

# Japan



- Capital city: Tokyo
- Official language: - Japanese (de facto)

### **1) Geographical features:**

- Area: 377,915 sq km
- Geographical coordinates: 36 00 N, 138 00 E
- Climate: varies from tropical in south to cool temperate in north
- Topography type: mostly rugged and mountainous

### **2) Political features:**

- Government type: a parliamentary government with a constitutional monarchy
- Head of state: Emperor Akihito (since January 1989)
- Head of government: Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (since 26 December 2012)

### **3) Economic features:**

- Total GDP: 4,601,461,206,885.1 (2014)
- GDP growth rate: 1.1% (2015) [provisional]
- GDP per capita: \$36,194.4 (2014)
- GNI (PPP): \$ 4,821,127,879,640 (2014)
- Sectoral composition of economy (2013 est.):
  - » Agriculture: 1.2%
  - » Industry: 24.5%
  - » Services: 74.3%
- Currency and exchange rate: yen (JPY) per US dollar - 105.8 (2014 est.)
- Exports: \$710.5 billion (2014 est.)
- Biggest exporting partners: US 18.8%, China 18.1%, South Korea 7.9%, Hong Kong 5.2%, Thailand 5% (2013)
- Imports: \$811.9 billion (2014 est.)
- Biggest importing partners: China 21.7%, US 8.6%, Australia 6.1%, Saudi Arabia 6%, UAE 5.1%, Qatar 4.4%, South Korea 4.3% (2013)

#### **4) Social and demographic features:**

- Population size: 127,131,800.0 (2014)
- Main languages spoken: Japanese
- Main religions followed: Shintoism 79.2%, Buddhism 66.8%, Christianity 1.5%, other 7.1% (2012 est.)

**Note:** Many people practice both Shintoism and Buddhism, hence total adherents exceeds 100%

- Biggest ethnic groups: Japanese 98.5%, Koreans 0.5%, Chinese 0.4%, other 0.6% (2004)
- Available working population (as a percentage of total population): 61% (2014)
- Sex ratio: 0.94 male(s)/female (2015 est.)

#### **5) Military and defense:**

- Total defense expenditure: \$45,776m (2014)
- Defense expenditure as a % of GDP: 1% (2014)
- Military obligation: None
- Military strength (Active manpower): 247,173 (2014)

#### **6) Important rankings:**

- GDP ranking (nominal): 3 (2015)
- HDI ranking: 17 (2014)
- Global peace index: 8 (2015)
- KOF Globalization index: 54 (2015)
- Military strength ranking: 9 (2015)
- Where-to-be-born index: 25 (2013)