

CENTRAL JAPAN

**Hiroshima, Miyajima, Osaka,
Nara, Okayama**

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Some facts

	JAPAN	UNITED STATES
Capital	Tokyo	Washington, DC
Area	145,000 sq miles	Whole USA: 3,718,000 sq mi Florida: 66,000 sq mi
Population	127,000,000	320,000,000 Florida: 20,000,000
States	47 Prefectures	50 States
Language	Japanese	English
President / Prime Min.	Shinzo Abe (since 2012)	Donald Trump (since 2017)

Head of government: Prime Minister Shinzo ABE (since December 26, 2012).

- The leader of the majority party or majority coalition in the House of Representatives usually becomes prime minister.
- Cabinet: Cabinet appointed by the prime minister.

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".

Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako

Former Emperor Akihito

Reigned 1989 to 2019

Reigned since May 1, 2019

With the Trumps May 2019

Daughter Aiko, Princess Toshi

Viola

Prince Akishino and son Prince Hisahito

With Prince William

Bicameral Parliament (Diet):

House of Councillors:

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

House of Representatives:

- 465 seats.
- 4-year terms.

Japan Citizenship

Citizenship by birth: No.

Citizenship by descent only: At least one parent must be a citizen of Japan.

Dual citizenship recognized: No.

Residency requirement for naturalization: 5 years.

Japanese Money

The YEN

Symbol is: ¥

About Yen = 1 US\$

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

Religion in Japan

"Religion does not play a big role in the everyday life of most Japanese people today." www.japan-guide.com

Wikipedia: "Less than 40% of the population of Japan identifies with an organized religion". Of that 40%:

- 35% Buddhism (imported from China).
- 3% to 4% Shinto (developed in Japan).
- 1% to 2% Christianity.

Name of Japan

In Japanese: "Nihon" or "Nippon", which means "sun origin". Why? It was once believed that Japan was the first country to see the sun rise in the East.

Flag: White with a large red disk representing the sun in the center.

Japan Median Age (2018):

- Total: 47.7 years.
- Male: 46.4 years.
- Female: 49.2 years.

Second oldest in the world (Monaco is first).

USA Median (total): 38.2 years.

UK: 40.5 years.

China: 37.7 years.

Japan's Ageing Population:

21% of population is over 65 – highest in the world.

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

Currently, the oldest (verified) humans in the world are two Japanese people at 116 and 115 years old. Both women.

Also 9 of oldest 20 are Japanese women.

Japan has so many vacant homes it's giving them away

By Emiko Jozuka, CNN, December 6, 2018 **CNN!**

Four years ago, Naoko and Takayuki Ida were given a house. For free....

A free house may sound like a scam. But Japan faces an unusual property problem: it has more homes than people to live in them. In 2013, there were 61 million houses and 52 million households, according to the Japan Policy Forum. And the situation is poised to get worse.

Japan's population is expected to decline from 127 million to about 88 million by 2065, according to the National Institute of Population and Social Security, meaning even fewer people will need houses. As young people leave rural areas for city jobs, Japan's countryside has become haunted by deserted "ghost" houses, known as "akiya."

Economy

GDP (nominal) 2018: (World Bank, in Trillion US Dollars)

1 USA	\$20.494
2 China	13.608
3 Japan	4.970 (PPP \$5.443 trillion)
4 Germany	3.997
5 United Kingdom	2.825

Economy:

Public debt (total government borrowings 2017):

Japan: 237.6% of GDP. Highest in the world.
181.8%: Greece. Second highest in the world.
USA: 78.8%.
China: 47.0%.
Hong Kong: 0.1%.

Major Economic Slowdown 1990-2013.

Some recovery since 2013.
But still a long way from 1989.



History 1

660 BC: Emperor Jimmu began rule of whole of Japan. Founder of the imperial dynasty. Considered the start of Japanese history.

For next 2,000 years: Internal battles, regional shogunates, reunifications. For most of the period there was an Emperor of Japan with limited powers.

Late 1500s: Europeans arrived. External trade began. Civil warfare continued.

History 2

1592: Japan invaded Korea. Heavy losses but Korea prevailed.

1603: Tokugawa Shogunate (military dynasty) began rule of all of Japan. Political, economic, and cultural stability. Near-total isolation from foreign influence. Called Edo Period.

1854: US Admiral Perry invaded Japan to open its ports to foreign trade. Unequal Treaty of Kanagawa.

History 3

1867: Civil war. Edo period ended. Meiji Restoration (of Emperor's powers).

1860s-1890s: Japan determined to avoid becoming colonized by West. Emperor decided on course of rapid modernization and industrialization to make Japan self-sufficient.

1890s: Wars with China, Russia, Korea.

History 4

1894-95: First Sino-Japanese War. Japan won. Obtained Taiwan and Korea, which had been a vassal state of China.

1904-05: Russo-Japanese War. Cause: Rival imperial ambitions in Manchuria and Korea. Japan won. Russia acknowledged Japan's control of Korea and got some Russian territory.

1910: Korea was completely annexed into Japan.

History 5

1931-32: Japan invaded Manchuria (N.E. China) and won. Began second Sino-Japanese War.

1937: Japan launched full scale invasion of China. Captured many areas of eastern China. Estimated Chinese war dead (military and civilian) 20 to 30 million.

1940: Japan invaded French Indo-China (Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos).

1941: Japan invaded USA – Pearl Harbor. US entered WWII.

History 6

1945: Surrender of Japan. WWII ends.

1950s-1980s: Strong economic growth.

1990s and 2000s: Major economic slowdown began. Just beginning to recover now.

– Dec 1989: Nikkei Index reached its peak of 38,957.

– March 2009: Low 7,055. 82% below its 1989 peak.



HIROSHIMA





Hiroshima Tram



Peace Museum Hiroshima



Hiroshima Peace Museum
Atomic bomb
August 6, 1945
Ended WW2



Photo of devastation of Hiroshima



Hiroshima Peace Museum Photos



Genbaku Dome
Only building left standing at bomb epicenter.
Now a memorial.



Hiroshima Peace Memorial

Atomic bombings killed:
90,000–146,000 in Hiroshima and
39,000–80,000 in Nagasaki
In contrast, deaths from Japan's
invasion of China, French Indo-
China, Dutch East Indies, Korea,
Indonesia, Philippines, Malaya:
 – **Direct war deaths: 5,000,000,**
 – **War-related famine and disease:**
20,000,000 to 30,000,000.

Deaths from Japan's invasions in East Asia 1931-1945

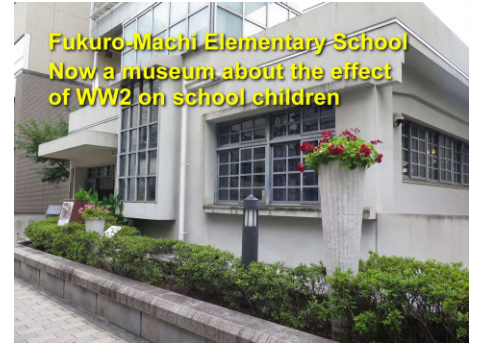
	Total deaths military and civilian	
	Directly due to war	Due to war plus war-related famine
China	10,000,000 to 12,000,000	15,000,000 to 20,000,000
Dutch East Indies	300,000	2,400,000 to 4,000,000
French Indo-china	--	1,000,000 to 2,000,000
Japan	2,500,000 to 3,100,000	2,500,000 to 3,100,000
Korea	500,000	500,000
Malaya and Singapore	100,000	100,000
Philippines	160,000	300,000



Hiroshima City Transportation Museum
 — Trains
 — Automobiles
 — Airplanes
 — Ships
 — Thousands of models
 — Some real ones



Some examples of the model trains and cars



Fukuro-Machi Elementary School
 Now a museum about the effect of WW2 on school children



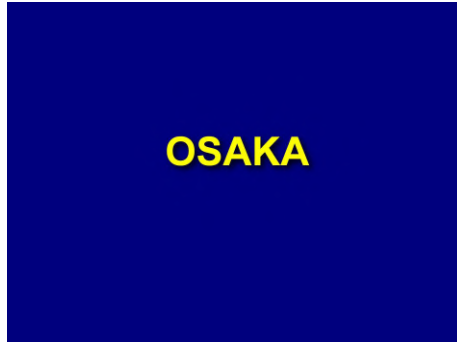
Fukuro-Machi Elementary School 1945

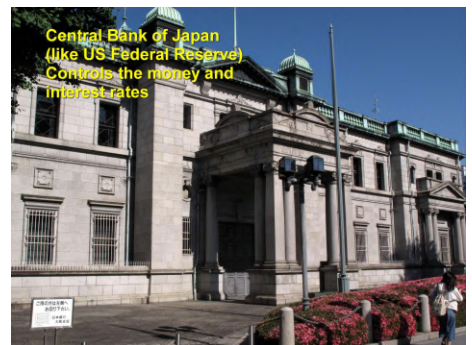
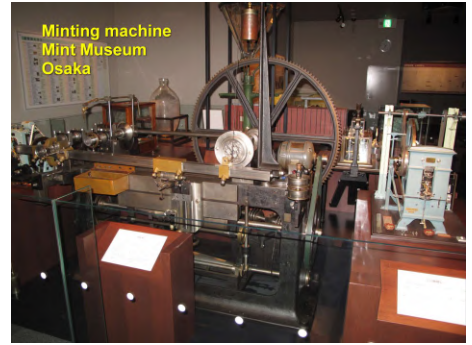
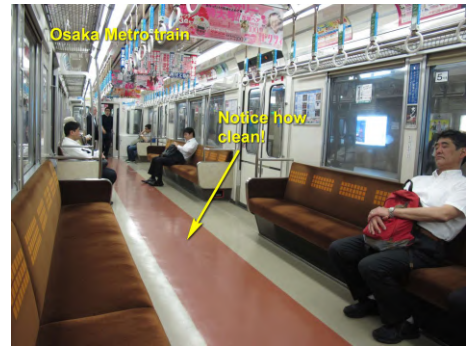
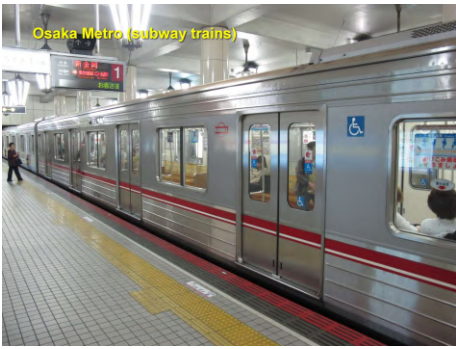
MIYAJIMA ISLAND



Ferry from Hiroshima to Miyajima Island
 About one hour









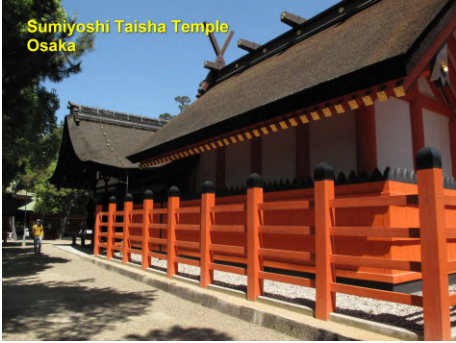
Sumiyoshi Taisha Temple Entrance, Osaka



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Sumiyoshi Taisha Temple Osaka



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Sumiyoshi Taisha Temple Main Hall, Osaka 8th century



Wedding at Sumiyoshi Taisha Temple Osaka



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Prayer board at Sumiyoshi Taisha Temple Osaka



Most public toilets in Japan are like this -- "squat toilet"



Dotonbori restaurant and entertainment district Osaka





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Dotonbori Restaurant Signs English Not Needed



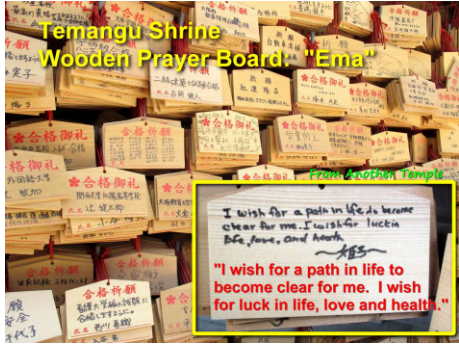
Dotonbori restaurant and entertainment district Osaka



Temangu Shrine Osaka



Temangu Shrine Osaka



Temangu Shrine Wooden Prayer Board: "Ema"



Tennoji Temple Osaka



Tennoji Temple Fortune Tellers' Booths



Tennoji Temple Osaka, 583 AD



Tennoji Temple Osaka, 583 AD



Tennoji Temple Osaka



Tennoji Temple Osaka, 583 AD



Tennoji Temple Osaka 583 AD



Shinsaihashi Neighborhood



Shinsaihashi Covered Shopping Street
About 1/4 mile long



Shinsaihashi Shopping Street
Stores, Boutiques, Restaurants,
Many other stores nearby



Shinsaihashi Shopping Street
Restaurant



Shinsaihashi Shopping Street
Restaurant



Typical Street - Near Black
Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Fresh Wasabi



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Squid - 100 grams = 3 1/2 ounces



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
100 grams = 3 1/2 ounces



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Daikon Radish



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Pickled Vegetables



**Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Fish Roe (Eggs)
¥2800 = About US\$30**



Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market



**Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Daikon Radishes
¥128 each excluding tax
¥134 each with tax**



**Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Osaka**



**Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Each canteloupe is about US\$13**



**Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Osaka**



**Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Osaka**



**Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Fresh Noodles**



**Black Gate Kuromon Ichiba Market
Tempura**



NARA



Train from Osaka to Nara



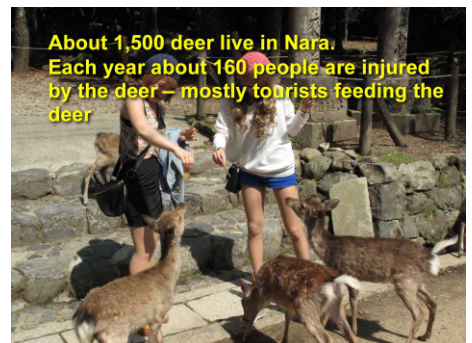
**Nara Train Station
Built 1890**



**Nara Deer
Wild deer since 1300s**



Nara Deer



**About 1,500 deer live in Nara.
Each year about 160 people are injured
by the deer - mostly tourists feeding the
deer**



Warnings about Nara deer



Deer Have the Run of the Town



Entrance Gate to
 Todaiji Temple
 Nara
 728 AD



Todaiji Temple
 728 AD, Nara
 UNESCO Heritage Site



Todaiji Temple
 Nara - 728 AD
 UNESCO
 Heritage Site



Todaiji Temple
 World's largest
 bronze
 statue of Buddha
 Nara



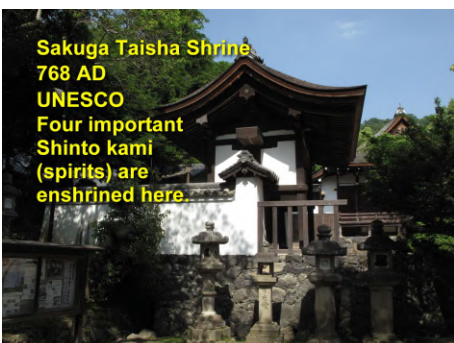
Another bronze Buddha
 in Todaiji Temple



Sangatsudo Hall
 Nara, 733 AD



Nigatsu-do Temple
 Nara, 752 AD



Sakuga Taisha Shrine
 768 AD
 UNESCO
 Four important
 Shinto kami
 (spirits) are
 enshrined here.



Students at
 Kasuga Taisha Shrine
 Nara



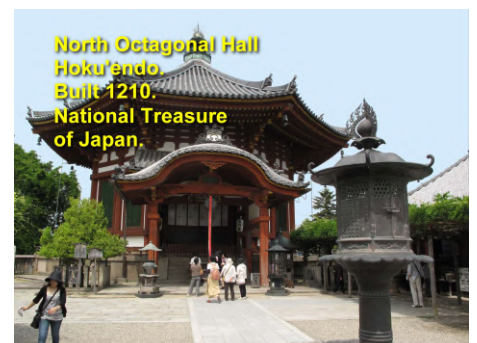
Lanterns at
 Kasuga Taisha Shrine
 Nara



Kofuku-ji Buddhist Temple
 669 AD
 East Golden Hall



Kofuku-ji Temple
 669 AD



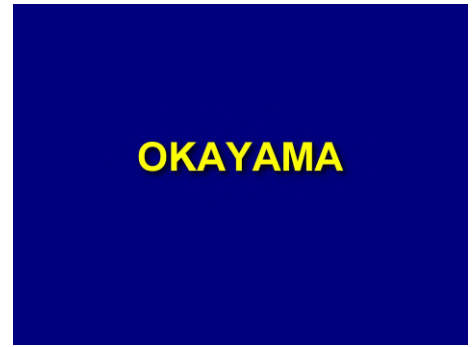
North Octagonal Hall
 Hoku'endo
 Built 1210.
 National Treasure
 of Japan.



Nara 5-story pagoda
Built 730 AD



Himuro Jinja Shrine - Nara
Built 710 AD



OKAYAMA



Shinkansen - High Speed Train
From Osaka to Okayama



Shinkansen - High Speed Train
From Osaka to Okayama



From Okayama train station, take
electric tram to Korakuen Garden.



Enter rear. Exit front.
Pay at exit
Change machine if needed.



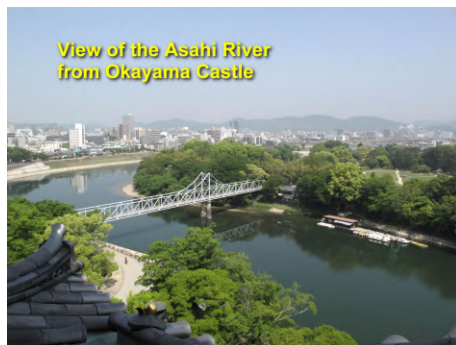
Okayama Castle
Built 1597
Destroyed WW2
Rebuilt 1966



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View of Asahi River
from Top of Castle



View of the Asahi River
from Okayama Castle



Korakuen Garden
Built in 1700 by
Ikeda Tsunamasa,
Lord of Okayama.



Korakuen Garden - Okayama
Built in 1700



Korakuen Garden - Okayama



Korakuen Garden - Okayama



Korakuen Garden – Okayama
Built in 1700

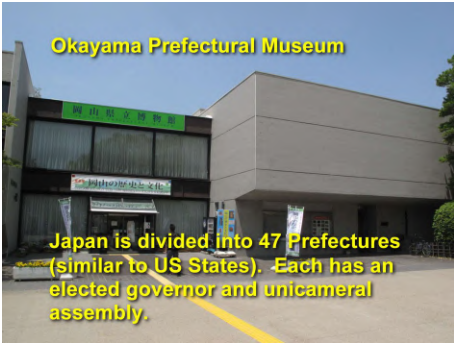


Torii at Entrance to Okayama Shrine

Torii marks the transition from the mundane to the sacred.



Okayama Shrine
Shinto



Okayama Prefectural Museum

Japan is divided into 47 Prefectures (similar to US States). Each has an elected governor and unicameral assembly.



No Smoking on Any Public Sidewalk

ポイ捨て禁止・路上喫煙禁止
岡山市



FOOD SPECIALTIES



Gyoza – Wonton wrappers stuffed with pork and cabbage.

Chinese call them Jiaozi.



Mackerel cooked at your table with a blow-torch.



Cooking tuna with a blowtorch at your table!



Seared tuna
Seared means lightly broiled



Easy for English speaker to order.
1. Choose by number.
2. Buy ticket from machine.
3. Sit down at table.
4. Give ticket to waiter.



Noodles, Duck Eggs, Pork in Miso Broth



Ramen, duck eggs, pork in (very) spicy miso broth



Typical Lunch or Dinner Set
Chicken and Egg Rice, Udon Miso Pickles

Under US\$10



Udon (fat noodles) with sweet tofu



Buns sweet sauce (on grill)



Udon -- fat noodles



Beef and tofu soup



McDonald's Breakfast

Cheeseburger with egg, coffee, potato ¥453 = US\$4.80



Price includes fries and Coke

Price just the sandwich



McDonald's Mega 3 beef patties

Tamago = Egg



Subway half Sandwich 500 Yen = US\$4.75. Note drink OR fries. Only until 10:30am.



Carousel (Revolving) Sushi

Plates move along. Price depends on plate color.



Carousel Sushi

Tuna, Soy Sauce, Chopsticks, Ginger, Tea Cups, Boiling Water, Can also order in writing



Tuna Sushi



Turbot (Flounder) Sushi



Another Carousel Sushi Restaurant in Osaka



At this place most dishes are one price



5 Million Vending Machines in Japan. 1 for every 23 people. Highest density in the world. Annual sales US\$60 billion.



Soft drinks, Coffee, Tea, Cigarettes, Candy, Soup, Sandwiches, Hot food, Sake and beer, Umbrellas, Flowers, Condoms, Fresh fruit & veg, Surgical masks, T-shirts, Underwear, Prayers, Men's neckties, Batteries, Rice etc etc!

