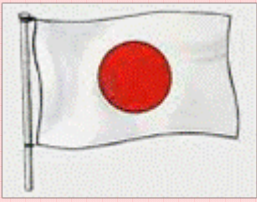


Facts about...

Japan





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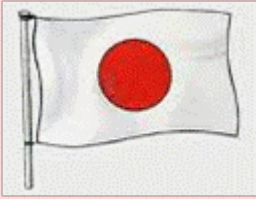
❖ Japan is a group of several small and big islands, located in East Asia in the Pacific Ocean ?

❖ It lies to the east of People's Republic of China, North Korea, South Korea and Russia?

❖ Japan is the most eastern Asian country and therefore, it also known as "the land of the Rising Sun"?

❖ Japan has about 127 milion inhabitants on 378.000 km² ? It must be a very crowd country !





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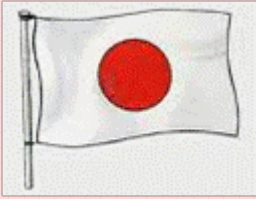
❖ Japan is an empire and is governed by Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko ?
They look very stylish all the time !



❖ The Japanese language is spoken in Japan only ?

❖ Mountain Fuji and the cherry blossom are the traditional symbols of this wonderful and strange country ?





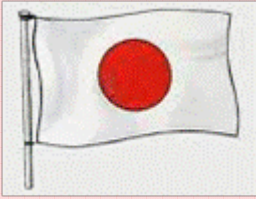
Did you know that...

❖ When it comes to Japan, most people think first to Samurai and Geisha, two of the most powerful symbols of Japan ?

❖ A Samurai is a very brave warrior who must obey a very rigid honour code ?



❖ A Geisha always wears the traditional silk Kimono and her face is covered by make-up? She is very good at singing, dancing and painting ?



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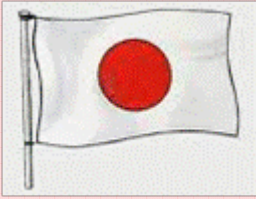
❖ Japanese cuisine is one of the most beautiful and tasteful cuisines in the world ?

Sushi is an art !



Sushi

❖ Sushi, the traditional Japanese food, is made up of fish, rice and vegetables, put together in small rolls.

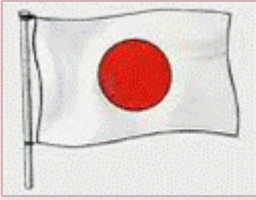


Did you know that...

❖ These colourful flowers are delicious handmade rice cakes ?
It's too beautiful to eat !



❖ This cute white dog is made up of rice ?



Did you know that...

❖ Japanese art is very creative and delicate ?



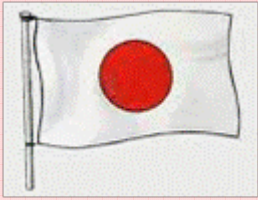
❖ Ink paintings on silk are so wonderful !



❖ Kabuki theatre is played only by men?

They wear masks and traditional colourful costumes.





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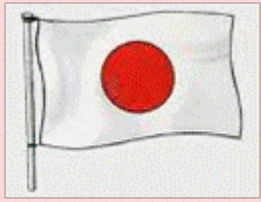
❖ About 85 % of Japan population practice the Shinto religion ? Its symbol is a π letter.

❖ Shinto is an indigenous Japanese religion which illustrates the love for beauty and nature.



❖ Religion does not play a big role in the everyday life of most Japanese people today.

❖ Shinto religion co-exists with Buddhism, which came to Japan from China ?



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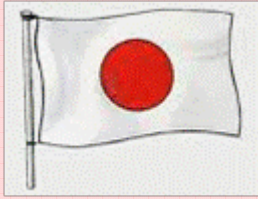
❖ Japanese people have ancient traditions and customs that may seem curious for an European ?

❖ The tea ceremony is a ceremonial way of preparing and drinking tea ?

The ceremony itself consists of many rituals that have to be learned by heart. Almost each hand movement is prescribed.



❖ Japanese are very polite ? Bowing is the Japanese greeting.



Did you know that...

- ❖ *Sports is a significant part of Japanese culture?*
- ❖ Both traditional sports such as sumo and martial arts, and Western imports like baseball and football, are popular with both participants and spectators ?



❖ *Sumo is considered the Japan's national sport?*



❖ *Keisuke Honda is the star of the Japanese football team ?*

He is my favourite sportsman, because he's so cute !



I hope that someday I will visit
Japan!



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