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6. SPORTS

In Japan, sports in the pure meaning were not developed or practiced until modern times. Some of the traditional "sports" introduced here were originally developed or practiced as religious rites or as martial art training. In particular, those sports whose names end in "do" (meaning "moral principles" or "the right way") are practiced for self-discipline, and often the manner in which a participant competes is considered to be more important than victory or defeat.

A. Sumo

Sumo, a type of wrestling, is native to Japan and its origins date back to ancient times. One myth tells of gods wrestling with each other. Sumo was not just a sport; it was an important event to attract the attention of Shinto deities. Later it developed into a spectator sport. Even now, traces of Shinto rituals are seen in the actions of the sumo wrestlers (called *rikishi*) and the referees (called *gyoji*).

Although sumo is practiced among young and old, men or women, as an amateur sport across the country, at present the Nihon Sumo Kyokai is the only professional sumo organization in Japan. It has about 700 members and 46 stables, or *heya*.

Nihon Sumo Kyokai holds a grand tournament six times a year, in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, and Fukuoka. The tournaments of January, May, and September are held in Tokyo, while the other three in March, July, and November are held in Osaka, Nagoya, and Fukuoka, respectively. Grand tournaments each last fifteen days.

The professional wrestlers are called *rikishi*. On the basis of their skill, they are divided into two grades: *maku-uchi*, which is the

9. RELIGION

A. Overview

A. Adherents of Religions in Japan, as of De	Source: Shukyo Nenkan 2018
Shinto	
Buddhism ······	,
Christianity	,
-	
Others	
Total	181,164
B. Adherents of Religions in Japan, Based on the Reports by Comprehensive F under the Jurisdiction of MEXT, as of Decemb	per 31, 2017
Shinto·····	(1,000)
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Shrine Shinto · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,
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Shin Kyoha ·····	
Buddhism · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	- ,
Tendai · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,
Shingon ·····	<i>'</i>
Jodo ·····	· ·
Zen ·····	· ·
Nichiren ·····	11,598
Nara ·····	739
Others · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6
Christianity	959
Catholic · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	450
Protestant ·····	509
Others·····	4,642

132,971

Total

Introduction Religion in Japan today means primarily the three recognized religions: Shinto, Buddhism, and Christianity. Confucianism, although not strictly a religion but rather a way of living, has also had a great influence on the spiritual life of the Japanese. Besides these, there are some syncretic religions and new religions. Except for Christianity and certain Buddhist groups, most of the faiths are generally not exclusive. In fact, a majority of Japanese claim to be adherents of two or more religions simultaneously. As a result, the total number of the adherents of all religious bodies shown in the statistics always far exceeds the total population of Japan.

Thus, practically all Japanese are considered to be Shintoists, yet the vast majority accept in a general way the teaching of the Confucian classics. Moreover, more than half of the Japanese population claim to be members of one or other of the Buddhist sects. A Shinto altar and a Buddhist altar are found sometimes side-by-side in a Japanese home. And pious parents teach their children to worship both Shinto and Buddhist deities impartially. Of the various explanations for the religious plurality of the Japanese people, one is given here. The Japanese family professes faith as a unit. For instance, if the family head is a Buddhist and belongs to a parish of a certain sect, the entire family is registered as family-parishioners, or danka, and the temple of the parish claims all the members of the family as its adherents even though some members may be baptized as Christians. Shinto operates the same way, with its traditional, extensive parish system known as the ujiko-ujigami system.

People in Japan were once encouraged to worship the Shinto divinities as the ancestors of the Imperial Family, even if their personal faith might be Buddhism. This may be another reason for the tolerance of Shinto and Buddhist parishioners.

10. THE ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY

Gross Domestic Product and National Income per Capita

Source: Nihon Kokusei Zue 2018/19 (1.000,000 US\$)

GDP, nominal

Year	Japan	U.S.A.	China	Germany	France
1990	3,082,736	5,979,600	404,494	1,714,447	1,244,124
2000	4,730,102	10,289,700	1,192,836	1,886,400	1,326,334
2010	5,510,722	14,958,300	5,949,786	3,304,439	2,565,039
2016	4,936,212	18,624,475	11,218,281	3,477,796	2,465,454

National Income per Capita

(US\$)

Year	Japan	U.S.A.	China	Germany	France
1990	24,971	23,495	347	21,301	21,334
2000	37,295	36,156	932	22,588	21,770
2010	43,038	47,905	4,375	39,804	39,362
2016	39,881	58,876	7,963	43,174	37,412

Annual Growth Rate, Real GDP

Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry 2019

(%)

Year	Japan	U.S.A.	China	Germany	France
1990	5.6	1.9	3.8	5.7	2.6
2000	2.9	3.7	8.4	3.2	3.9
2010	4.7	2.5	10.4	4.0	1.7
2017	1.7	2.3	6.9	2.5	1.8

A. Overview

Business Trends Japan's rapid economic growth after World War II surprised the Japanese themselves, as well as the rest of the world. Within 25 years Japan rose from the devastation of war to become the second-largest industrial nation in the Free World. In 1968 Japan's gross national product finally reached 140 billion U.S. dollars, the third-largest in the world after those of the U.S.A. and

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TOKYO

Tokyo	Metro	polis:
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Source: Internet home page of Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Population (as of Jan. 1, 2019):

Metropolis (Tokyo-to)	3
23 wards	1
peripheral cities	6
towns & villages 82,38	6

Area:

Metropolis ·····	$\cdot 2,193 \text{km}^2 (84)$	6mi ²)
City proper·····	$\cdots 627 \text{km}^2 (24$	$2mi^2$)

Schools:

Source: Tokyo-to Tokei Nenkan 2016

- 154 Universities & Colleges, 38 Junior Colleges
- 429 Upper secondary schools,808 Lower secondary schools
- 1,339 Elementary schools, 1,004 Kindergartens

History:

- 1456 Ota Dokan begins constructing a castle: the origin of Edo.
- 1590 Tokugawa Ieyasu moves into Edo.
- 1869 City renamed Tokyo as the capital of Japan.
- 1923 September 1, the Great Kanto Earthquake and fire leave Tokyo in ashes. Approximately 440,000 houses damaged.
- 1943 Tokyo reorganized into Tokyo Metropolis.
- 1991 The new Tokyo Metropolitan Government office complex completed at Shinjuku.
- 2011 Ogasawara Islands designated World Natural Heritage by UNESCO.
- 2012 TOKYO SKYTREE opened.
- 2013 Tokyo chosen to host 2020 Olympic/Paralympic Games.

OVERVIEW OF TOKYO

Introduction Tokyo is the capital of Japan. Population-wise, it is one of the largest cities in the world. Tokyo forms a special administrative district called the Tokyo Metropolis, which comprises the 23 wards, the Tama Area that includes 26 suburban cities, and 9 islands. The center of administration, economic activity, industry, culture, and so on, Tokyo is the hub of Japan.

The 23 wards can be roughly divided into an upper (Yamanote) and a lower (Shitamachi) area. Tokyo developed around the Imperial Palace, which used to be the largest castle in Japan. An extensive network of urban trains, subways, and buses serves all parts of the city. The Chuo-sen, or Central Line, the Yamanote-sen, or Loop Line, of Japan Railways, as well as a number of subway lines are the basic transportation arteries in the Tokyo Metropolitan area.

History Its origin goes back to 1456, when a feudal lord named Ota Dokan (1432-1486) built a castle on the site where the Imperial Palace stands now. Toward the end of the 16th century, Tokugawa Ieyasu, founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate, moved in and reconstructed the castle as the headquarters of his government. Tokyo, called Edo in those days, continued to flourish as the shogun's capital. In 1868 the reign of government was returned to the emperor and it was named Tokyo. The Emperor Meiji moved from Kyoto, which is located some 500km(320mi) west of Tokyo, to the new capital.

LANDMARKS OF TOKYO

The Imperial Palace The city of Tokyo grew around the present Imperial Palace, which was once called Edo Castle, the largest feudal castle in Japan. From the beginning of the 17th century to 1867,

NAGASAKI

Nagasal	ki City:					
Popula	Population (as of Jan. 1, 2019) 415,839					
Area ·						
History:						
1571	Nagasaki harbor opened as port for trade with Portugal.					
1597	Martyrdom of 26 Japanese Catholics (Feb. 5).					
1636	Dejima, small man-made island about 1.5ha (3.7ac) in ar-					
	ea, established for foreigners.					
1641	Dutch trading houses transferred from Hirado to Dejima.					
1861	Shipbuilding yard established.					
1945	A-bombed at 11:02 a.m. August 9.					
	Damages and Casualties by the Atomic Bomb:					
	Source: "Atomic Bomb and Nagasaki"					
	Burnt-out area 671ha(1,660ac)					
	Houses completely destroyed by fire · · · · · 11,574					
	Houses completely destroyed by blast1,326					
	The dead 73,884					
	The injured 74,909					

OVERVIEW OF NAGASAKI

Nagasaki City is at the northwestern end of Kyushu and is one of the oldest ports for trade between Japan and the West. It is now the sixth-largest city in Kyushu and one of the largest shipbuilding centers in Japan. It is also one of the chief ports for commercial trade. The city nestles at the head of Nagasaki Bay, about 5km(3mi) from the open sea, and is sheltered on three sides by hills.

History Nagasaki was opened as a port for trade in the middle of

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