

JAPAN

Fact Sheet

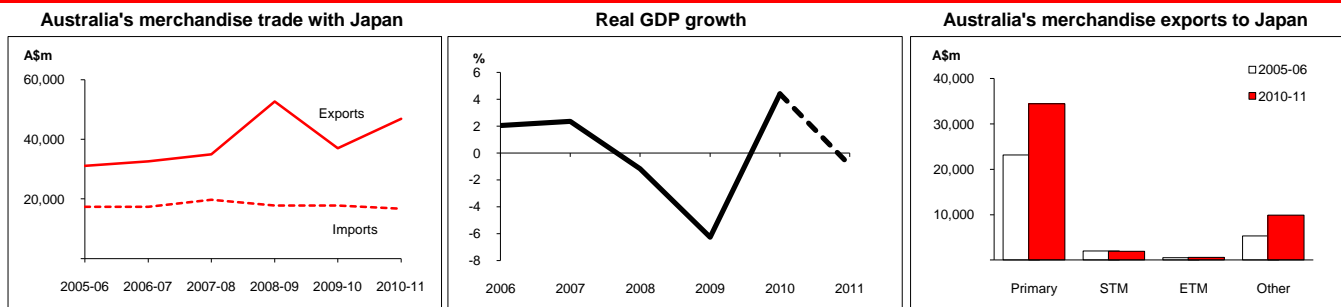
General information:

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Capital:	Tokyo
Surface area:	378 thousand sq km
Official language:	Japanese
Population:	127.6 million (2010)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 85.4784 Yen (Jul 2011)

Head of State:	HM Emperor Akihito
Head of Government:	Prime Minister HE Mr Yoshihiko Noda

Recent economic indicators:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010(a)	2011(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	4,362.6	4,378.0	4,879.8	5,033.0	5,458.8	5,855.4
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	4,079.5	4,297.1	4,341.2	4,111.4	4,323.5	4,395.6
GDP per capita (US\$):	34,150	34,268	38,216	39,459	42,783	45,774
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	31,935	33,635	33,997	32,233	33,885	34,362
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	2.0	2.4	-1.2	-6.3	4.4	-0.9
Current account balance (US\$m):	170,437	210,967	157,079	141,751	195,856	147,030
Current account balance (% GDP):	3.9	4.8	3.2	2.8	3.6	2.5
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	16.8	18.4	18.3	13.4	16.0	15.8
Inflation (% change yoy):	0.3	0.0	1.4	-1.4	-0.7	-0.4



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Japan, 2010-11:	Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Japan (A\$m):	19.1%	2nd	26.5%
Imports from Japan (A\$m):	7.8%	3rd	-6.2%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	13.8%	2nd	15.9%

Major Australian exports, 2010-11* (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2010-11 (A\$m):	
Coal	15,398	Passenger motor vehicles	5,913
Iron ore & concentrates	10,336	Refined petroleum	1,278
Beef	1,689	Goods vehicles	1,003
Aluminium	1,406	Civil engineering equipment & parts	676

*Includes A\$9.9b of confidential items, mainly LNG, nickel & sugar, 21% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Japan, 2010-11:	Total share:
Exports of services to Japan (A\$m):	3.9%
Imports of services from Japan (A\$m):	3.7%

Major Australian service exports, 2010-11 (A\$m):		Major Australian service imports, 2010-11 (A\$m):	
Personal travel excl education	714	Transport	966
Transport	571	Personal travel excl education	375

Australia's investment relationship with Japan, 2010 (e):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Japan (A\$m):	29,111	518
Japan's investment in Australia (A\$m):	117,633	49,417

Japan's global merchandise trade relationships:

Japan's principal export destinations, 2010:			Japan's principal import sources, 2010:		
1	China	19.4%	1	China	22.1%
2	United States	15.4%	2	United States	9.7%
3	Republic of Korea	8.1%	3	Australia	6.5%
12	Australia	2.1%			

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published. .. Data not meaningful.