



Overview of JSPS and Preparing for Your Research Trip

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01 | About JSPS



JSPS: Basic Features in its Programme Operation



● What is JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) ?

- Established in 1932 (with an imperial endowment)
- It is Japan's Core Funding Agency.
- Put emphasis on Researcher Autonomy and Research Diversity.

● What does JSPS support ?

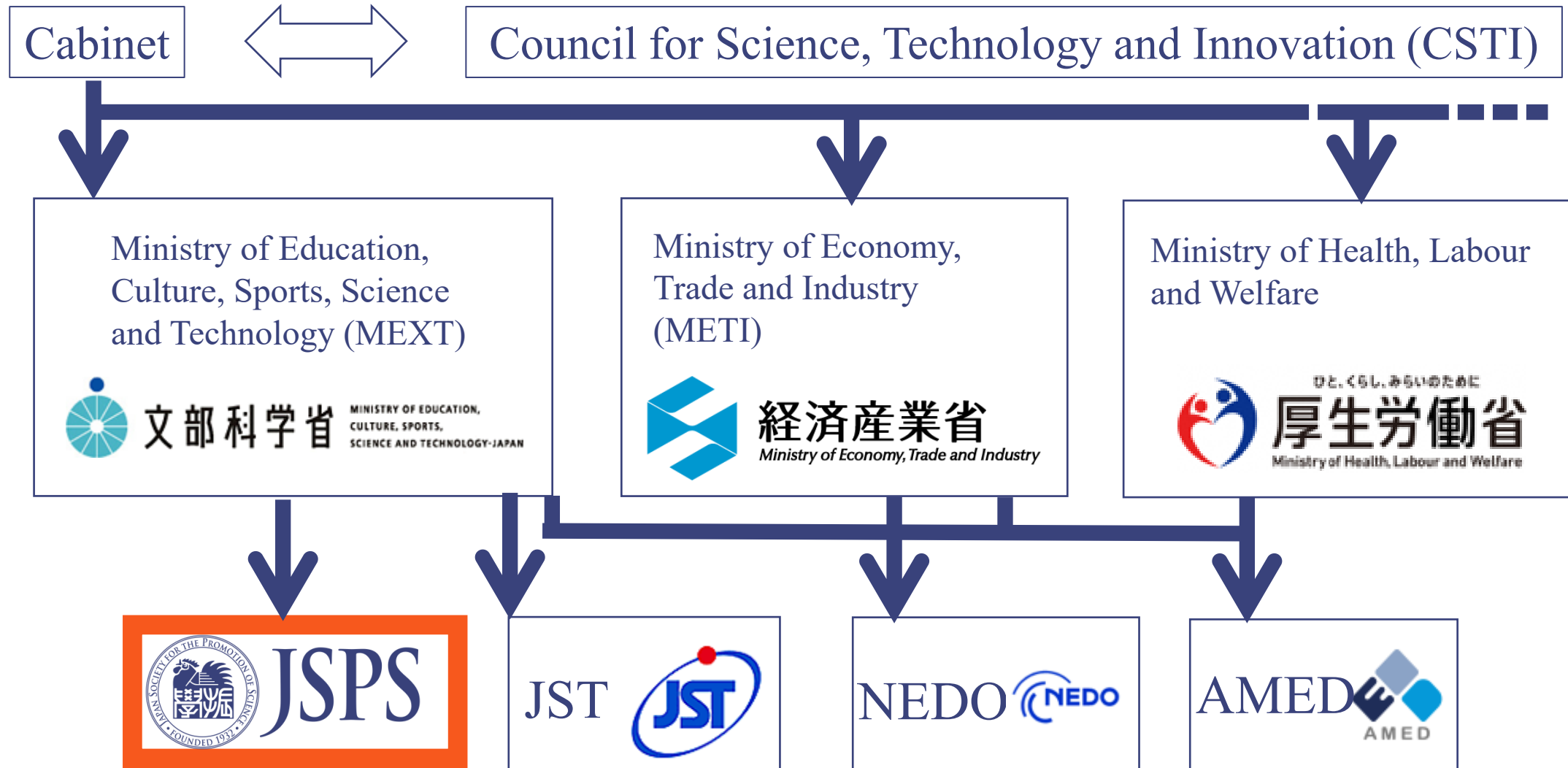
- From basic to applied research conducted based on Curiosity-Driven Research and free ideas of researchers.
- Covers the Entire Spectrum of Academic Fields including the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.

● Application Selection

- Bottom-up approach; invites applications via open calls.
- Competitive funding; evaluates applications via peer review.
- Fair and Transparent screening; selects projects based on academic merit.



Positioning of JSPS



Bottom-up research / No priority area

For top-down and Mission-oriented research

JSPS: Basic Features in its Program Operation



● Supporting bottom-up research

Grant-in-Aid, “KAKENHI”: £1,200,000,000/80,000 projects

● Supporting research initiatives

WPI (World Premier International Research Centre Initiative)

● Fostering next generations

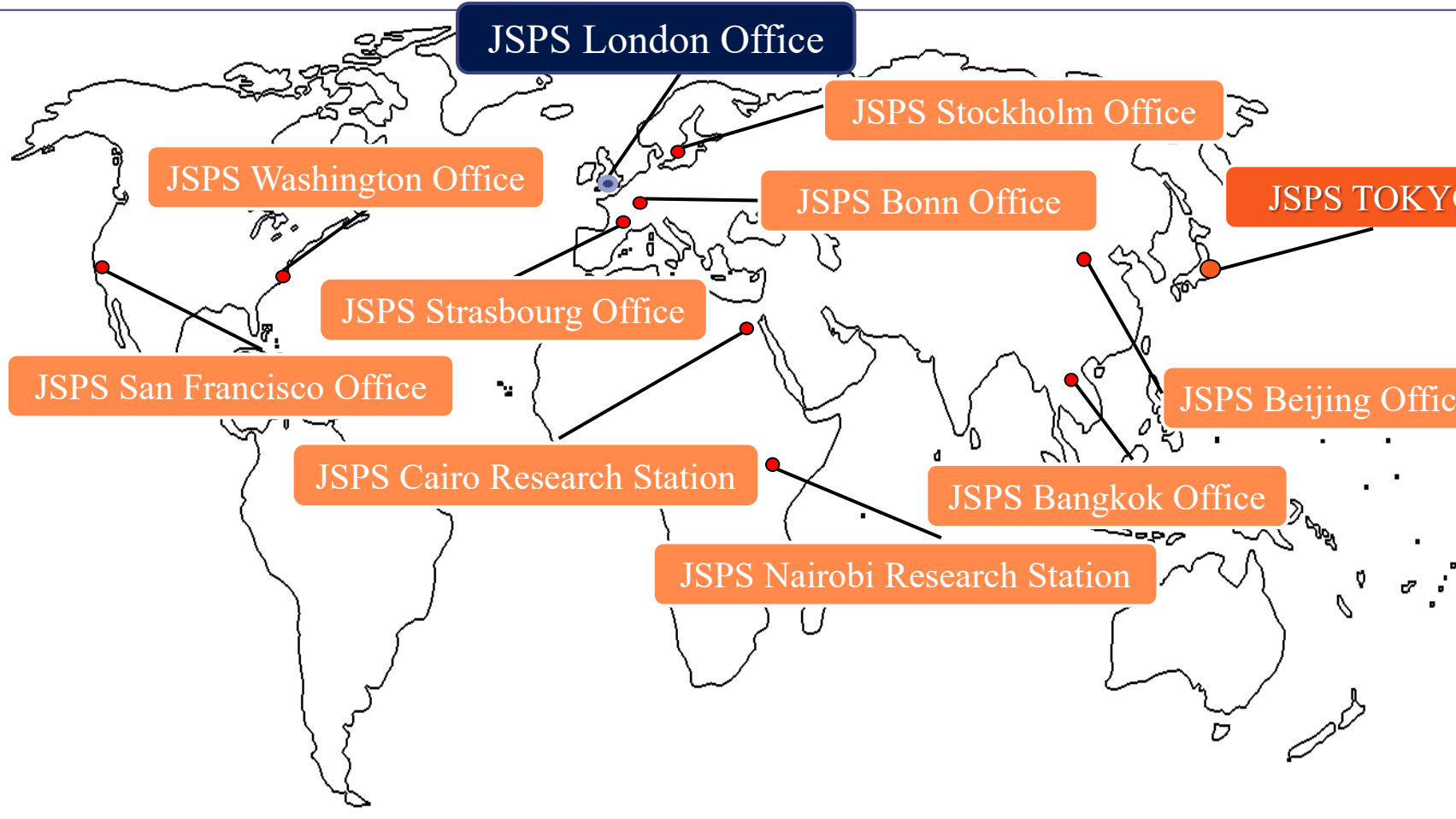
Fellowships: 6,000 Japanese pre-/post-docs

● Advancing International collaborations

Mobility by "International programmes" 10,000 researchers

JSPS Overseas Offices

Strengthen Japan-Foreign academic linkages and advance international collaboration



JSPS London Office



Established in 1994



14 Stephenson Way, London, NW1 2HD



Staff members: 7
(including a staff member from KEIO Univ.)



Our mission:
Promoting and supporting the development
of international research collaboration,
with a particular focus on partnerships
between the UK and Japan



UK - JSPS Alumni Association

Support for maintaining and expanding linkages with Japan long-lasting collaboration, not "one time visit."



900+ members

from PhD students to senior professors

Exclusive programmes for the members

- (1) BRIDGE fellowship
- (2) Symposium/Seminar scheme

02 | Life in Japan



Life in Japan



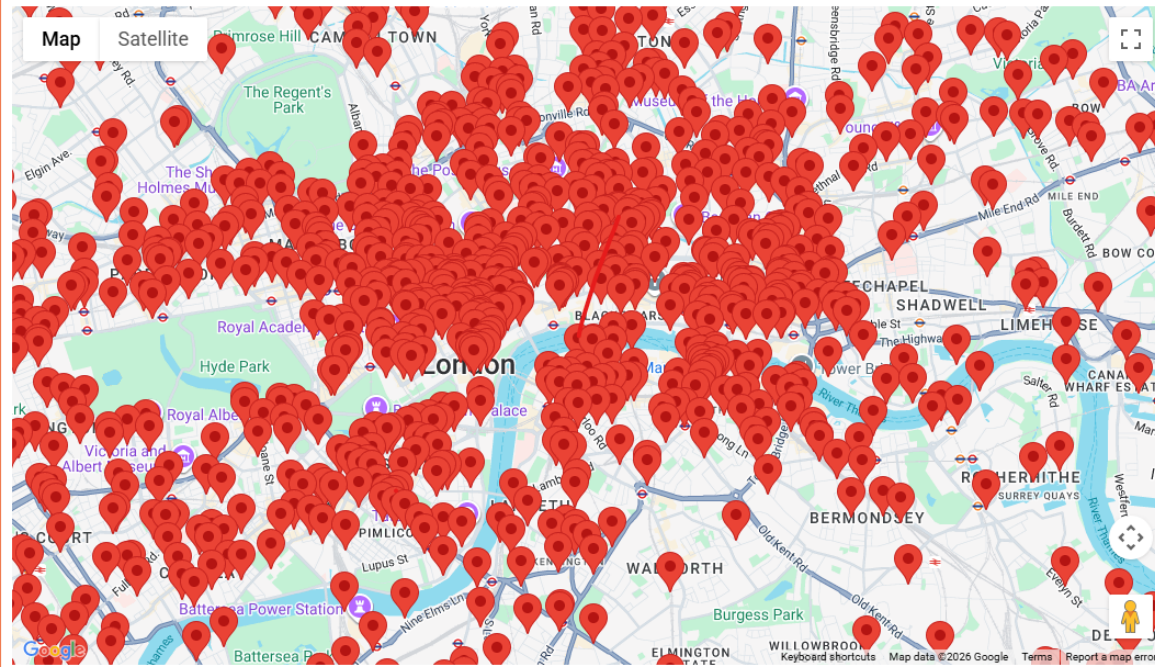
Life in Japan -Clean and Safe-



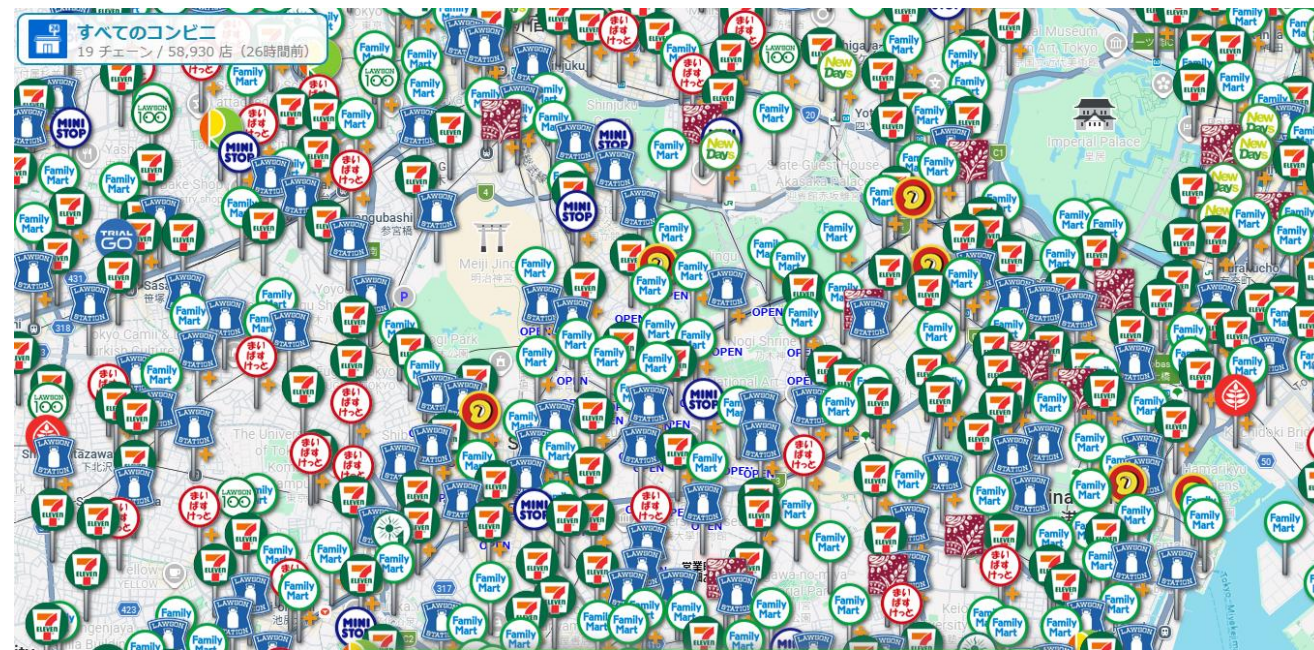
You have Pubs,

London Pub Guide

Here is a pub guide for all pubs serving real ale in Greater London.



We have Convenience Stores.



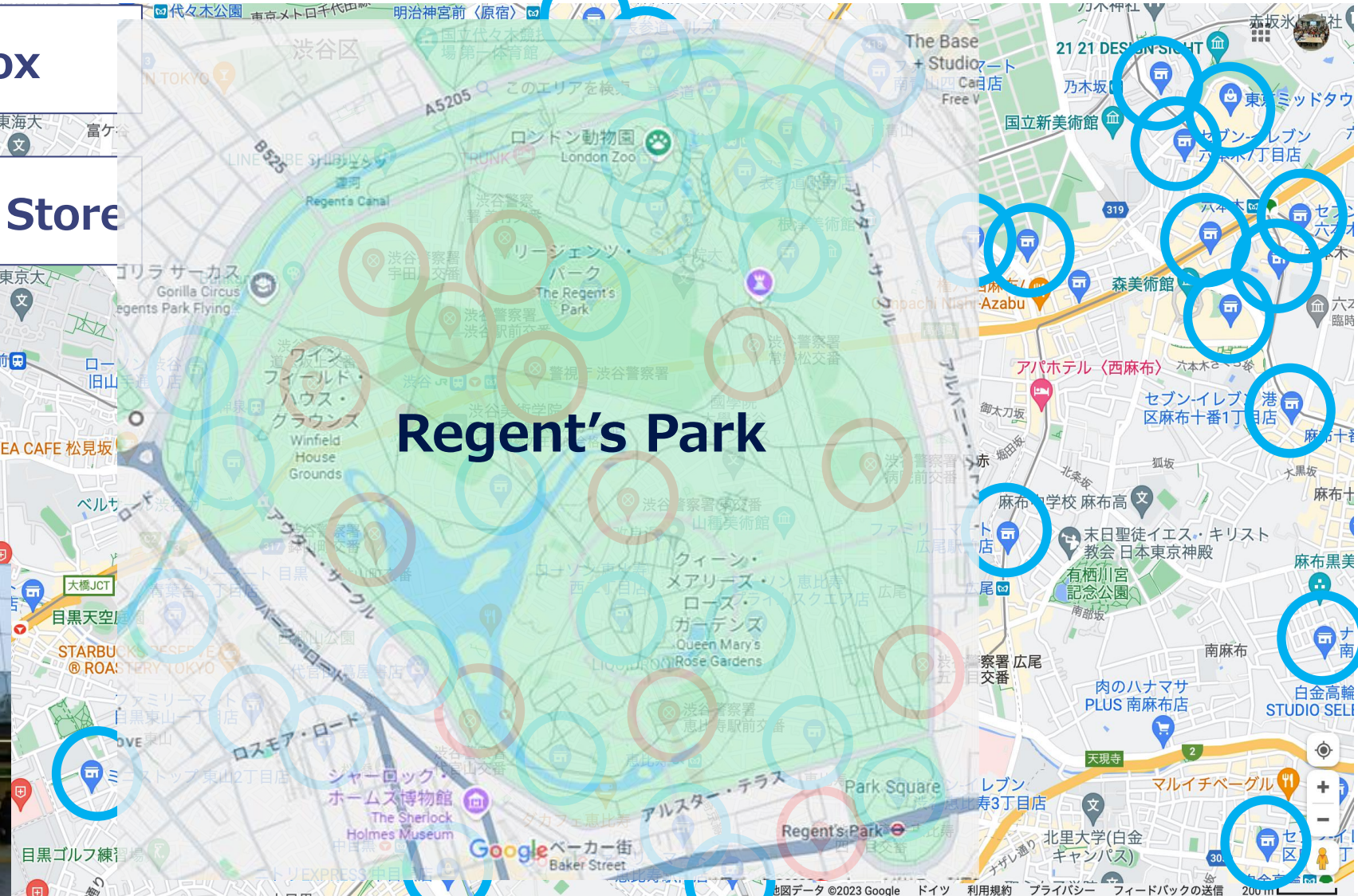
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Police Box



Convenience Store



Life in Japan –Clean and Safe–

No Rubbish, BUT No Rubbish Bin on the streets.



Life in Japan -Punctual and Ordered-



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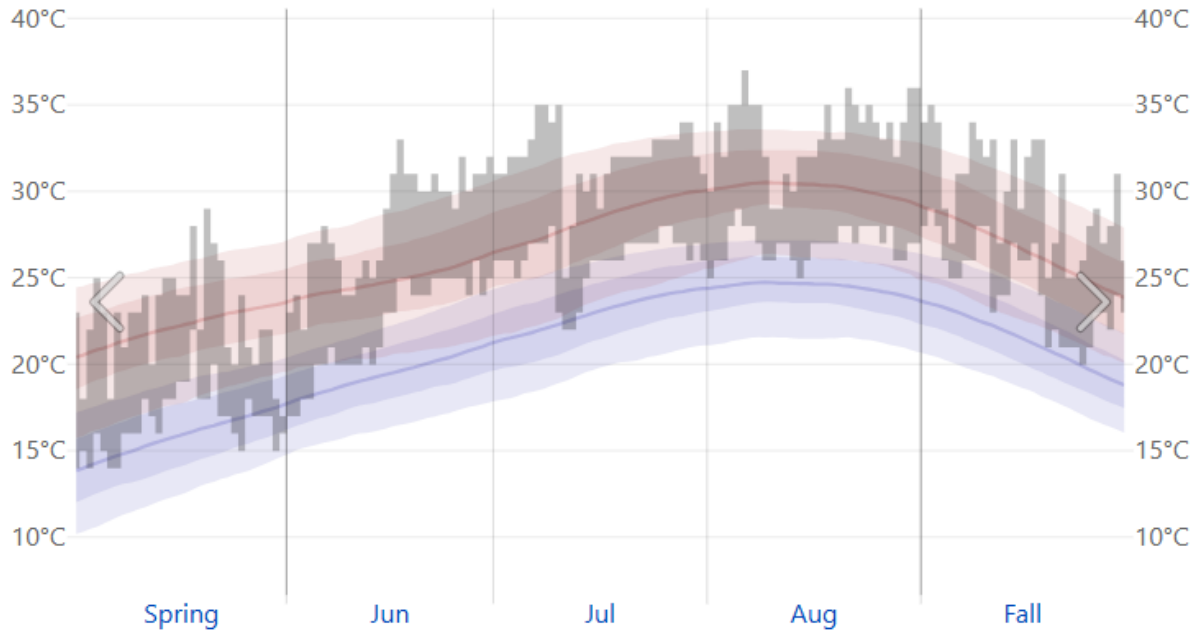
Life in Japan -Punctual and Ordered-



Life in Japan – Beware : Summer in Japan can be quite hot and humid

Tokyo Temperature History in the Summer of 2025

← 2025 [Link](#) [Download](#) [Compare](#) [Averages](#)
History: 2024 2023 2022 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 2016

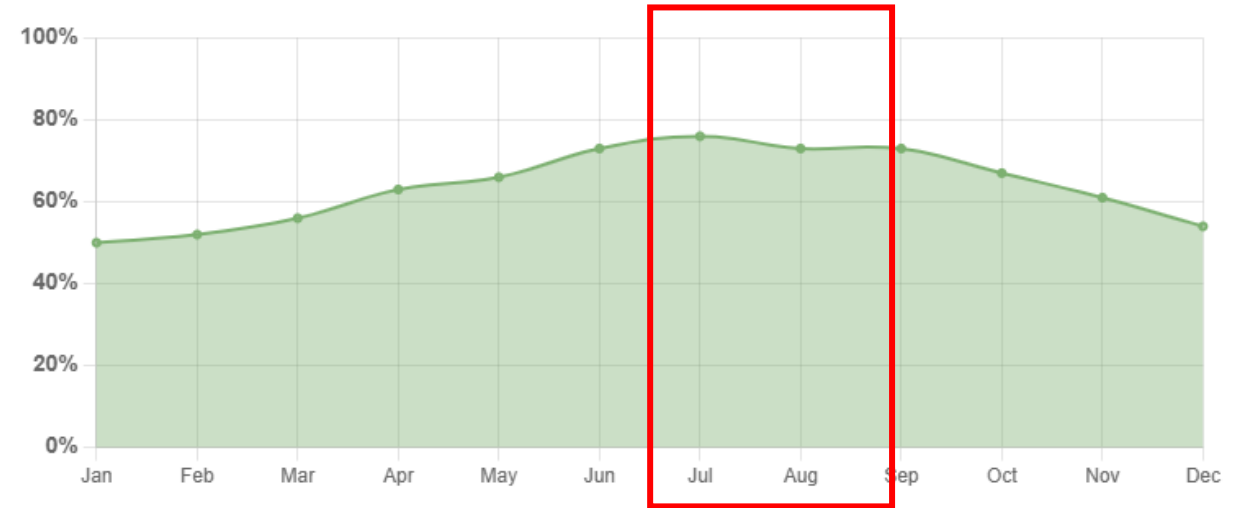


The daily range of reported temperatures (gray bars) and 24-hour highs (red ticks) and lows (blue ticks), placed over the daily average high (faint red line) and low (faint blue line) temperature, with 25th to 75th and 10th to 90th percentile bands.

[Tokyo 2025 Past Weather \(Japan\) - Weather Spark](#)

Average humidity in Tokyo

On this page you find more information about the monthly relative humidity over the year in Tokyo (Tokyo Prefecture), Japan.



[Check Humidity in Tokyo by Month | Accurate Insights](#)

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Japan Data >

Japan's Highest Temperatures: New Record of 41.8°C Set in August 2025

Society | Disaster | Environment Jul 31, 2025

Japan's Highest Recorded Temperatures

41.8°

- Iseaki, Gunma (August 5, 2025)

41.4°

- Shizuoka, Shizuoka (August 6, 2025)
- Hatoyama, Saitama (August 5, 2025)

41.2°

- Kiryū, Gunma (August 5, 2025)
- Tanba, Hyōgo (July 30, 2025)

41.1°

- Hamamatsu, Shizuoka (August 17, 2020)
- Kumagaya, Saitama (July 23, 2018)

[Japan's Highest Temperatures: New Record of 41.8°C Set in August 2025 | Nippon.com](#)

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Handy Fan



Image taken from <https://lifeonproducts.co.jp/product/pr-f093/>

Neck Cooler Fan



Image taken from <https://store.shopping.yahoo.co.jp/akaneashop/sg188.html>

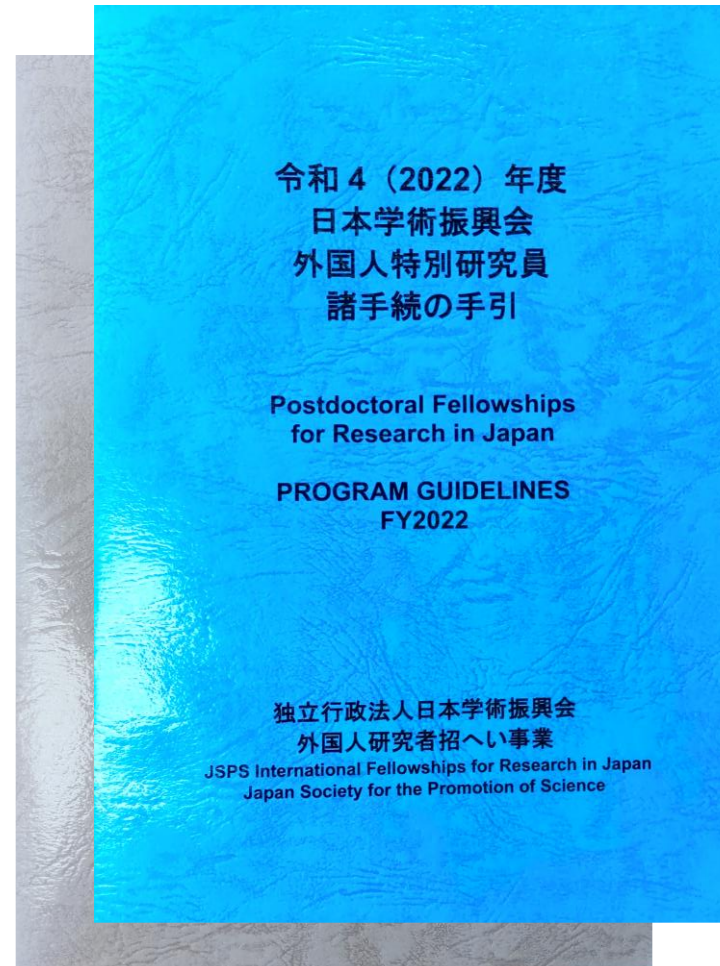
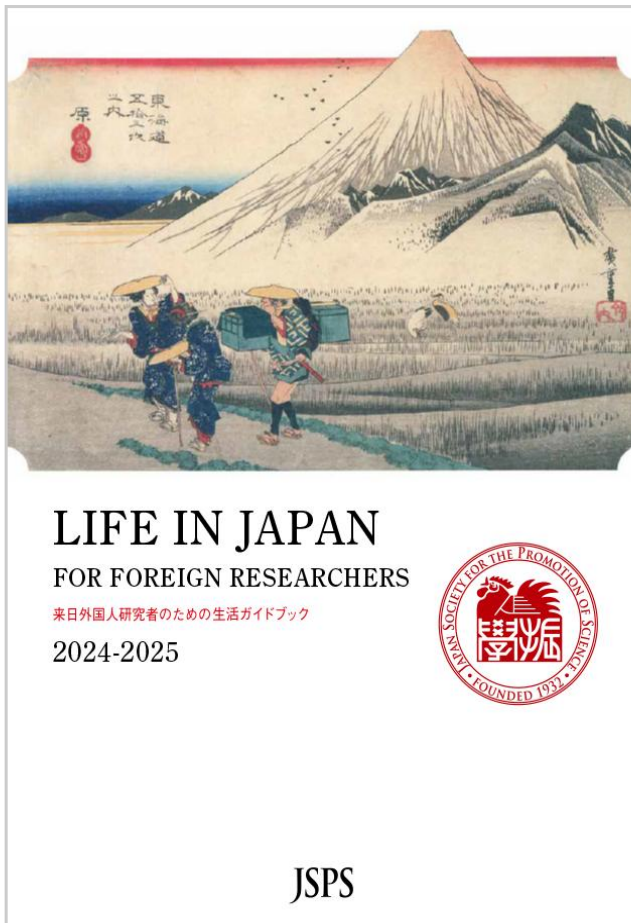
Neck Cooling Ring



Image taken from <https://www.look-it.jp/view/item/000000039295>

Detailed Information for Your Life in Japan

Have you already read?



Summer Programme



Short-term, Standard Programme



Invitational, BRIDGE Programme



VISA

Do I need a VISA to enter Japan?

- **Contact your host institution as soon as possible.**
More and more institutions require visiting researchers to obtain a relevant VISA.

Basic ideas of VISA exemption scheme in Japan

- If you are from one of the 74 designated countries including the UK, Ireland, Germany... you can stay in Japan up to 90 days without VISAs.
- Under this scheme, you can NOT work nor study.

[Exemption of Visa \(Short-Term Stay\) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan](#)
査証免除とは？日本に“ビザなし”で入れる国とその条件をわかりやすく解説

Extra : KOBE

Where is KOBE(こうべ - 神戸)?



Extra : In KOBE, you can enjoy EVERYTHING

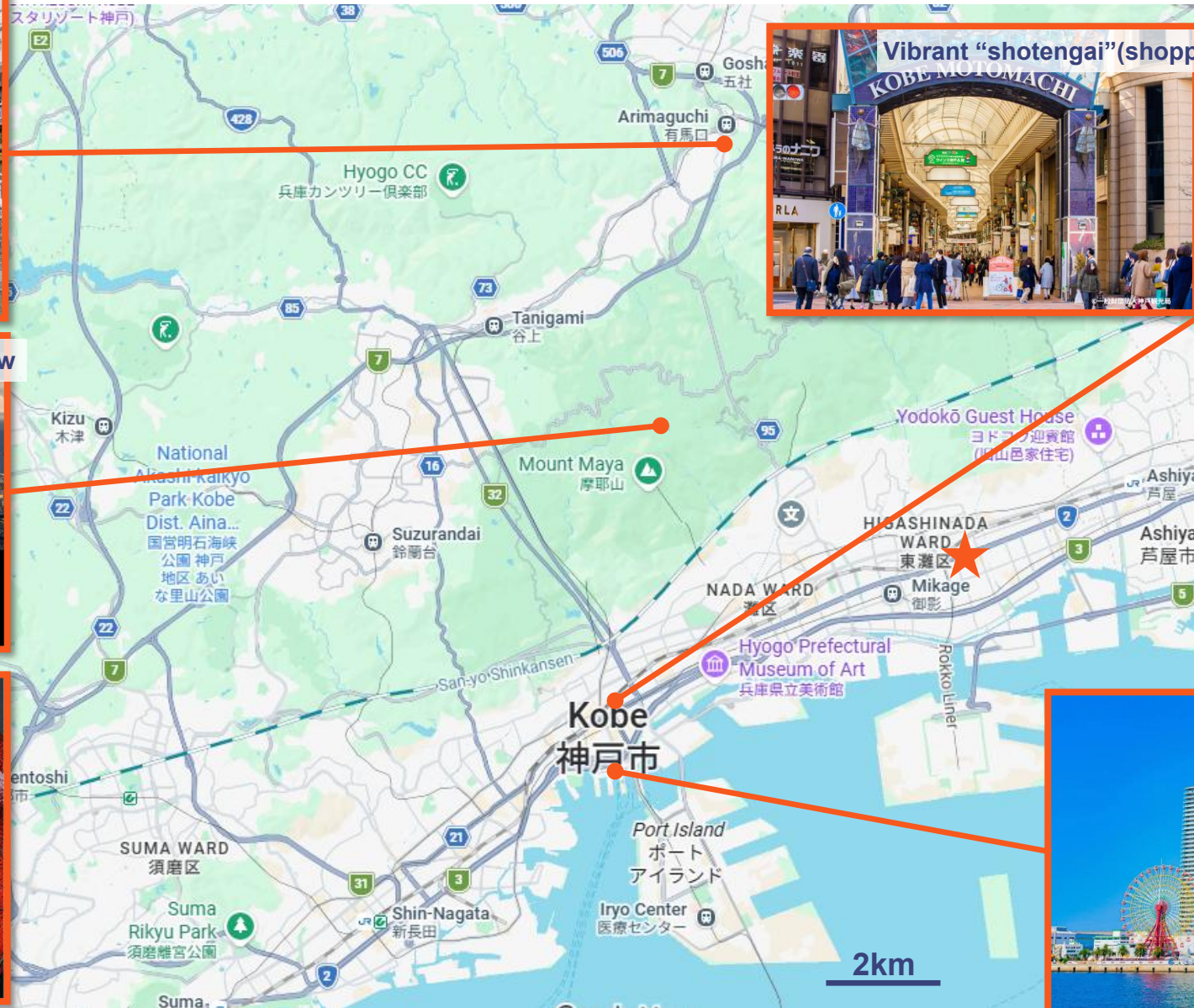
Historic ARIMA ONSEN (Hot spring)



Mt.ROKKO – Hiking, STUNNING Night View



World Famous KOBE BEEF



Vibrant “shotengai”(shopping street) and high street



Beautiful PORT OF KOBE

