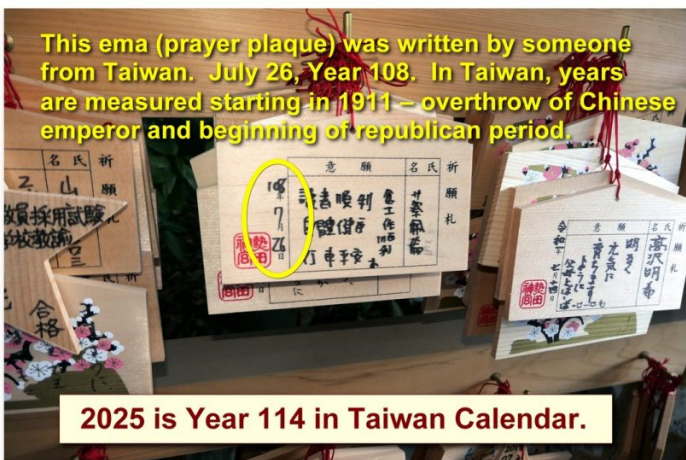
**Higashi Betsuin Temple
Hondou Main Hall
1702 - Rebuilt**



**Higashi Betsuin Temple
Inside Hondou Main Hall**

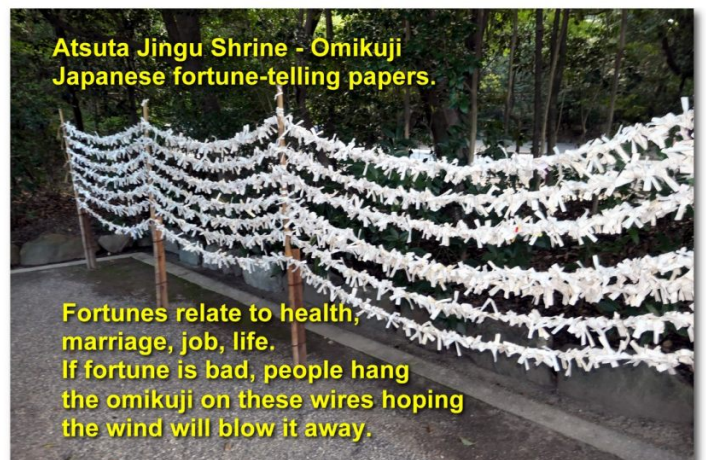


**Atsuta Jingu Shrine - Founded 2nd c AD
One of Shinto's most important shrines.**



This ema (prayer plaque) was written by someone from Taiwan. July 26, Year 108. In Taiwan, years are measured starting in 1911 – overthrow of Chinese emperor and beginning of republican period.

2025 is Year 114 in Taiwan Calendar.



**Atsuta Jingu Shrine - Omikuji
Japanese fortune-telling papers.**

Fortunes relate to health, marriage, job, life. If fortune is bad, people hang the omikuji on these wires hoping the wind will blow it away.



Nagoya Station
Many train lines, offices, shopping, dining



Nagoya Station - Intersection of many train and subway lines. Airport train leaves you here.



Nagoya Station - Ticket Machines
Japanese and English



Shinkansen (Bullet Train) at Nagoya Station



Hundreds of Shops and restaurants in and under Nagoya Station



Red Bean Pancake (Dorayaki) Shop in Nagoya Station

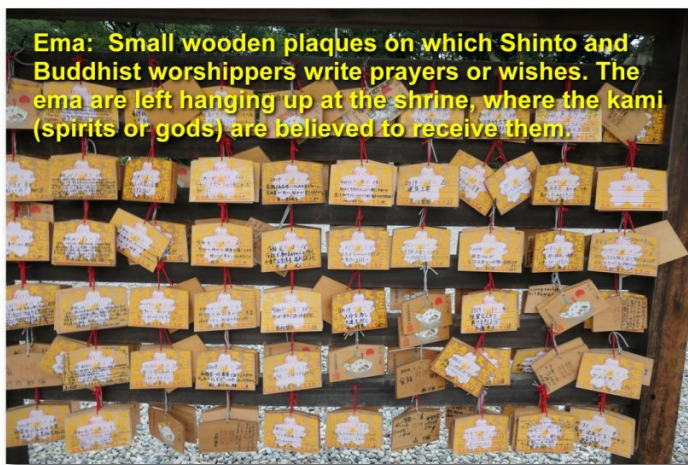
I highly recommend this movie about a red bean pancake shop in suburban Tokyo
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sweet_Bean



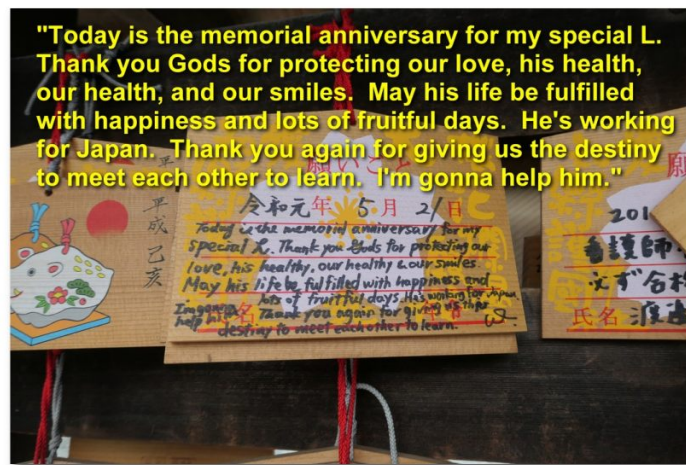
Nagoya Station: Shop selling Okonomiyaki.
Savory pancake, made with flour, eggs, shredded cabbage, and meat, topped with a variety of condiments. aka: 'Japanese pizza'.



Most Shinto Temples have decorative Sake Barrels "Kazaridaru". Sake is the spirit that brings people and gods together.



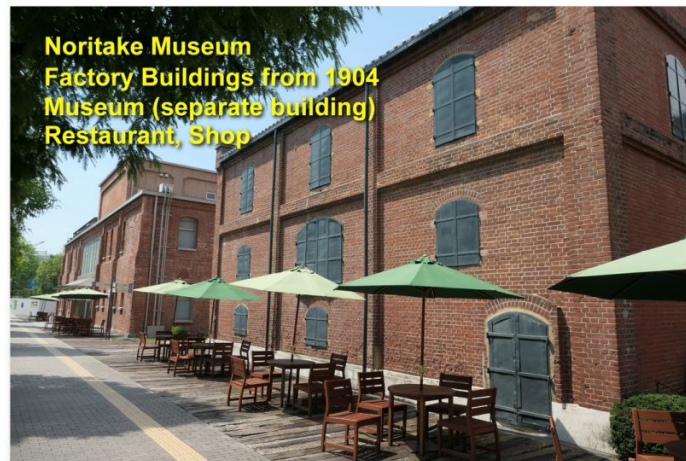
Ema: Small wooden plaques on which Shinto and Buddhist worshippers write prayers or wishes. The ema are left hanging up at the shrine, where the kami (spirits or gods) are believed to receive them.



"Today is the memorial anniversary for my special L. Thank you Gods for protecting our love, his health, our health, and our smiles. May his life be fulfilled with happiness and lots of fruitful days. He's working for Japan. Thank you again for giving us the destiny to meet each other to learn. I'm gonna help him."



"This man has been divorced for 15 years has been remorseful ever since then."



Noritake Museum
Factory Buildings from 1904
Museum (separate building)
Restaurant, Shop



Noritake History Museum
Demonstration Factory
Separate Building



Noritake Pottery and Ceramics Museum
Nagoya



Noritake Museum - Nagoya



Noritake Museum - Nagoya



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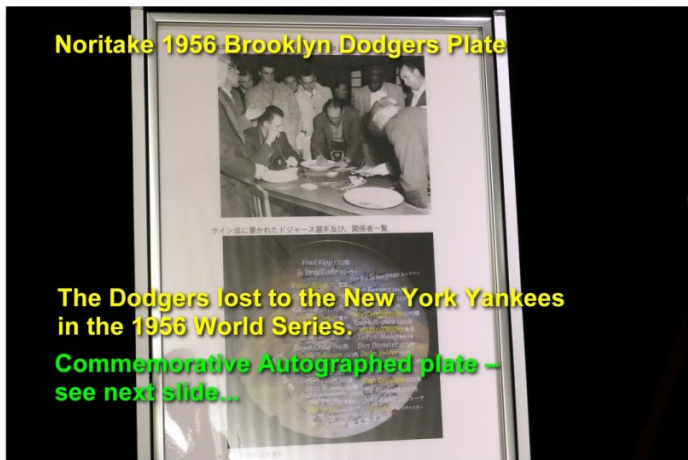
Noritake Museum - Nagoya
Pattern Made 1912-1940



Noritake Museum - Nagoya
Pattern Made 1891-1921



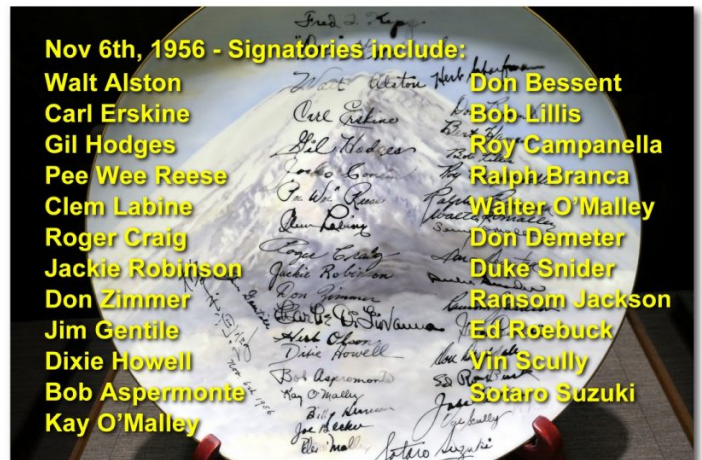
Noritake Museum - Nagoya
Pattern Made 1911-1921



Noritake 1956 Brooklyn Dodgers Plate

The Dodgers lost to the New York Yankees in the 1956 World Series.

Commemorative Autographed plate – see next slide...

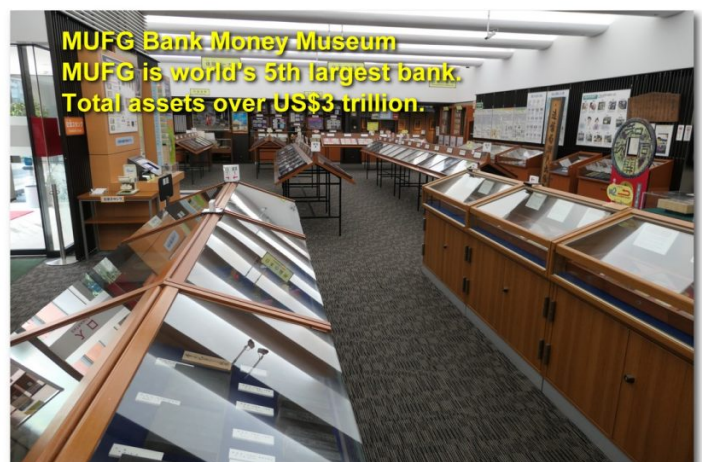


Nov 6th, 1956 - Signatories include:

Walt Alston	Don Bessent
Carl Erskine	Bob Lillis
Gil Hodges	Roy Campanella
Pee Wee Reese	Ralph Branca
Clem Labine	Walter O'Malley
Roger Craig	Don Demeter
Jackie Robinson	Duke Snider
Don Zimmer	Ransom Jackson
Jim Gentile	Ed Roebuck
Dixie Howell	Vin Scully
Bob Aspermonte	Sotaro Suzuki
Kay O'Malley	



MUFG Bank Money Museum
If you are a numismatist, you will love it.
Not near a metro station – take taxi.



MUFG Bank Money Museum
MUFG is world's 5th largest bank.
Total assets over US\$3 trillion.





Nagoya City Science Museum
Hundreds of hands-on exhibits.



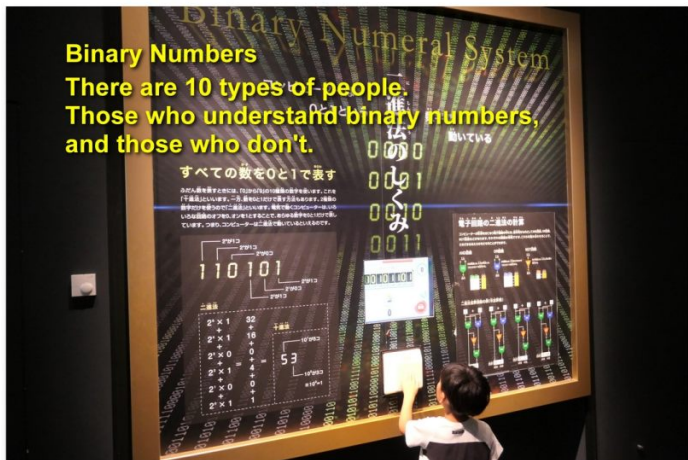
Nagoya City Science Museum



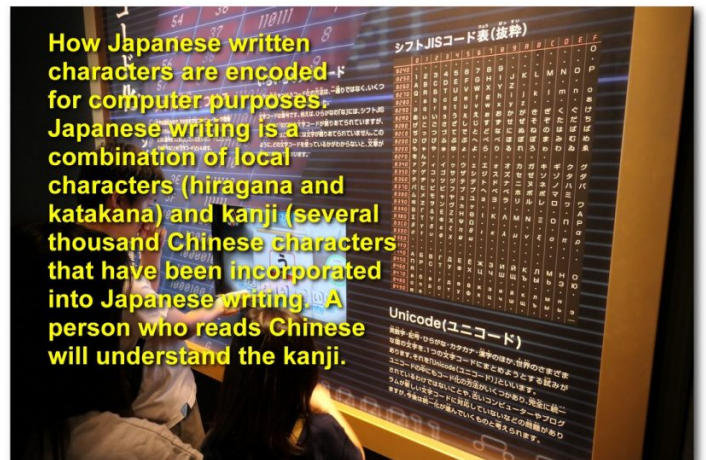
How a Vacuum Cleaner Works



How a Rice Cooker Works



Binary Numbers
There are 10 types of people.
Those who understand binary numbers,
and those who don't.



How Japanese written characters are encoded for computer purposes.
Japanese writing is a combination of local characters (hiragana and katakana) and kanji (several thousand Chinese characters that have been incorporated into Japanese writing). A person who reads Chinese will understand the kanji.



Yamazaki Mazak is a global machine tool company. The Museum is 4th and 5th floors of their headquarters building.



Yamazaki Mazak Museum
French paintings and decorative arts from 18th to 20th centuries.

Furniture by Emile Galle 1897



Furniture by Louis Majorelle - 1900-1903



Yamazaki Museum of Art

Paintings are mostly Old Masters of the periods of French Rococo, Romanticism, Neo-Classicism, Realism, Impressionism, and the Ecole de Paris. 16th-18th c.



Yamazaki Mazak Museum of Art

Jean Louis Gericault
'Mounted Officer of the
Imperial Guard' 1810

Eugene Delacroix 'Sybil with
the Golden Bough' 1838

Jean Fragonard 'Favorable
Inspiration' 1776

Gustave Courbet
'The Wave' 1869



Yamazaki Mazak Museum of Art

Alfred Sisley 'The Long Canal
in Sainte Mammes' 1885

Claude Monet 'The Port of
Amsterdam' 1874

Andre Derain
'Landscape in Ault' 1939

Maurice Denis
'Eurydice' 1906



Yamazaki Mazak Museum of Art

Maurice Denis 'The Month of
Mary in a Spring Landscape'
1907

Amadeo Modigliani 'Portrait
of Dr Paul Alexandre' 1909

Maurice Utrillo 'The Windmill
of Sannois' 1910

Maurice Utrillo
'Rue Marcadet' 1911

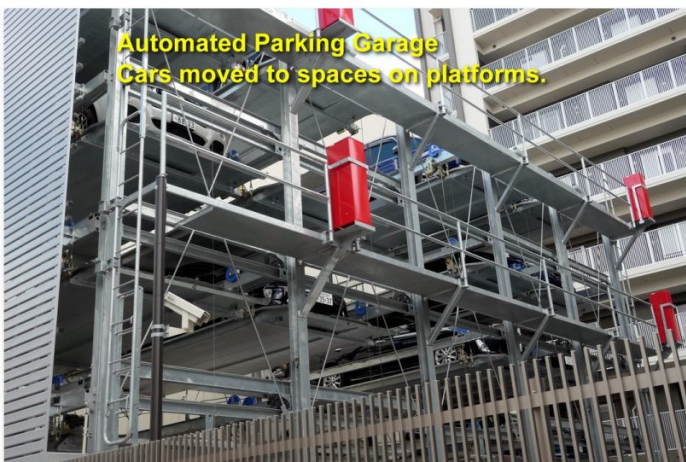


Post Box (Mailbox)

This side
standard
letters and
post cards.

郵便
POST
日本郵便

This side
everything else
including
international.

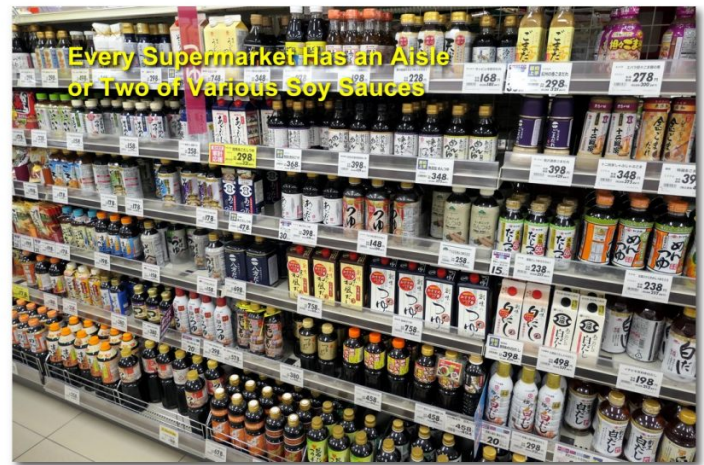


Automated Parking Garage
Cars moved to spaces on platforms.



Most public bathrooms have both
sit and squat toilets. The sit ones
have various controls.





McDonald's Is Very Popular in Japan

Number of stores 2023:

1. United States 13,449.
2. China 5,903.
3. Japan 2,982. ←
4. Brazil 2,704.
5. France 1,559.
6. Canada 1,466.
7. UK 1,434.
8. Germany 1,385.
9. Australia 1,032.
10. Philippines 740.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_with_McDonald's_restaurants

Which brings us to the final section of this presentation:

NAGOYA CUISINE





...seating on tatami mats at low tables



Sashimi and fish set meal - ¥950 (US\$9)



Izakaya - Egg and fish roe omelette



Izakaya - fish cake with wasabi



You put small portions of things in a wooden sectional tray





Farm Buffet Restaurant



Yafu Restaurant - Plastic Models of Menu Items



Yafu Restaurant - You can sit at normal tables or on tatami mats at low tables

Cold soba noodles



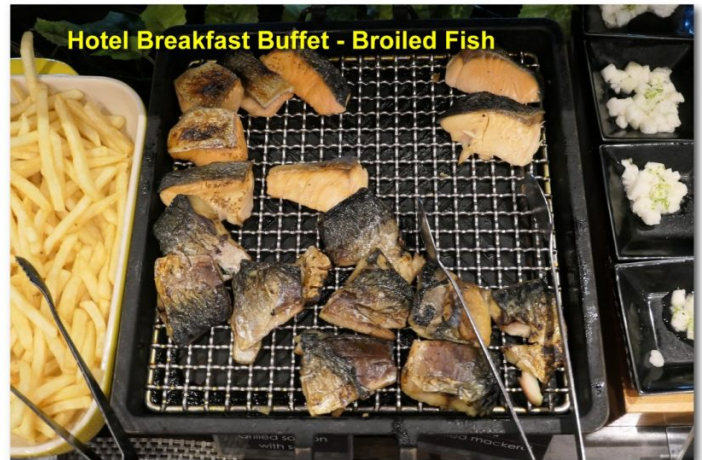
Misokatsu (fried pork cutlet with thick miso sauce) on rice

Nagoya specialty



Kishimen flat wheat noodles with bonito flakes

Nagoya specialty



Hotel Breakfast Buffet - Broiled Fish

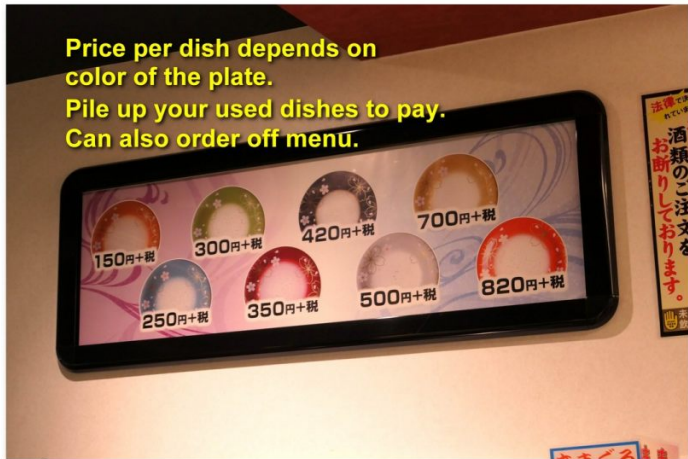


Hotel Breakfast Buffet Stewed Vegetables

**筑前煮
Simmered vegetables**



Hotel Breakfast Buffet Lotus Root Salad





Sometimes you need a McFlurry even in Japan!



Neighborhood Udon Restaurant
Tables or Tatami



Udon Restaurant Menu
Pictures of Some Items



Udon in miso soup with pork
Rice with raw egg



Udon with Tempura



Miyamoto Munashi Restaurant Menu on Wall
Japanese and English



Miyamoto Munashi — Order and Pay at a Machine
Can change screen to English. Then sit at a
table and give printed ticket to server.



Chicken with cheese and egg,
rice, salad, miso

Pork and Udon Set Meal with Rice and Tofu



Back to Yafu Restaurant a Second Time



Back to Yafu Restaurant a Second Time



Oyakodon - Chicken and Egg on Rice

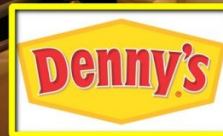


Pork and Kishimen Flat Noodle Soup



Nagoya Specialty

And if you want American food...



THE END
of our visit to Nagoya.
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