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Japan



CAPITAL
 Tokyo

POPULATION (2010)
 126,540,000

ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH RATE (2000-2010)
 0.1%

POPULATION GAIN (2000-2010)
 816,000

GDP PER CAPITA
 \$31,267 (US)

LITERACY
 >99.0% of adult population

LIFE EXPECTANCY (2010)
 83.7

Source: Population data from United Nations (updated May 2011); 2005 GDP per capita (in 2005 PPP \$) from 2007/2008 U.N. Human Development Report; Literacy rate for 2000 from 2007 Britannica

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