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## JAPAN

- The Japanese name for Japan is "Nihon" or "Nippon" which means "sun origin".
- Japan belongs to the continent of Asia. Japan is an island nation surrounded by the Sea of Japan to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west.
- The national flag by law is "Hinomaru", a red sun on the white background, symmetrically top to bottom as well as left to right.

- The national anthem is "Kimigayo" which is derived from a traditional Japanese song written in the Heian Period (794-1185).
- The total area of Japan is 377,960sqkm.
- Japan is made up of 6,852 islands.
- The highest point in Japan is Mount Fuji, which stands at 3,776m (12,388ft).
- As of December, 1, 2020 there are over 126,313,687 based on World meter elaboration. Japan population is equivalent to 1.62% of the total world population. Which is the 11<sup>th</sup> largest population in the world.
- Tokyo is the capital city of Japan and also the largest city. Other major cities include Osaka, Nagoya, and Sapporo.
- Japanese is the official language of Japan.
- Japan sits along the "Pacific Ring of Fire", so has many volcanoes and experiences many earthquakes.
- Almost three quarters of Japan's land is either of forest or mountains and is difficult to be made into farms, industrial, or residential areas.

- Human life in Japan dates back thousands of years.
- Ancient warriors of Japan were known as samurai. They were very skilled fighters and swordsmen. Their main weapon was the katana, a sharp sword with a slight curve to it.
- Due to gases produced by power plants, Japan sometimes suffers from acid rain.
- Japan is an industrialized nation, producing some of the most technologically advanced motor vehicles, electronics, and machine tools.
- Japan is a world leader in robotics. Japanese engineers are known for producing a range of human-like robots such as ASIMO.
- Some of most well-known companies in the country Japan as well as in the world are Toyota, Honda, Sony, Nintendo, Canon, Panasonic, Toshiba, and Sharp.
- Japanese cuisine has become popular around the world. Some well-known dishes are sushi, sashimi, and tempura.

- Japan is home to many different forms of martial arts. Karate, judo, sumo, Ninjutsu, kendo, jujutsu, and aikido and many more.
- Sumo is recognized as the national sport of Japan, although the most popular spectator sport is baseball.
- Japan follows \*parliamentary system
- Constitutional monarchy
- Unitary state
- Japan's government is constitutional monarchy where the emperor's power is limited to mainly ceremonial duties. The government has three branches: the executive, legislature, and the judiciary.