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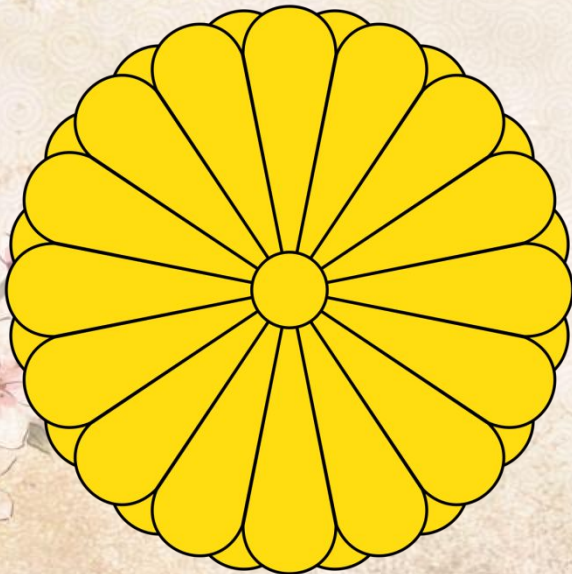
briefly about Japan

Japan's location on the map and population

- Island State in East Asia. It is located in the Pacific Ocean east of the Sea of Japan, China, North and South Korea, Russia. Japan has a total size of 377,900 square kilometers. It's slightly bigger than Germany, and slightly smaller than Zimbabwe. And it's about 3.8% the size of Canada. That's despite the fact that its population is 370% the size of the Canada's population that means that Japan's population density is 9825 times that of Canada.

The flag of Japan is the “solar flag”, also called hinomaru (translated as “the solar circle”) in its homeland. It is a white canvas with a large red circle in the middle, representing the rising sun. The flag was proposed to the Japanese emperor, considered a descendant of the sun goddess, by Buddhist monks.

The imperial seal of Japan is a symbol in the form of a yellow or orange 16-petal chrysanthemum.



landmark of japan

Aokigahara Forest

Japan is the country of the rising sun, the most beautiful and wonderful country of the East. We visited the mysterious, but at the same time interesting place. The Forest Of Aokigahara. On the map is a large Park at the foot of mount Fuji, in fact - the infamous landmark of Japan. Informal name Aokigahara - "the forest of suicides" - speaks for itself. Here the second after the Golden gate bridge in San Francisco, place in the frequency of committed suicides. With the onset of dusk about this place start to speak only in a whisper. Those who decide to visit Aokigahara needs to have strong nerves. What happens chrostowska under my feet the branch is a human bone, and a strange outline of a man in the distance is another corpse of the hanged man. Local authorities are concerned about an endless wave of suicides, were placed on forest trails, signs read: "Your life is a priceless gift from your parents. Think about them and about your family. You don't have to suffer alone."



In Japan, there are a lot of holidays, such as: Omisoka, Obon, Hinamatsuri, White Day, Kodomo no hee and many others

December 31:

Omisoka - New Year's Eve, the second most important day of the Japanese calendar, the last day before the Japanese New Year, the most important day of the year.

March 14:

White Day - The day on which a man buys a sweetheart treat. Formally, this day began to be celebrated in 1980, although its roots were several years earlier. The name he received from the color of sugar. White Day is not a public holiday.

May 5:

Children's Day (Kodomo no hee) This public holiday closes Golden Week. At the bottom of the children, the traditions of celebrating Tango no Sekku are visible - bright cloth banners, even toy samurai helmets that decorate houses.

August 13-15:

Obon is one of the most important Buddhist holidays. In the temples at this time, the reading of holy books takes place, relatives put their offerings to the altars. By evening, in the parks you can see a special dance performed to the sounds of folk music and singing - Bon Odori - designed to calm the souls of ancestors. Many put on a yukata to perform this dance. The celebration closes with a solemn toro nagashi (灯籠流し then: ro: nagashi) - colorful paper lanterns with candles are launched along the river or sea, indicating to the souls a safe path to the kingdom of the dead.



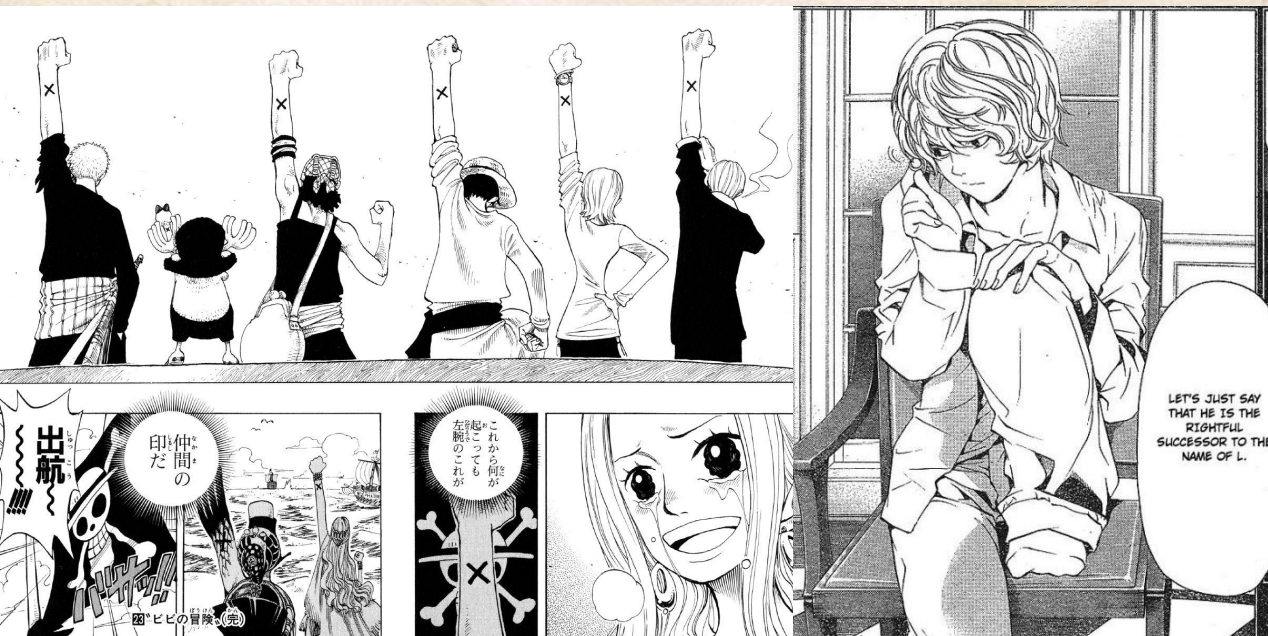
Hayao Miyazaki is a Japanese animation director. Together with Isao Takahata, he founded an animation studio - Ghibli Studio. Winner of the Oscar (2003) and the honorary Oscar for outstanding services in cinema (2014).



Makoto Shinkai is a Japanese director, animator and seiyuu. A distinctive feature of Sinkai from leading figures in the anime industry is generally called abstraction from this industry itself, its stamps and requirements, which makes his work somewhat close to an art house.



- Masashi Kishimoto - Japanese mangaka, creator of the world famous manga "Naruto".
- Taito Kubo is a Japanese mangaka, the creator of the Bleach manga.
- Takeshi Obata is a Japanese mangaka, the creator (together with Tsugumi Oba) of the Death Note manga.
- Eiichiro Oda is a Japanese mangaka, author of the One Piece manga.
- Hideaki Anno is a Japanese anime and movie director. One of his most famous works is the anime series Neon Genesis Evangelion.



Clothing in Japan

Many people associate Japan with traditional things like kimonos, samurais, and Japanese architecture. But these days Japan is just as well-known for its modern culture that defies all creative boundaries that we have in the West. Japanese animation, comic books, video games and cosplay (costume play) or what defines Japan in the minds of lots of Japan fans around the world. This aspect of Japan's culture is often called otaku culture.



Traditional food and drinks

Japanese food consists largely of seafood, probably due to Japan's existence as an island country. In fact, most of Japan is uninhabited mountains. So most of the people live in a very narrow coastal strip along the ocean. That means that fishing has always been an important industry and an important source of food in Japan. And just like in much of Asia the main source of carbohydrates rice.

Onigiri



Mochi



Ramen







Thank you for watching
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