Orientation for School Trip in Japan Embassy of Japan in Ethiopia

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Things that you should know

Manners, rules, useful information during * your stay in Japan

Japan

- **Population**: 125,681,593 (WB, 2021)
 - > Over 65 year-old: 28.9% (JP GOV, 2021)
- Land: 364, 500 km2 (WB, 2021)
- **GDP**: \$4,937.42 billion (WB, 2021) (Top 3 in the world)
- Language: Japanese
- Prefectures: 47 (Capital City: Tokyo)
- **Seasons**: Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter
- State System: Democratic polity, the Diet, and Symbolic Emperor System
- Life expectancy: 84 years old (WB, 2021)



Emperor System: for over 1,500 years

- Emperor is an offspring of the God in Shinto
- Emperor Naruhito is the 126th monarch
- ➢ He does not have his family name
- 6AC~1185: Aristocracy (Emperor as the governor of Japan)
- 1185~1333: Kamakura era (the era of samurai warriors)
- 1467~1603: the age of warring states between territories
- 1603~1868: Edo period (stable and peaceful; isolation policy)
- 1868~1912: Meiji era (opening up to abroad and resuming trading with other nations; Westernization and Modernization)
- 1945: Lost the WW2 (Atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki)
- 1954~1973: the period of high economic growth

Language

- *Hiragana*. Basic characters; originating in Japa
 (ex) ありがとう、こんにちは
 - Katakana: Characters for foreign words
 (ex) ドア、サラダ
 - *Kanji* (Chinese Characters): Letters from China (ex) 学校、旅行

The Japanese use respective forms for the elderly and the senior. (ex) 食べて ! \rightarrow 召し上がってください。

<S + O + C + V> Watashi wa gakko ni iki masu. <Useful words> Arigato (thank you), suimasen (excuse me), Onegaisimasu (please), hai (yes)/iie(no)



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Food

- Staple food: Rice (Sticky and Round)
- UNESCO Intangible World Heritage in 2013
- 5 essential ingredients: Sugar, Salt, Vinegar, Soy Sauce, Miso (fermented soy beans)
- **"Dashi"**: Japanese soup stock of **umami**-rich foods such as bonito fish flakes, dried kombu (sea kelp), dried shiitake mushrooms, and dried whole sardines
- Sushi: with hands or chopsticks
- Ramen: One of the main street foods
- Wagyu: Brand beef
- Tamago Kake Gohan (TKG): Raw egg with soy sauce on steamed rice
- Tea Ceremony (Matcha): Since Edo period, we have tea ceremony culture like coffee ceremony in Ethiopia!

Arts

<Traditional>

- Ukiyoe
- Kimono
- Bonsai
- Japanese garden
- Poetry

<Contemporary>

- Anime
- Manga
- Kusama Yayoi, Murakami Takashi



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Music

- Traditional Japanese Instruments: *Koto* (Japanese harp), *Wadaiko* (Japanese drums), *Shakuhachi* (Japanese recorder), *Syamisen* (Japanese guitar)
- J-pop: similar to K-pop

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- Pop icon groups (male and female)
- AKB48, Johnny's, Kyary Pamyu Pamyu etc.
- *Enka*: traditional Japanese ballad
- Karaoke: originated in Japan







Architecture

Wooden Architecture

Most traditional buildings are made of wood in Japan. In Japan, where earthquakes are common, stone building styles did not develop as much as in the West. Wood, which can also regulate humidity, was better suited to Japan's hot and humid climate.



Visiting Cities

Tokyo

Capital city; highly populated, modern and cultural city

Hyogo

Kobe city is located

Osaka

The second largest city after Tokyo

Hiroshima

Rich in history and culture

Population: 14 million

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- Asakusa: Senso-ji (temple) and Sky Tree
 - The mix of traditional and urban buildings
 - Sky Tree: 634m (Mu-sa-shi: the old name of Tokyo area)
 - Shibuya: one of the largest areas in Tokyo
 - The cutting-edge trends, fashion, music and youth culture

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- Shibuya Crossing (over 1,000 ppl crossing at once)
- Tokyo Disney Land and Sea
- Shinkansen (Bullet Train): 320 km/h at the highest speed; no fatal accident since the operation in 1964
- Maglev: Expected to operate from 2027; 505 km/h at the highest speed







Hiroshima

- Hit with Atomic Bomb by the US on 6 August in 1945
- Victims: about 140,000 (till the end of 1945)
- Nagasaki was also hit with Atomic Bomb on 9 August



Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome):

• has been preserved in the same state as immediately after the bombing.

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- Is not only a stark and powerful symbol of the most destructive force ever created by humankind; it also expresses the hope for world peace and the ultimate elimination of all nuclear weapons.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996

Itsukushima Shrine: built in 593 A.C.

- Built in the sea
 - UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1995

• The second largest city in Japan

• Distinctive food: Okonomiyaki (Japanese savoury pancake), Takoyaki (Octopus balls)

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- Kansai dialect: famous for comedian
- Osaka Castle: was built and used in the age of warring states
- Universal Studio Japan (Nintendo park)







Hyogo

- the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake: on 17 January, 1995
 - Magnitude 7.3
 - Victims: 6,434 (the second largest # after the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011)

Kobe city: the largest city in Hyogo Prefecture • Kobe beef: brand *wagyu* in Hyogo



Things that you should know

With chopsticks

Greetings



Quiz

Q1: What is the most famous anime in Japan?

Q2: What is the most popular food in Japan?

Q3: What is the most popular sports in Japan?

Q4: What is most common Family name in Japan?

Q5: What is the highest mountain in Japan?



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Thank you very much!!! Hope you will enjoy Japan and have a safe travel©