



Japan

Fact Sheet 2008

General Information

Capital:	Tokyo	GCI Ranking ⁽¹⁾ :	9
Population (m):	127	CPI Ranking ⁽²⁾ :	18
Exchange Rate:	1\$ = 103.4 ¥ (2008 av.)	Ease of Doing Business Ranking ⁽³⁾ :	12
Head of State:	The Emperor Akihito	Economic Freedom Ranking ⁽⁴⁾ :	19
	The prime minister Taro Aso	Enabling Trade Ranking ⁽⁵⁾ :	13

Recent Economic Indicators

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ^(F)	2010 ^(F)
GDP (Bns) (current prices):	4,553	4,363	4,377	4,908	4,981	5,042
GDP per capita (\$):	35,701	34,212	34,351	38,558	39,198	39,760
GDP per capita (\$) (PPP):	30,374	31,968	33,525	34,045	31,905	32,370
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY):	1.9	2	2.3	-0.7	-7	1
Real GDP per capita Growth (% change YOY):	1.9	2.1	2.4	-0.6	-6.8	1.3
Export of Goods (Bns):	568	616	678	747	486	564
Import of Goods (Bns):	474	535	573	708	479	535
Unemployment Rate (% yearly)	4.4	4.1	3.8	4	5.9	6.1
Inflation (% av)	-0.3	0.2	0.1	1.4	-1.7	-0.4

Japan's Principal Export

Destinations 2008	
USA	18%
China	16%
S. Korea	8%
Taiwan	6%

Japan's Principal Import

Destinations 2008	
China	19%
USA	10%
S. Arabia	7%
Australia	6%

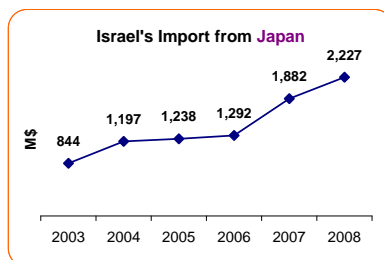
The Global Competitiveness Index - Japan 2008-2009⁽¹⁾

In the Global Competitiveness Index Japan was ranked 9/134

Notable Advantages	Rank	Notable Disadvantages	Rank
Local supplier quantity	1	Government surplus/deficit	110
Production process sophistication	1	Hiring and firing practices	111
Degree of customer orientation	1	Business costs of terrorism	112
Interest rate spread	2	Gov. debt	129
Company spending on R&D	2	Agricultural policy costs	130

Israel's Trade Relations with Japan

Israel's goods trade with Japan, 2007-08	Growth (YOY)	Rank ⁽⁶⁾	
Export to Japan (m\$):	883	15%	16
Import from Japan (m\$):	2,227	18%	9
Total trade (export + import) (m\$):	3,110	17%	13
Surplus (export - import) (m\$):	-1,344		



The Main Sector of Goods Trade between Israel and Japan, 2007-08

Export to Japan			Import from Japan		
Sector	M\$	% Change	Sector	M\$	% Change
Machinery, electrical equipment	308	72%	Vehicles and aircraft equipment	1,198	17%
Optical and medical instruments	174	-24%	Machinery, electrical equipment	705	28%
Chemicals	139	45%	Chemicals	105	17%
Diamonds	87	-13%	Optical and medical instruments	79	7%
Basic metals	83	6%	Plastics and rubber	77	-2%

In 2008, there were 956 Israeli exporting companies to Japan: this reflects 2% increase compare to 2007.

[2] Corruption Perceptions Index 2008 - out of 180 country

[3] Ease of Doing Business Index 2009 - out of 181 country

[4] Economic Freedom Index 2009 - out of 179 country

[5] The Enabling Trade Index 2008 - out of 118 country

[6] Percent/Rank out of total Israeli Goods trade

(F) Forecast

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