## 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):

- 10<sup>th</sup> in population 127 million+
- O 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 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







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