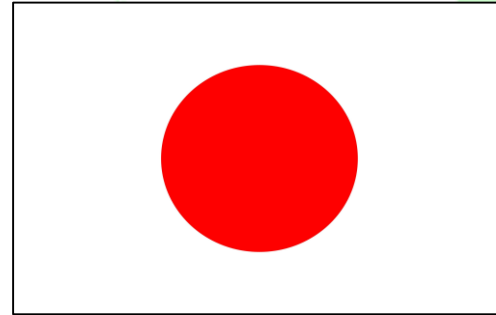
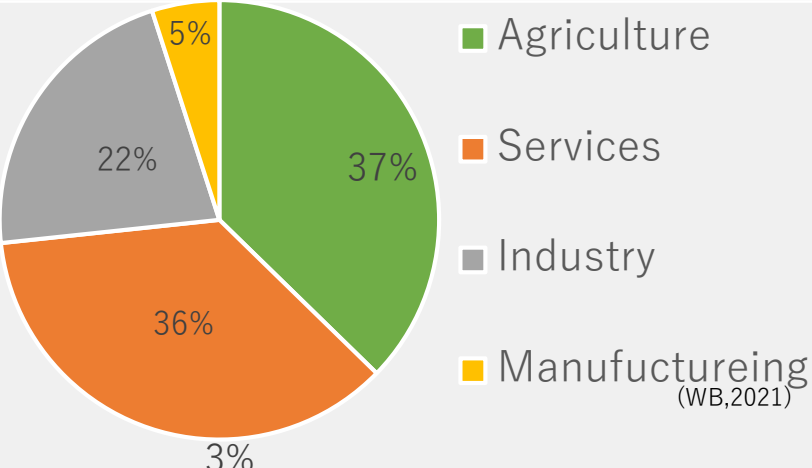
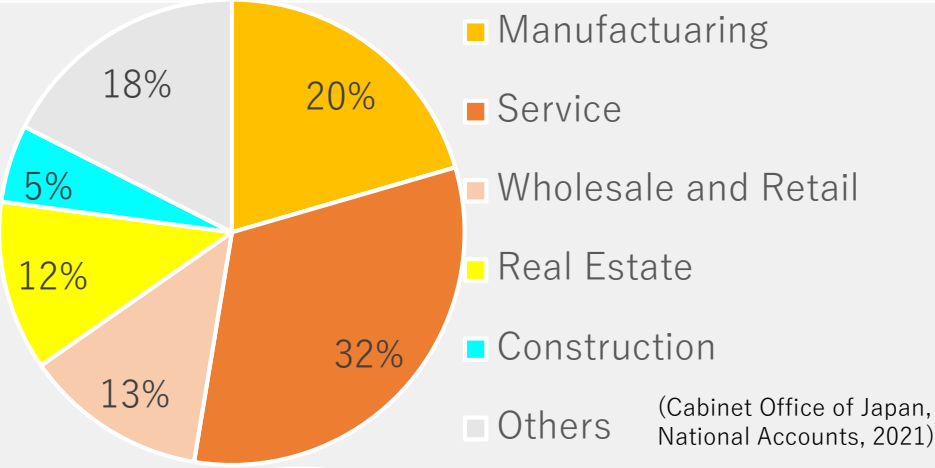
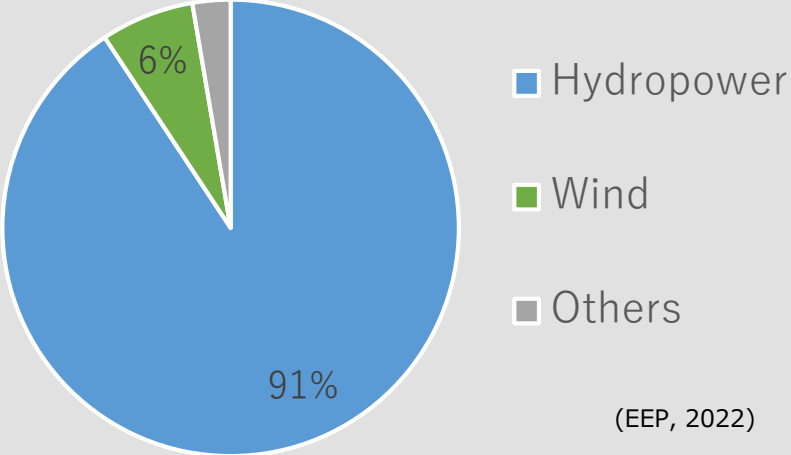
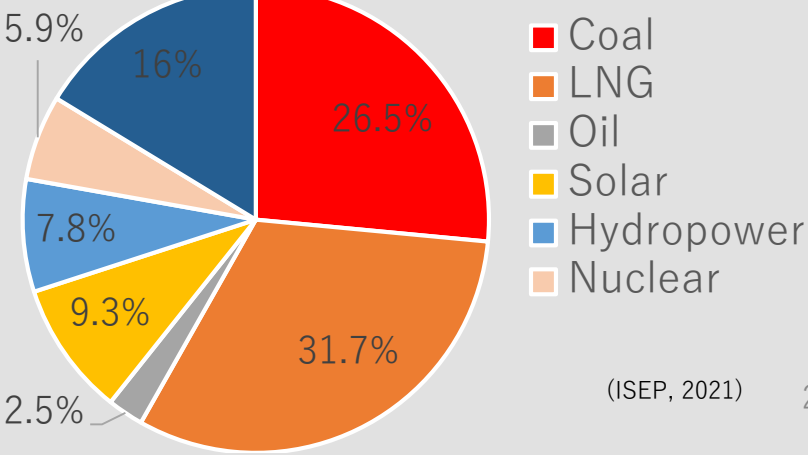


Japan's Foreign Policy in the World and in Africa



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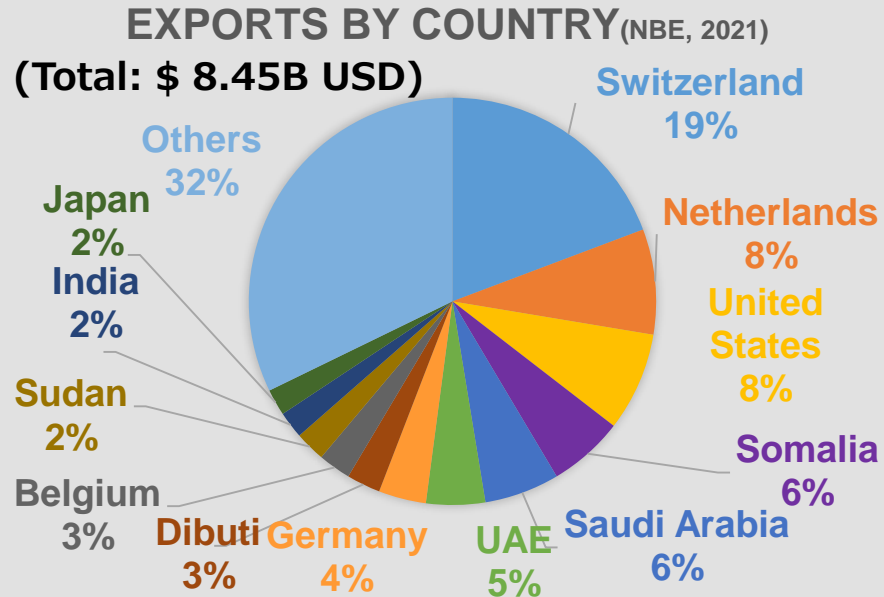
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	Ethiopia	Japan
Population	126,500,000 (UNFPA, 2023)	124,500,000 (MIC, 2023)
Land	1,128,571.3 km2 (WB,2023)	364,500 km2 (WB,2023)
GDP	\$111.27 billion (WB, 2021)	\$3961.95 billion (Cabinet Office, 2022)
Industrial Composition (% of GDP)	 <p>Agriculture Services Industry Manufacturing (WB,2021)</p>	 <p>Manufacturing Service Wholesale and Retail Real Estate Construction Others (Cabinet Office of Japan, National Accounts, 2021)</p>
Share of Electricity by Source	 <p>Hydropower Wind Others (EEP, 2022)</p>	 <p>Coal LNG Oil Solar Hydropower Nuclear (ISEP, 2021)</p>

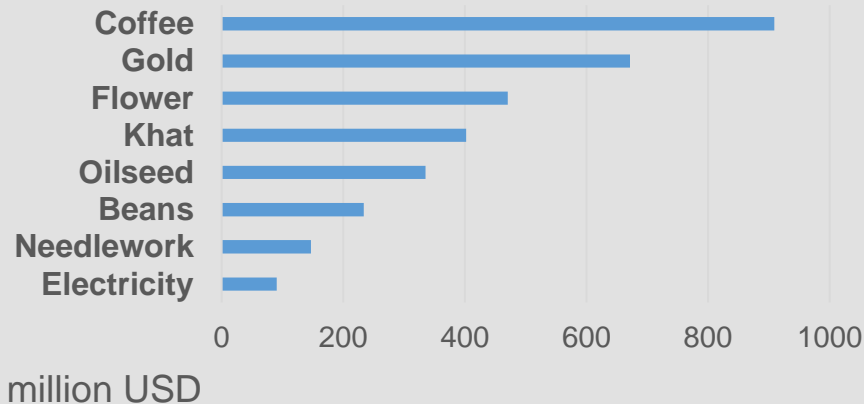
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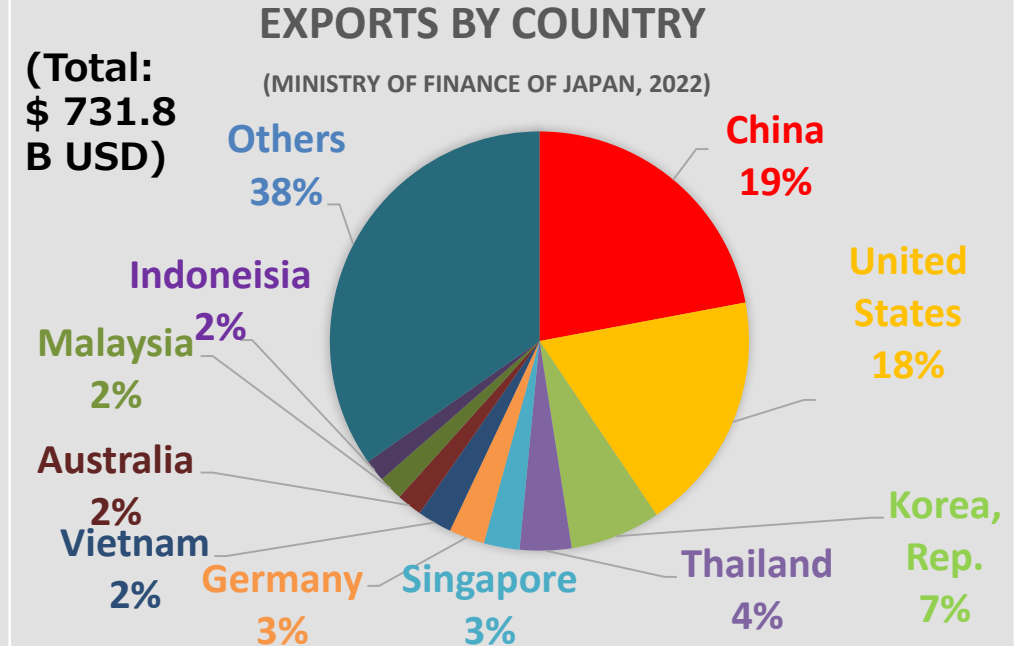
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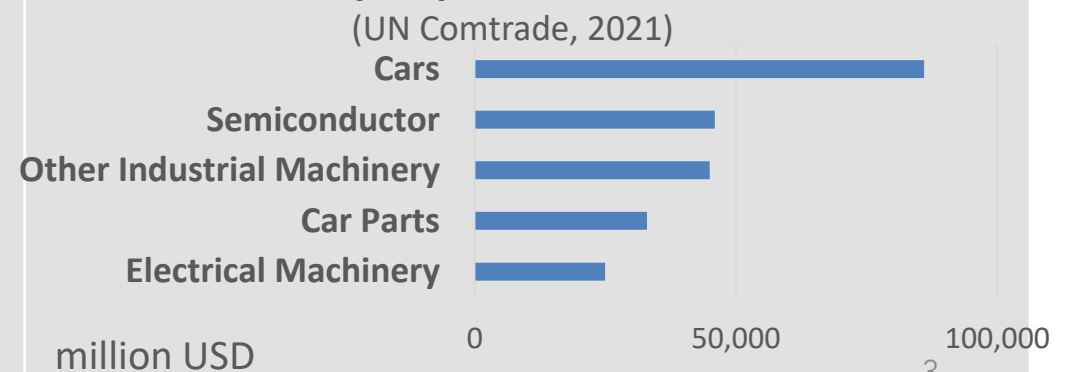
Top Export Products (NBE, 2021)



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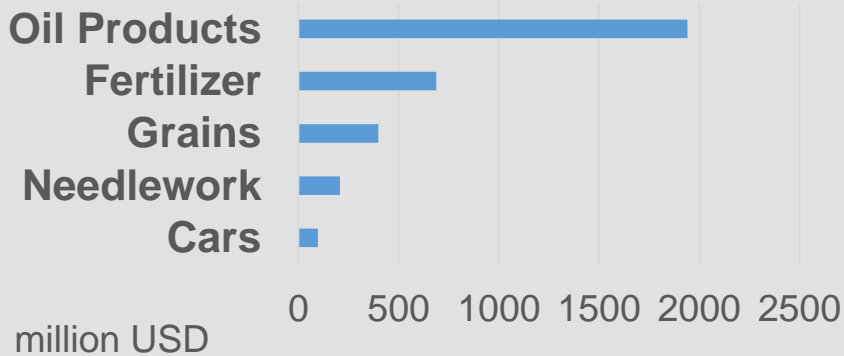
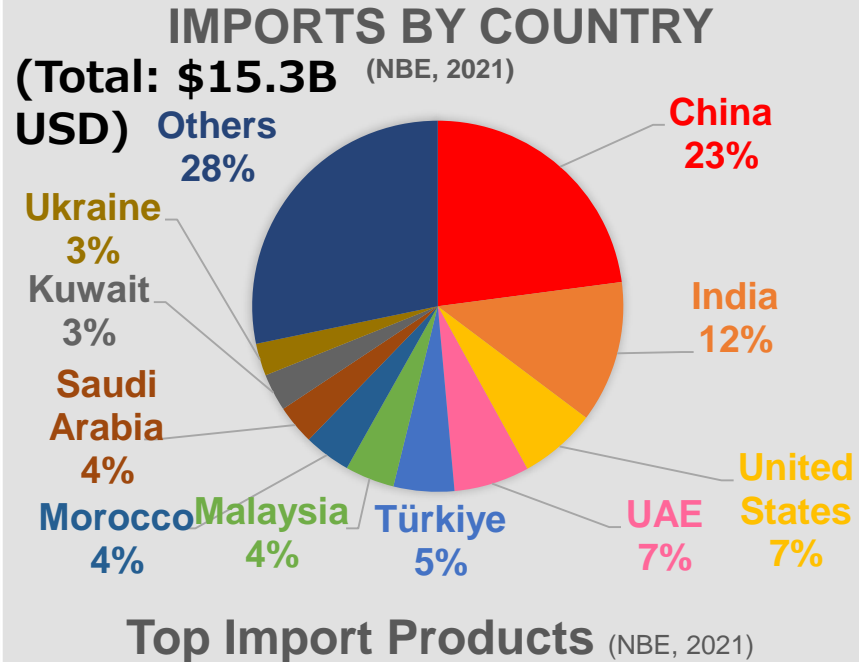
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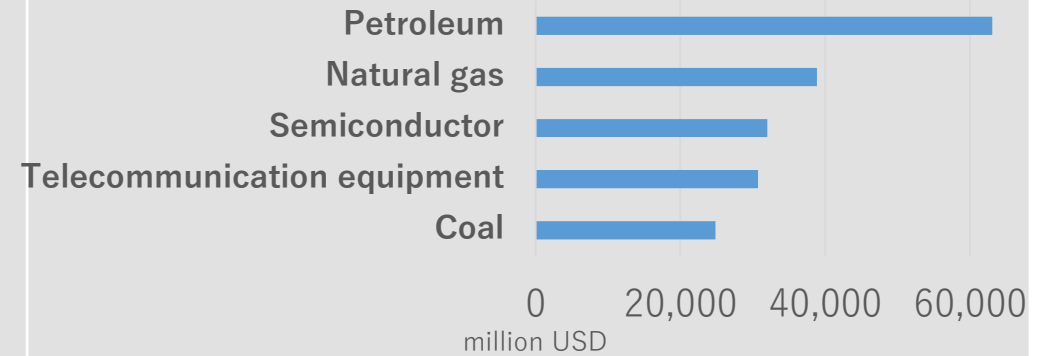
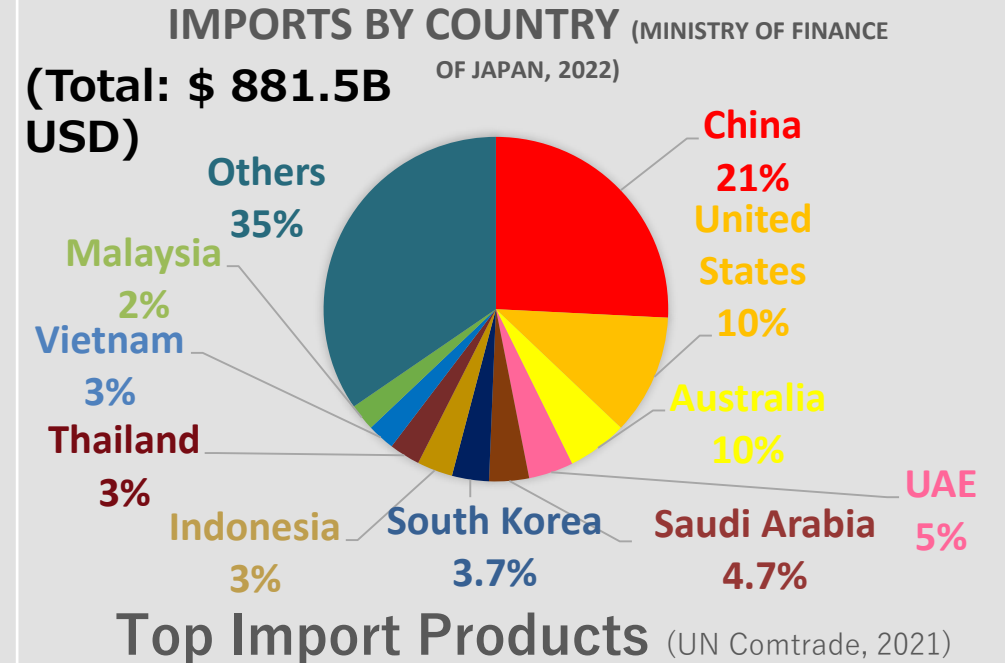
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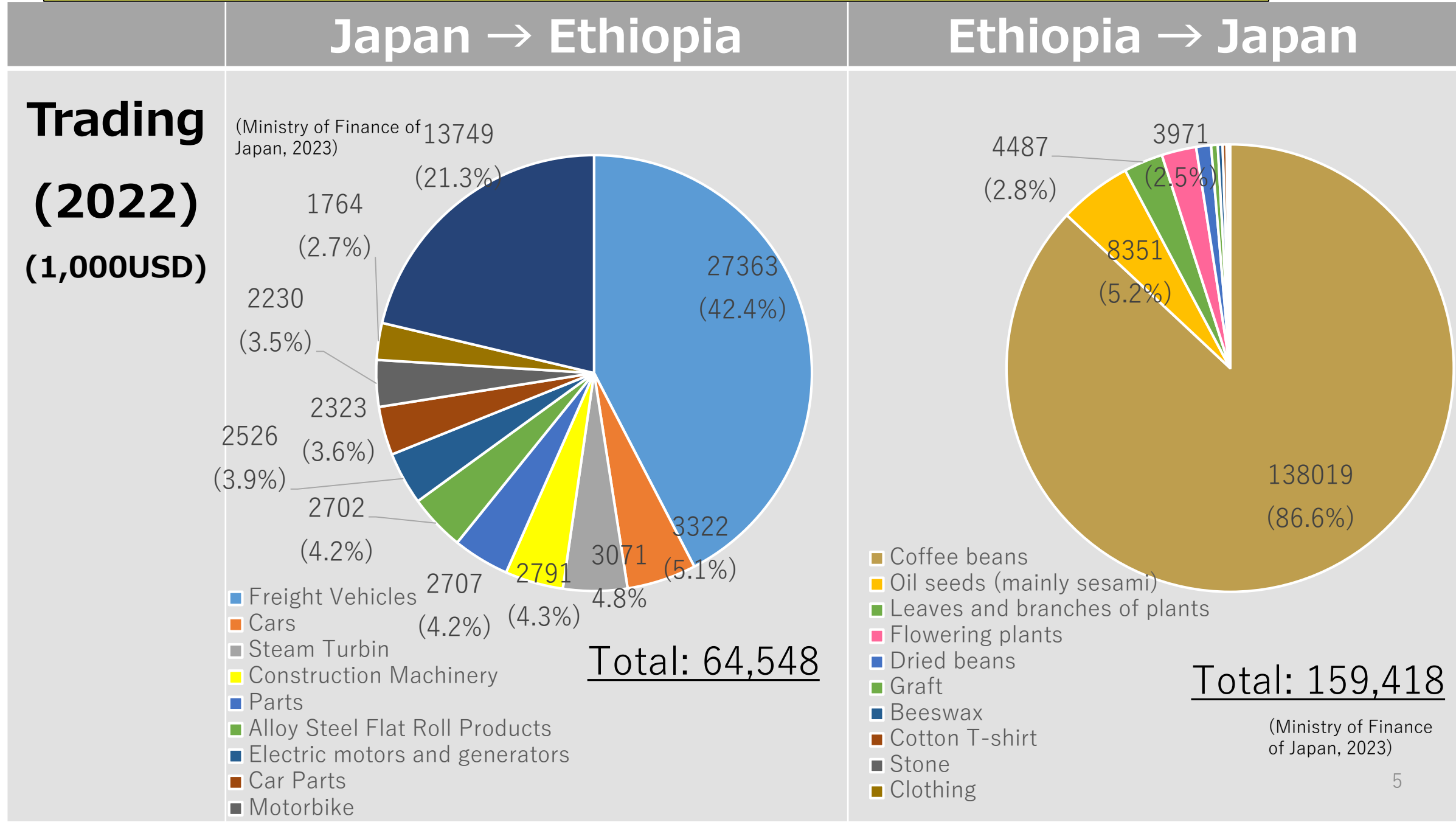
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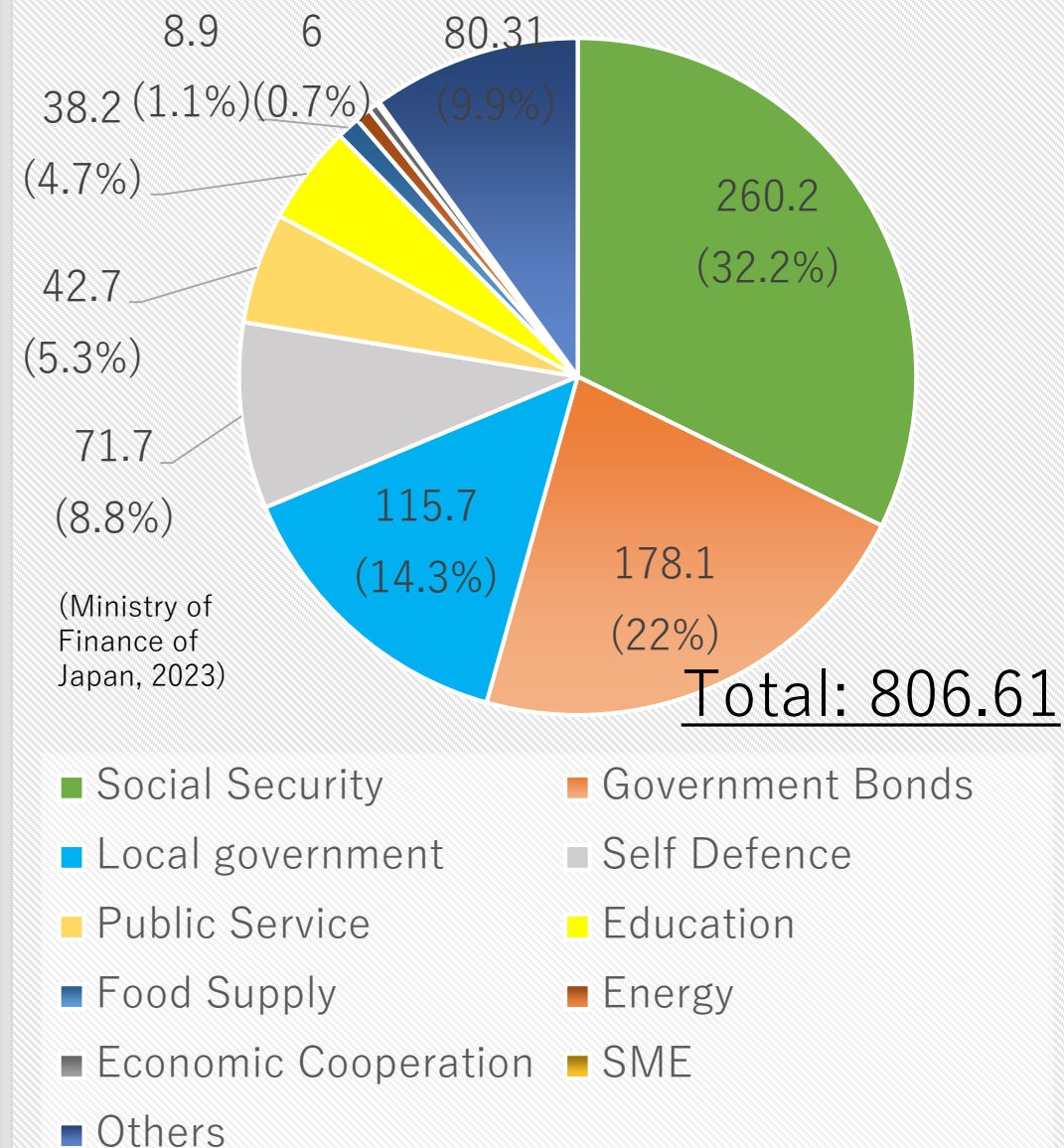
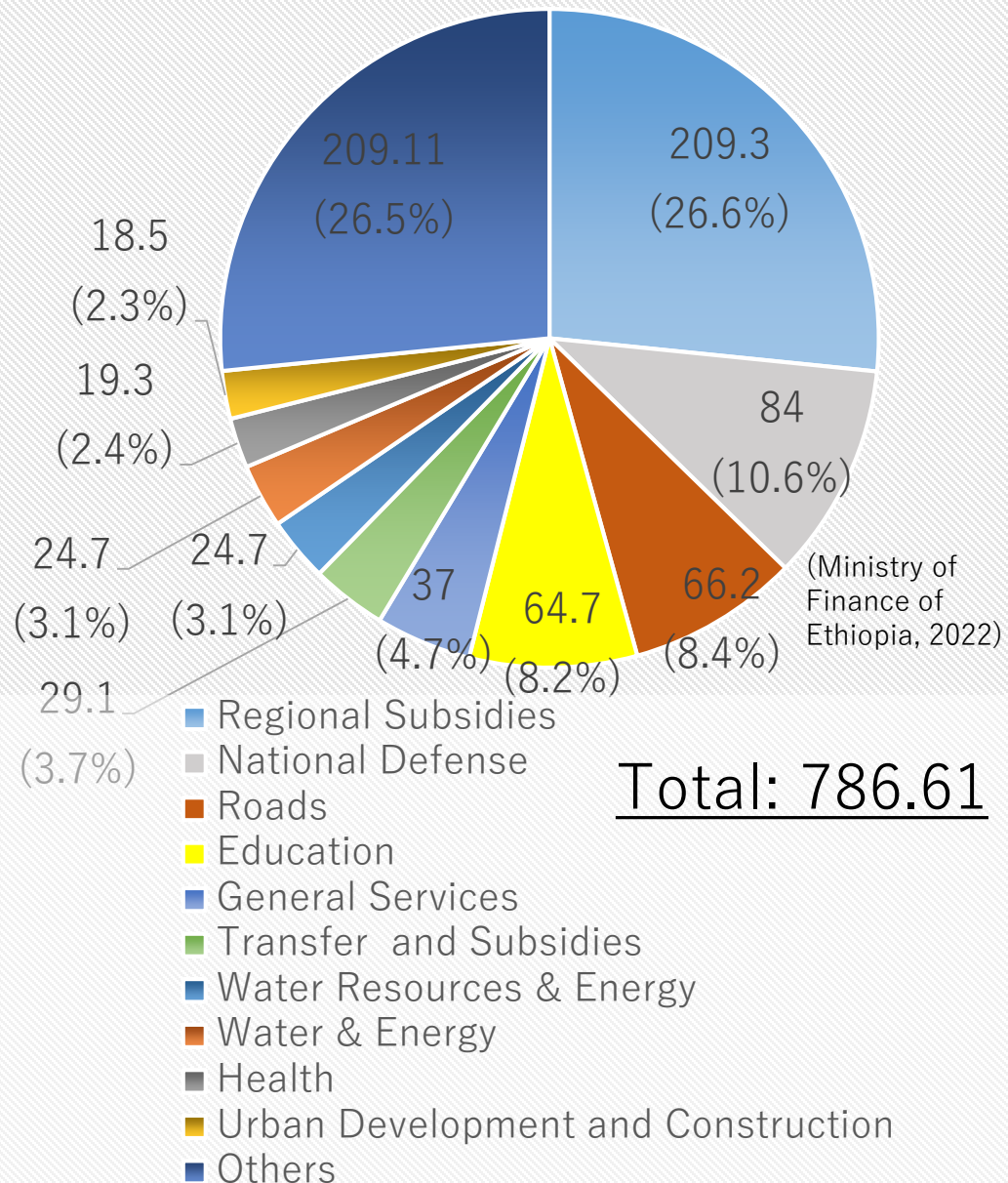


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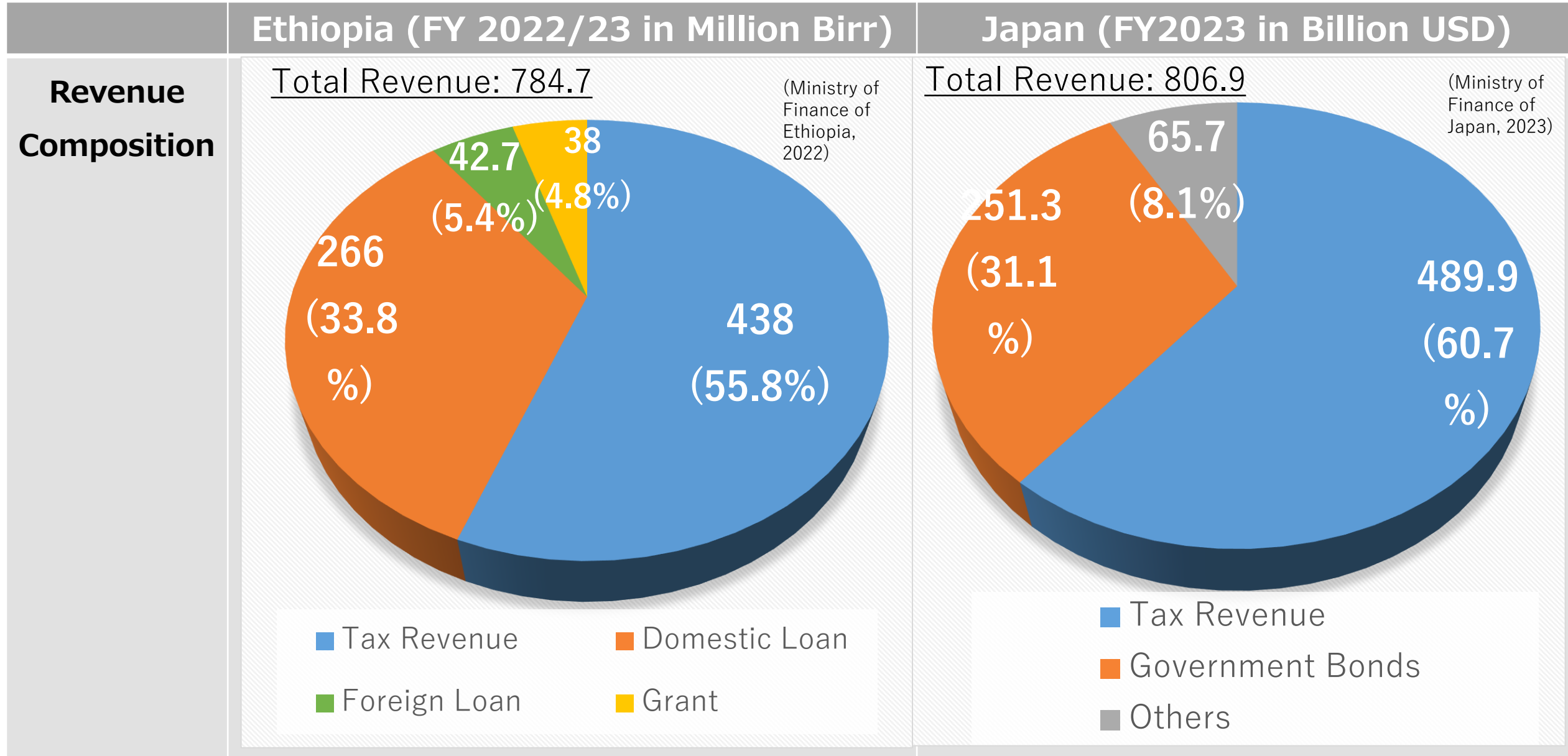
Ethiopia (FY 2022/23 in Billion Birr)

Japan (FY2023 in Billion USD)

Budget Share by Sector



1. Comparison between Ethiopia and Japan



2. Outlook for Japan's Diplomacy

● **Japan as a peace-loving nation** after WW2, has contributed to the peace and stability in the Asia Pacific and in the world

i.e. Preamble of the Constitution of Japan

● **3 forms of determination**

- to fully defend universal values such as freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law
- to fully defend Japan's territory, territorial waters and airspace, and the lives and assets of its citizens
- to contribute to humanity and lead the international community by addressing global issues such as nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation, and climate change

3. Overview of the Current International Situation

● Undergoing an era-defining change

- From the era of US-leadership to an era of competition between the US and China as well as competition among nations
- War in Ukraine: Threat to the post-Cold War world order could be a major turning point in history

● Addressing global issues and rebuilding the economic order are urgent issues for the international community

Growing importance for international cooperation and coordination

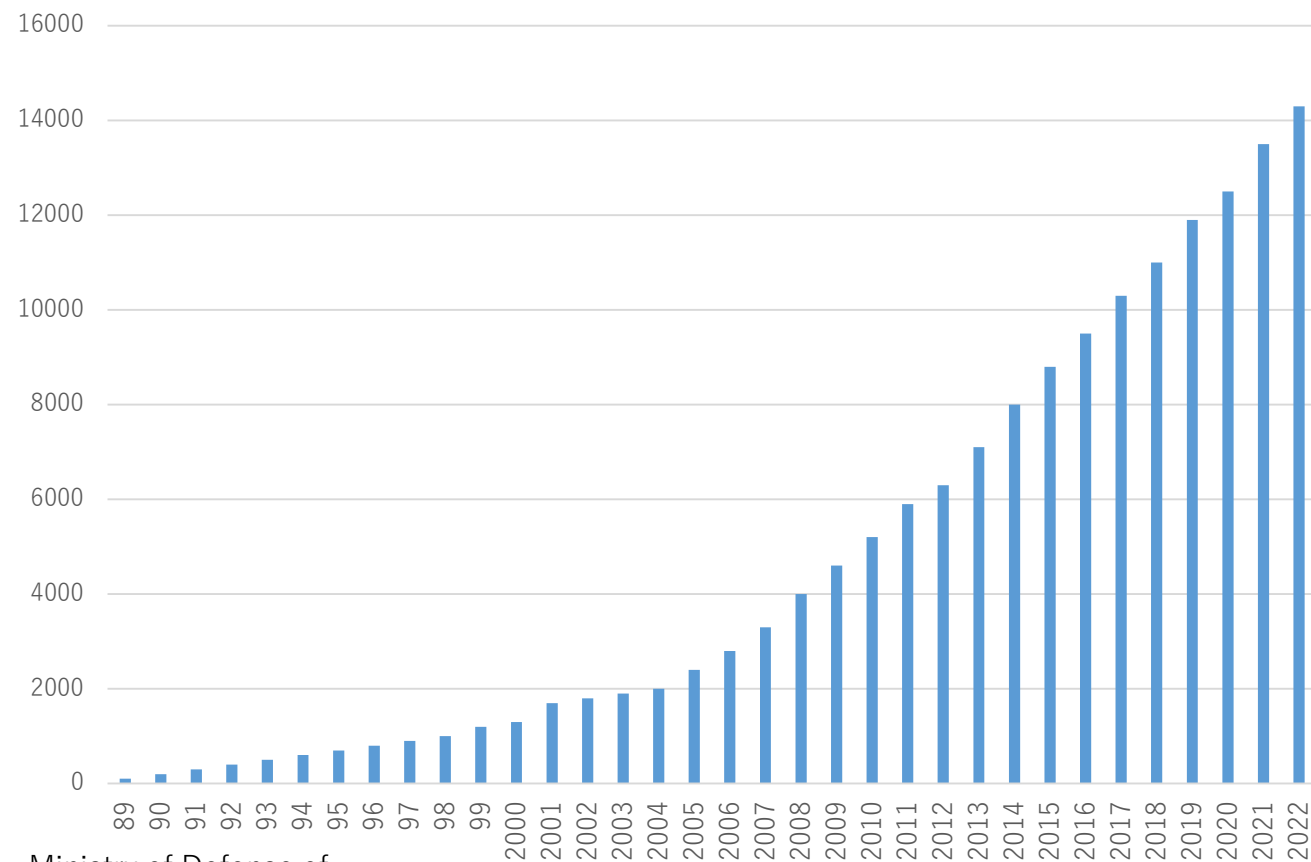
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Intensifying struggle for leadership among nations

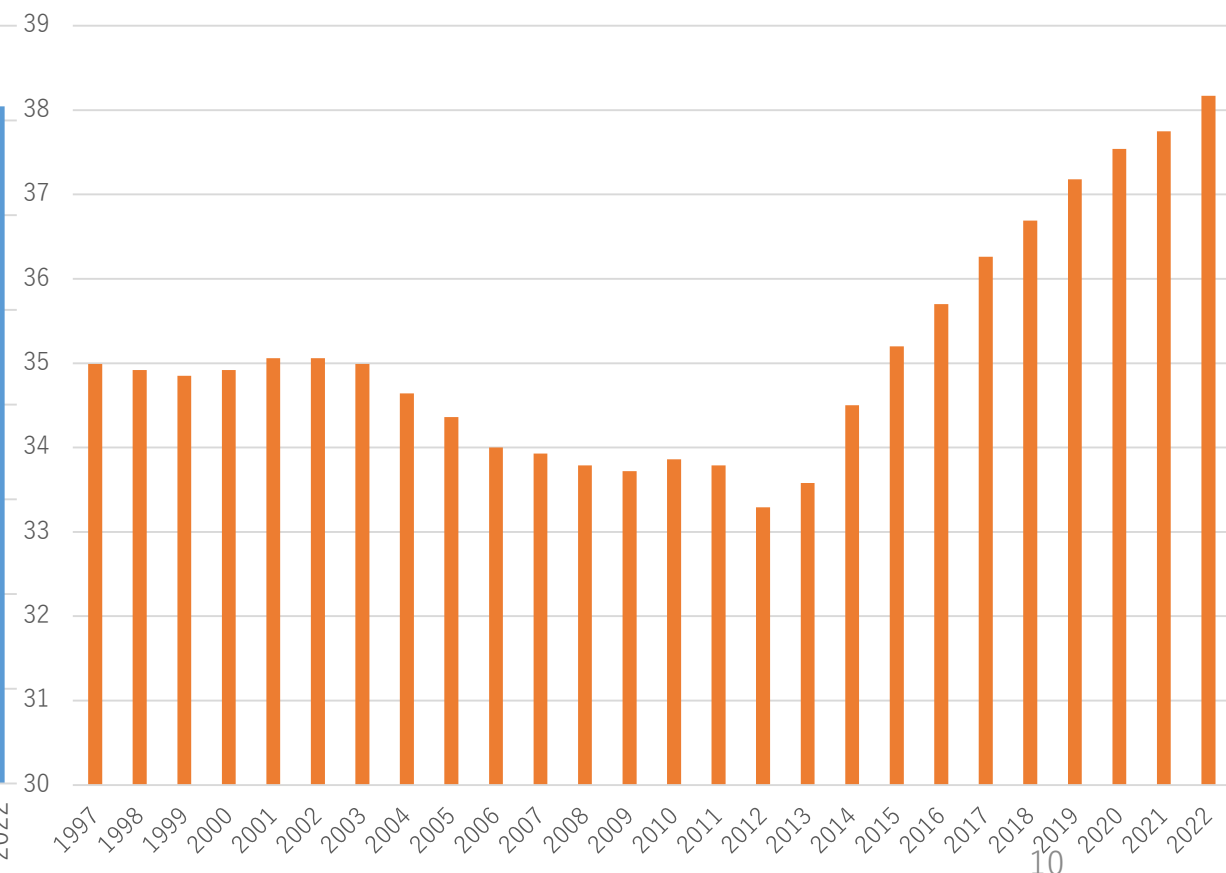
4. Concerning Developments for Japan's Diplomacy

● Military buildup without transparency and unilateral attempts to change the status quo (Russia, China, North Korea)

Defense Budget of China (100,000,000 Yuan)



Defence Budget of Japan (Billion USD)



4. Concerning Developments for Japan's Diplomacy

- Expanding scope of National Security (critical & emerging technologies, risk of coercion through leveraging economic dependency, attacks on cyberspace/manipulation of public opinion, international terrorism)
- Challenges to universal values (freedom, democracy, human rights, the rule of law)
- Addressing Global Issues (global health, environment, climate changes) Efforts are underway to resolve through multilateral cooperation

5. Japan's Relations with Neighboring Countries and Others (1)

● **US:** The only ally of Japan. US military bases in Japan based on Japan- US Security Treaty.

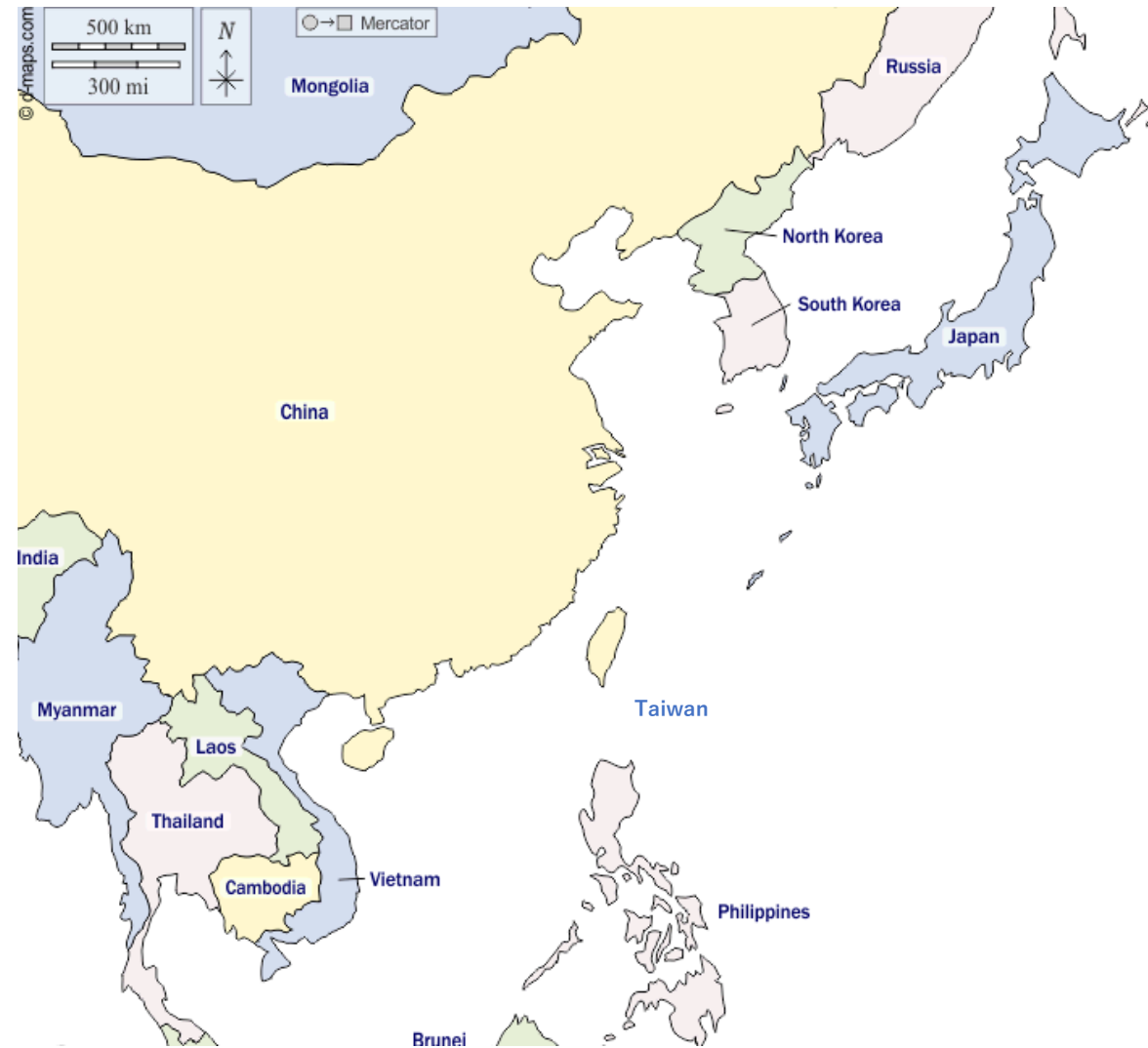
● **China:** Neighbouring country of over 2000 years, biggest trading partner.

Good relations needed for peace & stability of the region and the world.

● **Russia :** Territorial issue of Northern Territories of Japan, Suspended talks on the Peace Treaty

● **North Korea :** Outstanding issues of concern to normalize the relations (abductions, nuclear and missile issues, the settlement of the past)

● **Republic of Korea:** Important neighboring country, sharing the same values. Issue of Takeshima remains.



5. Japan's Relations with Neighboring Countries and Others (2)

- ASEAN: 50 years of friendship and cooperation, close ties of trade and investment (Japan-ASEAN, ASEAN+3, East Asia Summit, ARF, RCEP etc.).

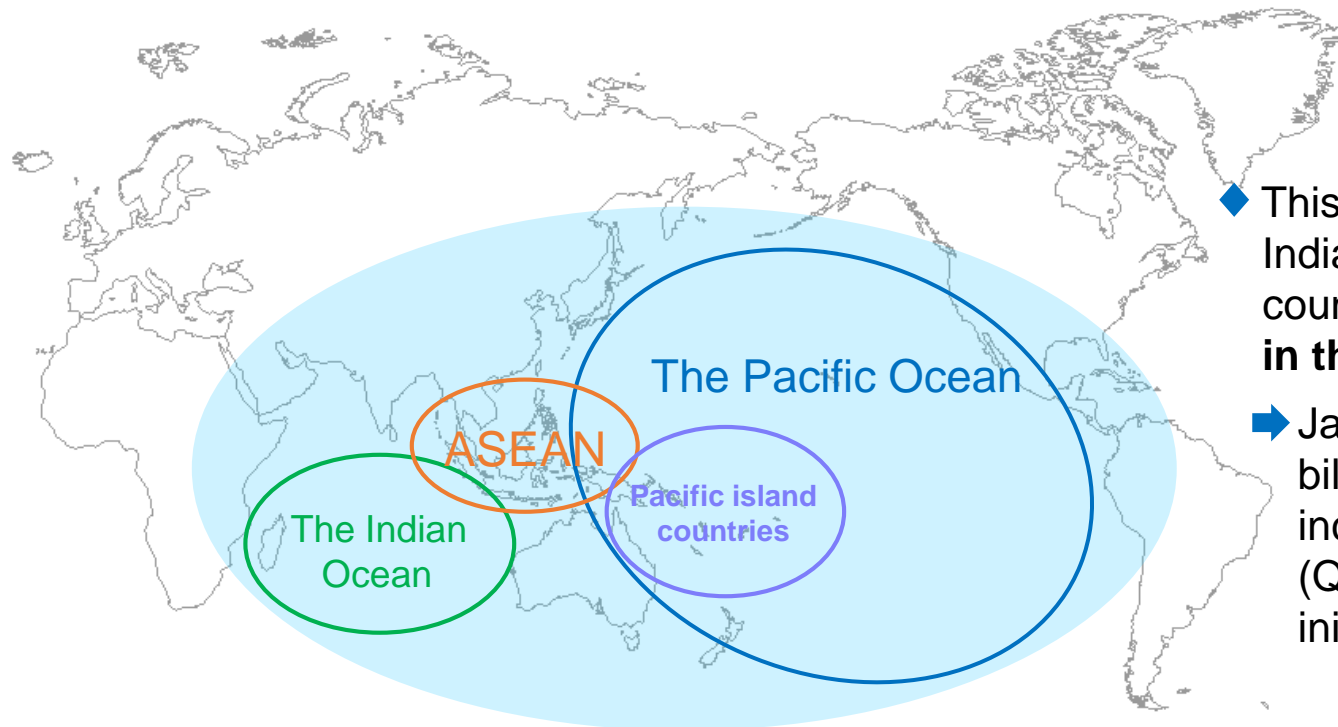
- Southwest Asian Countries

 - India is a key strategic partner for the realization of Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)

- The Middle East: Major source of energy supply, increasingly important for the peace and prosperity of the international community. Traditionally friendly relations with various Middle Eastern countries (Turkey, Iran, etc.)

6. Promoting the Vision of a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” (FOIP)

- ◆ **The Indo-Pacific region** is not only **the core of the world's vitality** and supports more than half of the world's population, but also a region which has seen complex power dynamics of countries and has experienced drastic shifts in the regional power balance.
- ◆ It is essential to ensure peace and prosperity in the entire region and beyond, through **establishing a free and open order based on common values and principles, including the rule of law**.
- ➡ Japan has been strategically promoting efforts to **realize a Free and Open Indo-Pacific** based on the rule of law through efforts to disseminate and consolidate universal values and principles, strengthening connectivity through the use of ODA, and capacity building assistance for the countries in the region.



- ◆ This vision is shared by the U.S., Australia, India, ASEAN, the EU and European countries and is **gaining broad support in the international community**.
- ➡ Japan will seize opportunities for various bilateral and multilateral dialogues, including the Japan-Australia-India-U.S. (Quad) dialogue, to further promote initiatives toward realizing the vision.

7. Economic Diplomacy

● **Economic Security**: challenges in domains that cut across economics and security fields (i.e. dual usage technology, coercion through economic dependency), stable supplies of energy and mineral resources

● **Maintain and strengthen the economic order based on free and fair rules** (WTO, APEC, OECD, CPTPP, RCEP etc.)

● **Assist the activities of Japanese companies** for trade and investment, **attract inbound investment, tourism to Japan**

8. Addressing Global Issues

- Continue to advance international contributions under the concept of **Human Security** = take care of socially vulnerable people, realize a society where individuals can make the most use of their potential
- Accelerate initiatives for achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
 - Global Health
 - Climate Change
 - Humanitarian assistance
 - Disarmament and Non-proliferation
 - Human Rights
 - Strengthening Cooperation with the UN and International Organization/
The UNSC Reform

9. Japan and Ethiopia

- 1930 **Diplomatic relationship was established**★
- 1956 His Imperial Majesty **Haile Selassie I** visited Japan as the first state guest after the WW II ★
- 1960 His Imperial Highness The Crown Prince & Her Imperial Highness The Crown Princess visited Ethiopia
- 1960 Mitsubishi Co. Ethiopia Office opened
- 1972 The first dispatch of **Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)** to Ethiopia by JICA★
- 1993 **JICA Ethiopia Office** started full-scale activities★
- 2006 PM Koizumi visited Ethiopia
- 2008 PM Meles visited Japan for TICAD4 and G8 summit meeting
- 2013 PM Hailemariam attended TICAD 5 in Yokohama
- 2014 PM Abe visited Ethiopia
- 2019 PM Abby attended TICAD7 in Yokohama



9. Japan and Ethiopia

Project for Establishing Comprehensive Support System for Enhancing Firm Competitiveness [JICA's Technical Cooperation]

- Support to establish KAIZEN Excellence Center under MoI
- **85 people** receive KAIZEN consultant certification.
- **280 companies** implement KAIZEN and improve productivity/quality
- KAIZEN Master/PhD course established at Mekele University



The Project for the Construction of TICAD Human Resource Development Center for Business and Industry

[JICA's Grant Assistance project]

- Training center with accommodation facilities
- Expected to be used by 50,000 people annually.



Construction of facilities of the National Rice Research and Training Center

- The facilities in Fogera inaugurated in 2018.
- 40 residential training and 100 day-training capacity.



Project for Capacity Development to Transfer the Technology for Increasing Rice Production (EthioRice1 and 2) [JICA's Technical Cooperation]

- **57 researchers** engage in rice research.
- **51 in total** trained in Japan and third countries (9 obtained degrees).
- **500 Advisors and 10000 farmers** will be trained by 2026.



9. Japan and Ethiopia (Quality Infrastructure Projects)

Project for Rehabilitation of Trunk Road (2011) [JICA's Grant Aid Project]

- Supported pavement maintenance and bridge rehabilitation on A3 road (29km)
- Improved access to healthcare and education for local residents and smoothed transport traffic
- 4.2 billion yen (equivalent 30 million dollars)



Project for Replacement of Awash Bridge on A1 Trunk Road (2011) [JICA's Grant Aid Project]



- Introduced Japanese technology into A1 Road, which is a logistics hub linking Addis Ababa and Djibouti.
- 1.2 billion yen (equivalent 9 million dollars)

Project for Improvement of Water Supply in Bahir Dar City (2017)(ongoing) [JICA's Grant Aid Project]



- Supported to build deep well points, pump stations and pipelines
- To enlarge the amount of water supply and decrease the number of people who become water-borne diseases
*About 150 thousand people in the city can use clean water after completing this project
- 2.2 billion yen (equivalent 16 million dollars)

9. Japan and Ethiopia (Grant Aid Projects through International Organizations)

Project for Facilitating National Dialogue [Grant Aid through UNDP]



- To assist ENDC in becoming a more efficient, transparent, and ultimately, trusted and credible institution
- To provide necessary equipment for the ENDC's operations

Project for the Improvement of Social Infrastructure in Amhara and Tigray Regions [Grant Aid through UNICEF]

- To rehabilitate 17 schools for 12,000 students
- To provide access to sanitary water and sanitation facilities for 47,700 residents



Rehabilitation of dump sites in Koshe and Hawassa through implementing the Fukuoka Method [Grant Aid through UN-HABITAT]



* The Fukuoka Method (semi-aerobic landfill structure) is an innovative technology for final disposal site, and put into practical application in cooperation with Fukuoka City and Fukuoka University.

9. Japan and Ethiopia (Grass-roots Grant Project (GGP))

- Japan has implemented over 400 projects across Ethiopia since the GGP was introduced in 1989.
- The GGP focuses on community development through supporting needy communities in such areas as education, vocational training, health, food security and so forth.

The Project for Building a Disability Vocational Training Center at Arsi University in Oromia Region

● Provision Item

- 1 Disability vocational center, 1 Washroom Building
- 20 Wheelchairs, Some training equipment such as beds

● Beneficiary

- 250 people with disabilities in Bekoji town through getting job opportunities and enabling them to be financially independent

● Handover Date 14 February 2023



Disability vocational center



Wheel Chairs

The Project for Expansion of Yuwo Secondary School in Sidama Region

● Provision Item

- 2 Furnished school Building with 8 classrooms
- 1 Washroom Building

● Beneficiary

- Existing 560 students by improving the educational environment and 200 additional children can also get education opportunities

● Handover Date 27 April 2022



2 School Buildings



1 Washroom Building

9. Japan and Ethiopia (Business Investment from Japan)

● JTI

*majority shareholder of The National Tobacco Enterprise (Ethiopia)

● Safaricom Telecommunications Ethiopia

*Sumitomo Corp. is one of the major shareholders

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*Founded by an entrepreneur who manufactures bags and other products using Ethiopian sheepskin

● Elmi Tours / Sakura Restaurant

*The only Japanese restaurant in Ethiopia

9. Japan and Ethiopia (Schemes for Inviting Ethiopian People to Japan)

● MEXT Scholarship

Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology(MEXT) offers various scholarships for non-Japanese nationals wishing to study in Japan. In Ethiopia, the Ministry offers scholarship programs for Research Students, Undergraduate Students and College of Technology Students.

-Application process usually takes place from May to July every year.

● JICA's ABE Initiative (African Business Education Initiative for Youth)

A program that offers opportunities for African youths to study at master's courses at Japanese universities as international students and to experience internships at Japanese companies.

-1,600 people participated from Africa, and over 80 Ethiopian people participated.

● JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

-One of the technical cooperation that JICA carries out in Japan

-Offering first-hand learning opportunities through training programs in Japan

-Receiving nearly 10 thousands participants from around the world and approximately 60~70 participants from Ethiopia each year



10. Japan's Foreign Policy toward Africa

●Large potential for high economic growth:

1.3 billion and growing population, rich natural resources, opportunities for infrastructure development etc.

●Challenges: conflicts, political turmoil, terrorism, serious poverty, impact of climate changes etc.

●Japan and Africa

- No history of colonial domination or military conflicts
- Japan is the first country to start the regular partnership conference with Africa under Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) in 1993...Ownership and Partnership, New Approach for Peace and Stability in Africa (NAPSA)

11. TICAD8 (27-28 August 2022, at Tunis) (1)

●Remarks by PM Kishida

- Japan as a partner growing together with Africa
- “invest in people” and “the quality of growth”
- invest USD 30 bil. over the next 3 years

*Green Investment→Japan’s Green Growth Initiative with Africa

*Promotion of Investment→Focus on startups , ¥ 10 bil.fund

*Development Finance→USD 5bil. Co-financing with AfDB

*Public Health→USD 1.08bil. to the Global Fund

*Human resource development→create 300K professionals

*Regional Stabilization→Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa

*Food Security→USD300mil. Confining with AfDB

11. TICAD8 (27-28 August 2022, at Tunis) (2)

● Plenary 1 (Economy)

- Japan will contribute to the realization of a resilient African economy (affected by COVID-19, the situations in Ukraine).
- Participants shared the recognition that African development should not be impeded by unfair and opaque development finance.

● Plenary 2 (Society)

- Japan will focus particularly on health, education and the environment.
- Participants reiterated the need for the IC to stand together in solidarity against issues commonly faced by all humankind (climate change, infectious diseases etc.)

11. TICAD8 (27-28 August 2022, at Tunis) (3)

● Plenary 3 (Peace and Stability)

- Japan will vigorously support the promotion of the rule of law and also Africa's own efforts to return to constitutional order and consolidation of democracy.
- Japan will contribute to the initiatives to improve administrative services.

● TICAD8 Tunis Declaration was adopted.

● Business Forum was attended by about 300 participants, 92 MOUs were signed between Japan and Africa.

12. Japan's Diplomatic Tools for Africa

- Bilateral Official Development Assistance (ODA)
 - Grant Assistance projects
 - Yen Loan Projects
 - Human Security Grassroots grant projects
 - Technical cooperation
 - Cooperation with NGOs

- With international/regional organizations
 - World Bank/ IMF, African Development Bank
 - UN and its Agencies, PKO Centers etc.
 - IGAD, AU

- Government Scholarships, cultural exchanges etc.

Thank you!

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