Japanese Culture: Traditional Meets Modern

Class 1

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Introduction

- About this Class
- The Japanese:
 - Can we define them?
 - Name some aspects of Japanese Culture.

O Understanding the Japanese:

- Cannot be pigeon-holed.
- > Very complex people.
 - Must be sensitive to this fact and have an open mind.
 - May have some distinctive characteristics, and that's what we're going to learn about.



The Land: Some Facts to Consider

• Despite its small size (smaller than California):

- 10th in population 127 million+
- O 3rd in GNP/GDP (Gross National Product/Gross Domestic Product)
 - Indicators of size of economy and country's standard of living
 - O United States and China are 1st and 2nd
- Smaller than you think Geographical Size vs. Usable Land/Habitable Land
 - Less than 1/5 is level enough to permit agriculture or other economic exploitation other than forestry, mining, or hydroelectric power.
 - Highest density of both population and production per square mile of habitable land of any country in the world
 - Exception being city-stats like Hong Kong and Singapore

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The Land: Nature Awareness



Japan Isolated



Appearance of Homogeneity



5 MINUTE BREAK

Fashion: Traditional

Formal: Young & Unmarried

For Weddings



Uchikake Hakama and Haori

Fashion: Traditional

Formal: Adult and Married

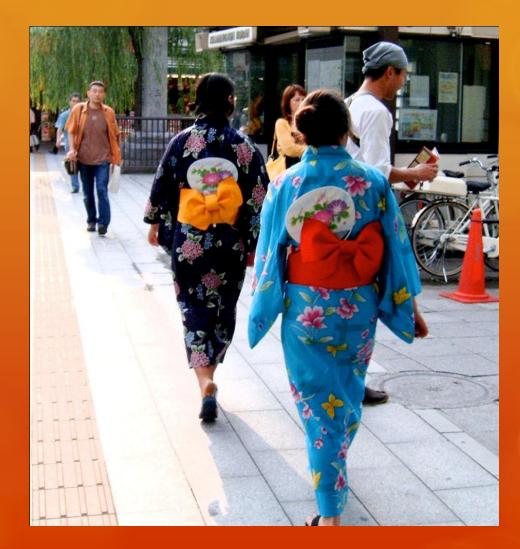




Tomesode

DEMONSTRATION: Putting on a *Furisode*

Kimono in Japan Today



TRY IT! Wearing a *Yukata*



Fashion: Modern







Fashion: Modern





Fashion: Modern



