

# JAPAN

Fact Sheet

## General information:

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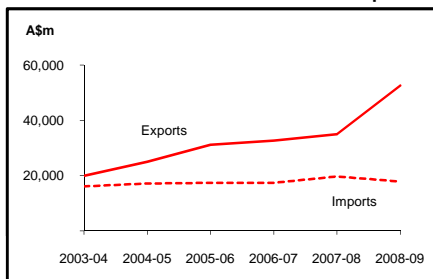
<b>Capital:</b>	Tokyo
<b>Surface area:</b>	378 thousand sq km
<b>Official language:</b>	Japanese
<b>Population:</b>	127.6 million (2009)
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 79.1345 Yen (Aug 2009)

**Head of State:**  
HM Emperor Akihito

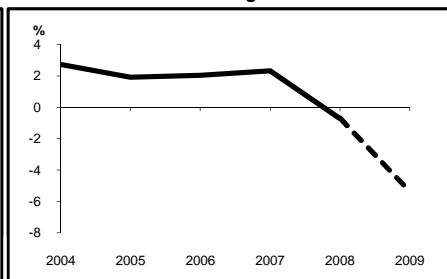
**Head of Government:**  
Prime Minister HE Mr Yukio Hatoyama

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	4,605.9	4,552.2	4,362.6	4,380.4	4,910.7	5,048.6
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	3,666.3	3,872.8	4,080.6	4,295.5	4,356.3	4,186.7
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	36,059	35,633	34,150	34,287	38,457	39,573
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	28,703	30,315	31,943	33,622	34,116	32,817
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	2.7	1.9	2.0	2.3	-0.7	-5.4
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	172,070	165,690	170,437	210,967	157,079	96,891
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.8	3.2	1.9
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	13.8	14.9	16.7	18.4	18.4	12.5
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	0.0	-0.3	0.3	0.0	1.4	-1.1

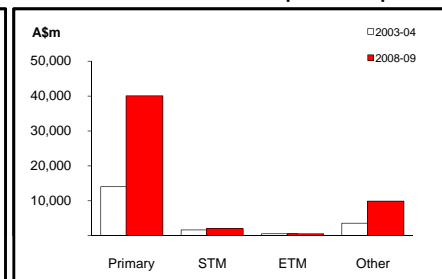
Australia's merchandise trade with Japan



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Japan



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

### Australian merchandise trade with Japan, 2008-09:

Exports to Japan (A\$m):	52,597
Imports from Japan (A\$m):	17,839
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	70,436

<u>Total share:</u>	<u>Rank:</u>	<u>Growth (yoy):</u>
22.8%	1st	50.4%
8.1%	3rd	-9.3%
15.7%	2nd	28.9%

### Major Australian exports, 2008-09\* (A\$m):

Coal	23,428
Iron ore & concentrates	7,342
Beef	2,101
Aluminium	1,422

### Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Passenger motor vehicles	5,515
Refined petroleum	1,369
Goods vehicles	1,098
Civil engineering equipment & parts	712

\*Includes A\$9.9bn of confidential items, mainly LNG, nickel, wheat & sugar, 19% of total exports.

### Australia's trade in services with Japan, 2008-09:

Exports of services to Japan (A\$m):	2,308
Imports of services from Japan (A\$m):	2,472

### Total share:

4.3%
4.4%

### Major Australian service exports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Personal travel excl education	761
Transportation	758

### Major Australian service imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Transportation	1,134
Business & professional	437

### Australia's investment relationship with Japan, 2008 (e):

Australia's investment in Japan (A\$m):	
Japan's investment in Australia (A\$m):	

### Total: FDI:

29,108	1,112
89,511	35,959

## Japan's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Japan's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	United States	17.6%
2	China	16.0%
3	Republic of Korea	7.6%
10	Australia	2.2%

### Japan's principal import sources, 2008:

1	China	18.9%
2	United States	10.2%
3	Saudi Arabia	6.7%
4	Australia	6.2%

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.