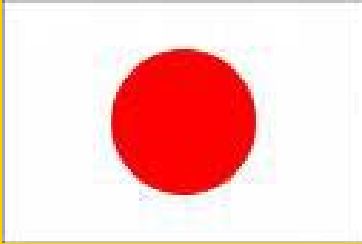
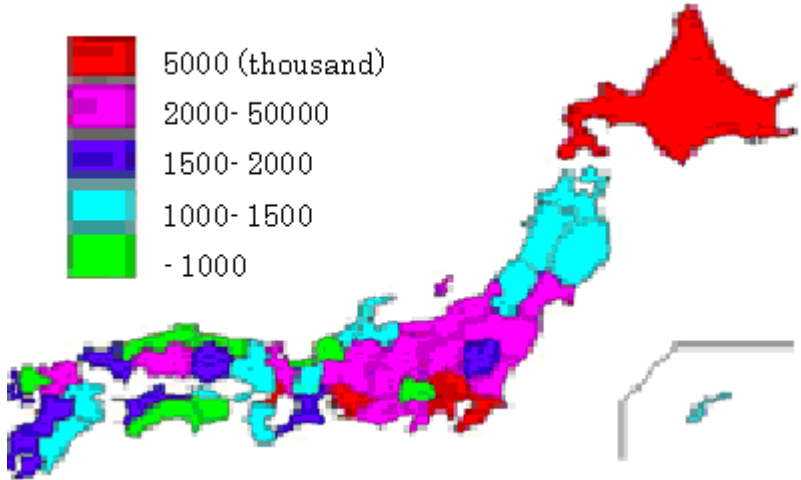


COUNTRY	JAPAN	
Geography	377,930 square kilometres	Japan comprises over 3,000 islands making it an archipelago.
Population	<p>127,771</p> <p>Japan's population is 127.75 million which is the 10th largest in the world.</p>	
Legislation and Regulations	There is one regulation for Organ Transplant	1997- Japan's Organ Transplantation Law
Opt in Opt out Presumed	Opt in	Opt in with Family's agreement, although decision to register for donation
Donor Register	One national register	<p>JOT: Japan Organ Transplant Network</p> <p>http://www.jotnw.or.jp/</p>

Infra-structure	Japan Organ Transplant Network is the only institution for Transplantation.	Japan Organ Transplant Network takes responsibilities for donation activity, such as, promotion of medical care, donor registration, supported by Ministry of health, Labour and Welfare. There is no cost to donor for donation.
Profile of Transplant Coordinators	Nursing or Medical Engineering	Currently, there are about 70 coordinators. They are either organ transplant coordinators who belong to Japan Organ Transplant Network or regional coordinators confided by Japan Organ Transplant Network. Japan Organ Transplant Network is the main institution for coordinators. Each region has a centre that employs experienced transplant coordinators that perform various activities that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Educating the public about Organ Transplants: registering recipients ● Collecting donor information ● Arranging with hospitals and donor families that provide Organs ● Conducting blood tests on donors ● selecting appropriate recipients in a fair manner based on established criteria ● Ensuring rapid transportation of organs
National Guidelines for Clinical Practice on Organ Donation	Guideline to function the Organ Transplant Law Japan Organ Transplant Network (JOT)	http://www.jotnw.or.jp/jotnw/law_manual/law3.html http://www.jotnw.or.jp/donation/method.html
Number of Potential Donating Hospitals	Every prefecture has at least one potential donating hospital.	There are 318 hospitals. Hokkaido(region) 16 Tohoku 25 Kanto 76 Chubu 61 Kinki 62 Shikoku 29

		Chugoku Kyusyu	14 35
Number of Transplant Centres	<p>Each region has one major centre for each organ and several centres can possibly transplant heart and lung at the same time.</p> <p>Kidneys are transplanted in many canter; there are more than 150 centers.</p>	<p>Heart Lung Liver Pancreas Small Intestine</p> <p>Kidney Hokkaido (region) Tohoku Kanto/Chubu Kinki Chugoku/Shikoku Kyusyu/Okinawa</p>	<p>7 8 13 14 9</p> <p>9 54 29 24 31 18</p>
Living Related Programs	<p>Guideline for living live transplants</p> <p>Guideline for living Kidney Transplants</p>	<p>http://www.asas.or.jp/jst/pdf/guideline_001kanishoku.pdf</p> <p>http://www.asas.or.jp/jst/pdf/guideline_002jinishoku..pdf</p>	
Statistics (websites)	<p>Organ Donor numbers 2008</p>	<p>109 (January to December 2008)</p> <p>http://www.jotnw.or.jp/datafile/offer/index.html</p>	
Any current National Issues / Initiatives	<p>The enactment of the Organ Transplantation Law was established, but has faced problems.</p>	<p>The Organ transplant Law went into effect in 1997, containing the most stringent of regulations. The donation of a brain dead donor is only permitted only if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The donor expressed in writing prior to death his intent to agree to donate his organs ● His family members did not object to the donation ● A person is 15 years or above can express intent to donate <p>The last problems reduce the possibility of transplants to children: heart transplants to children have become impossible.</p>	

		<p>The number of patients who, instead of waiting in Japan, obtained transplants in foreign countries such as Australia. This situation continues to increase despite the enactment of the Organ Transplant law.</p> <p>Several Japanese patients benefited from transplants in other countries that have special quotas for foreigners. Criticism toward such Japanese has begun to surface since the shortage of donors is a serious problem.</p>
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