



Edo Period

- The Edo Period began after the attempts of unification by Oda Nobunaga and Tokugawa Ieyasu.
- Originally in the Yamato period, the capital would change with the death of the Emperor. However, Japan's first 'permanent' capital was established in Nara in 710 which would later be moved to Kyoto.
- 1457 Small fishing village to Largest populated city in 1721 (~1,000,000)
 - Example of how Political Climate can have a huge impact on civilization.

Tokugawa Political System
The Shogun and Daimyo's

• A very complex and bureaucratic feudal system.

• A rigid caste system was implemented.

The different castes were even separated into different districts (High City (Yamanote) and a Low City (Shitamachi))

Shitamachi culture blossomed and helped to develop kabuki and sumo wrestling.





The Meiji Era
The Emperor Moves to Tokyo

• The Meiji Period began after the Shogun seceded power to the Emperor.

• Great economic growth. (Meiji = Enlightenment)

• Industrialization drew job seekers from all over Japan.

• Mitsukoshi's annex in Nihonbashi (Japan's first

department store, 1914) was considered the grandest building east of the Suez Canal.

• Many fires and earthquakes throughout Edo's history, a clear influence on the infrastructure and culture of Tokyo.

• (The Great Kanto Earthquake, 1923) 300,000 homes, 142,000 fatalities. However, reconstruction began immediately.

Postwar Period Tokyo 1964 Olympics and Tokyo Tower

- Since Tokyo Tower's opening in 1958 it has been a symbol of the Japanese spirit and the resourcefulness of the people of Tokyo.
 - Major tourist attraction and Telecommunication hub.
- Important role in the rapid industrialization and economic growth in the Postwar era.
- The Tokyo 1964 Olympics was the first Olympics in an Asian country.
- The flame carrier Yoshinori Sakai was born on the day that the atomic bomb had been dropped on Hiroshima. It had been an tribute to the victims and a symbol for world peace.

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Transportation Systems

- Bullet Train
- Taxi
- Car
- Bikes
- Bus







Fast Paced Culture

- Buisness
- Over population
- Night Life





Trends

- Contacts
- Clothing
- Bagel heads
- Decorated phones
- Kawaii merchandise
- Colorful hair







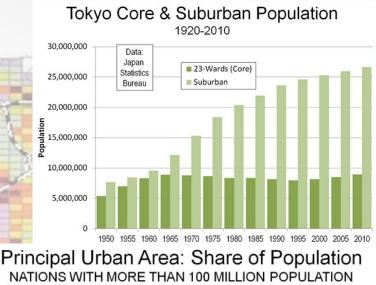


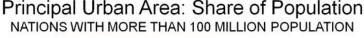


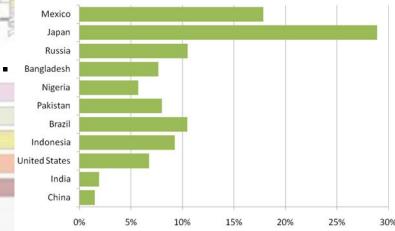


Population

- 13.35 million people
- 30% of Japan's population
 - 2642 people/km^2
- population still growing
- population changes ~2mil. depending on day/night







Organization of Tokyo

- 23 "Municipalities" of Tokyo
 - each made of smaller Districts



Some Important Places

- Tokyo Tower
- Imperial Palace
- Tsukiji Fish market









Puroland *Tokyo Station

*Meiji Shrine

*Shinjuku gyoen

*Yoyogi park







Festivals

- more than 52 major ones
 - very diverse
- Ippan Sanga
 - Emperor greets people for New years







- Kanda Matsuri
 - kanda myojin shrine
 - mid may

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- Sanja Matsuri
 - may 15-17
 - dedicated to the founders of senso-ji temple's spirits
 - one of largest festivals in Tokyo





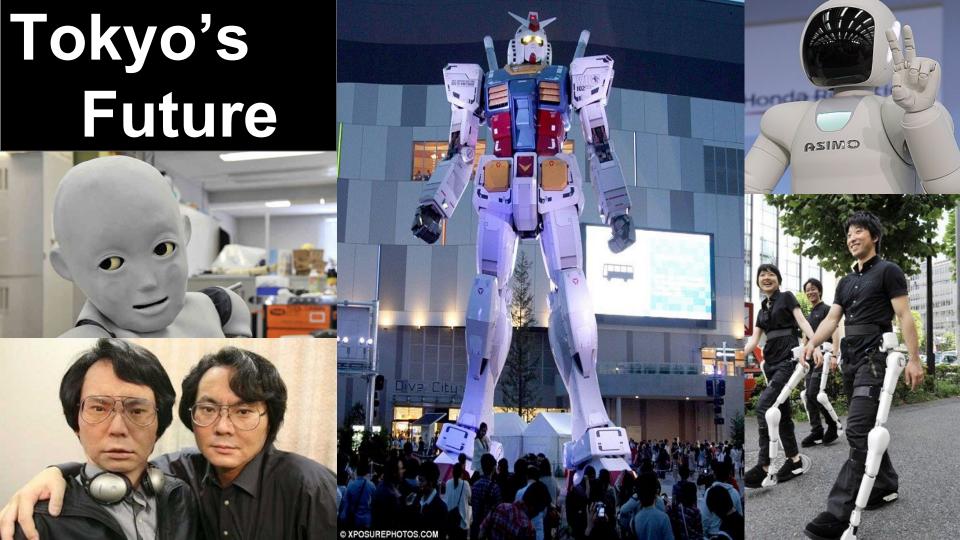
Fukugawa Hachiman matsuri

mid august once every three years

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- The Safe Cities Index -1st (2015)
- Global Power City Index -4th (2009-2014)

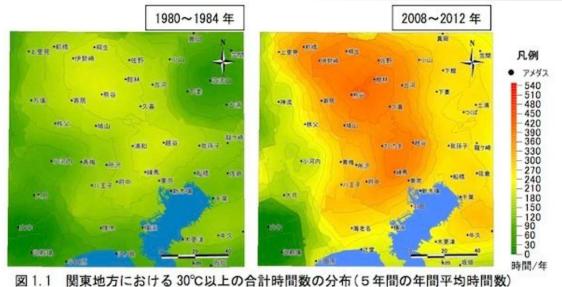


Future in Tokyo

- Environmental issues
 - Heat-island phenomenon



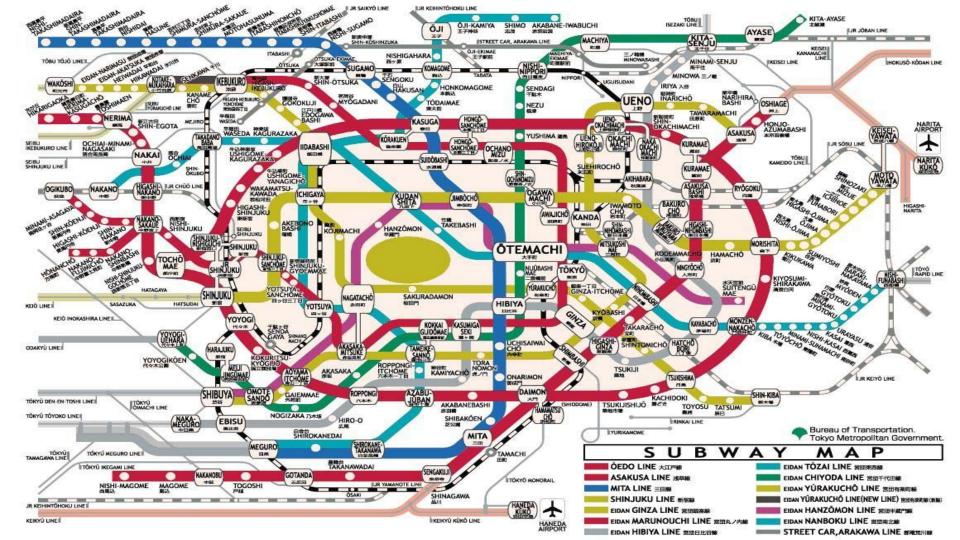






Language









- Transportation system
 - Alternative way
 - Bus
 - Taxi/ Uber



Group Conclusion

★ Tokyo has been a center of Japan, and now a center of the world

Mixed with traditional and modern culture

★ "Cool Tokyo" will be "Cooler" Tokyo