

INFORMATION RESOURCES ON JAPANESE POLITICAL REFORM

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(J = Japanese, E= English)

JAPANESE POLITICAL PARTIES

Ruling Coalition

Liberal Democratic Party (J, E)
<http://www.jimin.or.jp/jimin/title.html>

New Komeito (J, E)
<http://www.komei.or.jp>

New Conservative Party (J)
<http://www.hoshutoh.com>

Opposition

Democratic Party (J, E)
<http://www.dpi.or.jp>

Liberal Party (J, E)
<http://www.jiyuto.or.jp>

Japanese Communist Party (J, E)
<http://www.jcp.or.jp>

Social Democratic Party (J)
<http://www5.sdp.or.jp>

Liberal League (J, E)
<http://www.jiyuren.or.jp>

Association of Independents (J)
<http://mushozoku.com>

Dai Ni In Kurabu (J)
<http://www.niinkurabu.gr.jp>

Ishinseitou Shinpuu (J)
<http://www.shimpu.jpn.org>

Japan Labor Party (J)
<http://www.jlp.net>

Japan Wellbeing Party (J)
<http://www.tmedia.org/jwp>

National Conference Party (J)
<http://www.kt.rim.or.jp/~monjiro/index.html>

New Socialist Party (J, E)
<http://www.sinsyakai.or.jp/index.html>

Sakigake (J)
<http://www.coara.or.jp/~sakigake>

Seinen Jiyuto (J)
(Youth Liberal Party)
<http://www2.odn.ne.jp/~aab28300>

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

Diet (Parliament)

House of Representatives Home Page (J, E)
<http://www.shugiin.go.jp>

House of Councilors Home Page (J, E)
<http://www.sangiin.go.jp>

National Diet Library (NDL) (J, E)
<http://www.ndl.go.jp/index.html>

Ministries and Agencies

N.B.: The Japanese government restructured and renamed many ministries and agencies on January 6, 2001.

Office of the Prime Minister

Kantei – Official Residence of the Prime Minister
(J, E)

<http://www.kantei.go.jp>

Cabinet Office (J, E)

<http://www.cao.go.jp>

Economic and Fiscal Policy

<http://www5.cao.go.jp/keizai/index-e.html>

Economic and Social Research Institute (J,E)

<http://www.esri.cao.go.jp/index-e.html>

Financial Services Agency (FSA) (J, E)

<http://www.fsa.go.jp>

Japan Defense Agency (J, E)

<http://www.jda.go.jp>

National Police Agency (NPA) (J, E)

<http://www.npa.go.jp>

National Public Safety Commission (J)

<http://www.npsc.go.jp>

Nuclear Safety Agency

<http://nsc.jst.go.jp/index.htm>

Ministries

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) (J, E)

<http://www.maff.go.jp>

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
(J, E)

<http://www.meti.go.jp>

Agency of Natural Resources and Energy
(J, E)

<http://www.enecho.meti.go.jp>

Small and Medium Enterprise Agency (J, E)

<http://www.chusho.meti.go.jp>

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology (MEXT) (J, E)

<http://www.mext.go.jp>

Ministry of Environment (ENV) (J, E)

<http://www.env.go.jp>

Ministry of Finance (MOF) (J, E)

<http://www.mof.go.jp>

National Tax Administration Agency (NTA)
(J, E)

<http://www.nta.go.jp/index.htm>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) (J, E)

<http://www.mofa.go.jp>

Foreign Press Center (J, E)

<http://www.nttls.co.jp/fpc>

Japan Embassy in America (J, E)

<http://www.embjapan.org>

Japan International Cooperation Agency
(J, E)

<http://www.jica.go.jp>

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
(J, E)

<http://www.mhlw.go.jp>

Ministry of Justice (MOJ) (J, E)

<http://www.moj.go.jp>

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) (J, E)

<http://www.mlit.go.jp>

Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications (J, E)

<http://www.soumu.go.jp>

Election System Reform (J)

<http://www.mha.go.jp/senkyo/index.html>

Statistic Bureau (J,E)

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/1.htm>

Information & Telecommunications (J,E)

<http://www.yusei.go.jp/eng/index.html>

Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) (J, E)

<http://www.jftc.go.jp>

Supreme Court (J)
<http://www.courts.go.jp>

MEDIA

Japanese

Akahata - JCP's Newspaper (J,E)
<http://www.jcp.or.jp/akahata/index.html>

Asahi Shimbun (J, E)
<http://www.asahi.com>

Japan Times (E)
<http://www.japantimes.co.jp>

Japan Echo (E)
<http://www.japanecho.co.jp>

Kyodo News Service (C, J, E)
<http://home.kyodo.co.jp>

Mainichi Shimbun (J)
<http://www.mainichi.co.jp>

Nihon Keizai Shimbun (J)
<http://www.nikkei.co.jp>

Nikkei Net Interactive (E)
<http://www.nni.nikkei.co.jp>

Sankei Shimbun (J)
<http://www.sankei.co.jp>

Yomiuri Shimbun (J, E)
<http://www.yomiuri.co.jp>

Asahi Television (J, E)
<http://www.tv-asahi.co.jp>

Fuji Television (J, E)
<http://www.fujitv.co.jp/jp/index.html>

Kokkai TV (J,E)
<http://kokkai.tv.com>

NHK (J, E)
<http://www.nhk.or.jp>

Nippon Television Network Corp. (J, E)
<http://www.ntv.co.jp>

TV Tokyo (J)
<http://www.tv-tokyo.co.jp>

Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS) (J, E)
<http://www.tbs.co.jp>

Ronza (J)
<http://pps.asahi-np.co.jp/span/ronza/index.htm>

Non-Japanese Media

Armed Forces Journal (E)
<http://www.afji.com>

Asia Inc (E)
<http://www.asia-inc.com>

Asiaweek (E)
<http://www.asiaweek.com/asiaweek>

BBC News: Asia Pacific (E)
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/asia-pacific/default.stm>

CNN Asia
<http://asia.cnn.com>

Far Eastern Economic Review (E)
<http://www.feer.com>

Financial Times (E)
<http://www.ft.com>

Inside China Today (E)
<http://www.insidechina.com/news.php3>

International Herald Tribune (E)
<http://www.iht.com>

Japan Digest (E)
<http://www.japandigest.com>

Korean Central News Agency (K, E)
North Korean-supported news site
<http://www.kcna.co.jp/index.htm>

New York Times (E)
<http://www.nytimes.com>

NewsOnJapan.com (E)
<http://www.newsonjapan.com>

South China Morning Post (E)
<http://www.scmp.com/>

Stars and Stripes (E)
<http://www.pstripes.com>

Time Asia (E)
<http://www.time.com/time/asia/index.html>

Washington Post (E)
<http://www.washingtonpost.com>

Xinhua News Agency (C, J, E)
Chinese Government official news
<http://www.xinhua.org>

JAPANESE TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

N.B. All associated with a Japanese government ministry.

Association for Economic Planning (J, E)
http://www1.meshnet.or.jp/aep_home

Business Policy Forum, Japan (J)
<http://www.bpf-f.or.jp>

Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives of Japan (JA-Zenchu) (J, E)
<http://www.zenchu-ja.org>

Electronic Commerce Promotion Council of Japan (ECOM) (J, E)
<http://www.ecom.or.jp>

Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA),
<http://www.jeita.or.jp/japanese/index.htm>

Federation of Bankers Associations of Japan (Zenginkyo) (J, E)
<http://www.zenginkyo.or.jp>

Federation of Electric Power Companies (J, E)
<http://www.fepec.or.jp>

Iron and Steel Institute of Japan (J, E)
<http://www.isij.or.jp>

Japan Association of Corporate Executives (Keizai Doyukai) (J, E)
<http://www.doyukai.or.jp>

Japan Book Publishers Association (J, E)
<http://www.jbpa.or.jp>

Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (J, E)
<http://www.jama.or.jp>

Japan Bicycle Racing Association (J)
[MITI affiliated organization that provides funds to Japanese industry]
81-6-6762-7373 FAX +81-6-6762-4102
<http://www.keirin.go.jp>

Japan Department Stores Association (J)
<http://www.depart.or.jp>

Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (J, E)
<http://www.jcci.or.jp>

Japan Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) (J, E)
<http://www.keidanren.or.jp>

Japan Federation of Employers' Association (Nikkeiren) (J, E)
<http://www.nikkeiren.or.jp>

Japan Hotel Association (J)
<http://www.j-hotel.or.jp>

Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (J, E)
<http://www.jicpa.or.jp/>

The Japan Magazine Publishers Association (J, E)
<http://www.j-magazine.or.jp/FIPP/index.html>

Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (J, E)
<http://www.jpma.or.jp/>

Japan Securities Dealers Association (J)
<http://www.jsda.or.jp>

Japan Whaling Association (J, E)
<http://www.jp-whaling-assn.com/>

JAPANESE TRADE UNIONS

Japanese Trade Union Confederation (Rengo) (J, E)
<http://www.jtuc-rengo.or.jp/>

National Confederation of Trade Unions (Zenroren) (J, E)
http://www.ijnet.or.jp/c-pro/union/aa_j/index_j.html

National Trade Union Council (Zenrokyo)
+81-3-5403-1650 FAX +81-3-5403-1653

RELIGION

Association of Shinto Shrines (Shukyo Hojin, Jinja Honcho) (J, E)
<http://www.jinjahoncho.or.jp/>

National Christian Council in Japan (NCCJ)
(Nihon Christ-kyo Kyogikai) (J)
<http://www.jca.apc.org/ncc-j/index.html>

Japan Religion Federation (JRF) (Zaidan Hojin, Nihon Shukyo Renmei, Nichishuren) (J)
+81-3-3432-2807 FAX +81-3-3437-3260

Japan Buddhist Federation (JBF) (Zaidan Hojin, Zen-nihon Bukkyoka) (J)
<http://www.jtvan.co.jp/~jbf/index.html>

Federation of New Religious Organizations of Japan, Shinshuren (Zaidan Hojin, Shin-Nihon Shukyo Dantai Rengokai) (J, E)
<http://www.shinshuren.or.jp/>

Nichiren Buddhist Organization (J)
<http://www.nichiren.or.jp>

Soka Gakkai (C, J, E)
<http://www.sokagakkai.or.jp>
Soka Gakkai International (E)
<http://www.sgi-usa.org>

JAPANESE NATIONALIST GROUPS

Minzoku Sensensha (J)
<http://www.meix-net.or.jp/~minsen>

Kokusai Aikokusha (J)
<http://www.aikoku.org/index.html>

Japanese Youth Federation (Nihon Seinensha) (J)
<http://www.seinensya.org>

JAPANESE NONPROFITS

Japan Cabinet Office NPO Homepage (J)
<http://www5.cao.go.jp/seikatsu/npo/index.html>

Japan Center for International Exchange (J, E)
<http://www.jcie.or.jp>

CivilNet
<http://www.jcie.or.jp/civilnet/index.html>

Law to Promote Specified Nonprofit Activities
(Promulgated on March 25, 1998)
http://www.jcie.or.jp/civilnet/civil_soc_monitor/npo_law.html

Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (J)
<http://www.jca.apc.org/janic/toppage.html>

Japan NPO Center (J)
<http://www.jnpoc.ne.jp>

Japan NPO Research Association (JANPORA) (J)
<http://www.osipp.osaka-u.ac.jp/janpora/>

Japanese Society for Study of Voluntary Activities (J)
<http://www.geocities.co.jp/Berkeley-Labo/3281>

JCA-NET (J, E)
Organization created to help NGOs use the Internet
<http://www.jca.apc.org>

Koeri Houjin Kyoukai [Kohokyo]
(Public Interest Corporations' Association)
<http://www.kohokyo.or.jp>

Non-Profit Organization Support Center for NPO Program Development (J)
<http://www.jtuc-rengo.or.jp/npo/betuwinn/indexbosyu.html>

NPO Mirrors & Windows (J)
Site cataloging recent activities of Japanese NPOs, links to many NPOs
<http://www2s.biglobe.ne.jp/~npoM-W>

NPO Policy Research Center (J)
<http://www.jca.apc.org/npa>

NPO Support Center (J)
<http://www.npo-sc.org>

NPO Training & Resource Center (TRC) (J,E)
<http://www.jca.apc.org/~tirn>

NPO Web (J)
Website of C's, *Shimin Katsudou wo Sasaeru Seisaku wo Tsukuru Kai* (Association for the Creation of a System to Support Citizens' Activities)
<http://www.npoweb.gr.jp>

Sasakawa Peace Foundation (J, E)
<http://www.spf.org>

Tokyo Voluntary Action Center (J)
<http://www.tvac.or.jp>

JAPAN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Information Clearinghouse Japan (J)
www.clearing-house.org

Project to Open Administrative Project (J)
<http://pao.dpj.or.jp>

JAPAN REGULATORY REFORM

Regulatory Reform Committee (J, E)
<http://www.somucho.go.jp/gyoukan/kanri/regreformcom.htm>

Administrative Evaluation Bureau (J)
<http://www.soumu.go.jp/kansatu/index.htm>

RESEARCH CENTERS

Japan

Keio University (J, E)
<http://www.keio.ac.jp/index-jp.html>

Kyoto University (J, E)
<http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/>
Center for Law and Policy Studies (J)
<http://www.law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/I-Shisetsu.htm>
Kyoto University Institute of Economic Research (J, E)
<http://www.kier.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index.html>

Sophia University (J, E)
<http://www.sophia.ac.jp/>

Tokyo University (J, E)
<http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp>
Institute of Social Science (J, E)
<http://www.iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>
School of Law and Politics (J, E)
<http://www.j.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index.htm>

Waseda University (C, J, E)
<http://www.waseda.ac.jp>
Political Science Division (J, E)
<http://www.waseda.ac.jp/gspolit/>

Funai Consulting Co., Ltd (J)
<http://www.funaisoken.co.jp>

International Research Center for Japanese Studies (J, E)
<http://www.nichibun.ac.jp/>

Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) (J, E)
<http://www.jcie.or.jp>

Japan Center for Economic Research (JCER) (J, E)
<http://www.jcer.or.jp>

Japan Institute For International Affairs (JIJA) (J, E)
<http://www.jiia.or.jp>

Japan Research Institute (J, E)
<http://www.jri.co.jp>

Matsushita Institute of Governance and Management (J, E)
<http://www.mskj.or.jp>

Mitsubishi Research Institute (MRI) (J, E)
<http://www.mri.co.jp/top.html>

National Institute for Research Advancement (NIRA) (J, E)
<http://www.nira.go.jp>

Normura Research Institute (NRI) (J, E)
<http://www.nri.co.jp>

PHP Research Institute (J, E)
<http://www.php.co.jp/cgi-web/business/top.cgi?select=research>

Seiji Koho Center (J)
<http://www.seiji-koho.co.jp>

United States

Asia Pacific Policy Program (Center for Business and Government, Harvard)
<http://www.ap.harvard.edu/>

Asia-Pacific Research Center (Stanford)
<http://aparc.stanford.edu>

Center for East Asian Studies (Stanford)
<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/CEAS>

**Center for Japanese Business & Economy
(Columbia)**

<http://www.gsb.columbia.edu/japan>

East Asian Institute (Columbia)

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sipa/REGIONAL/EAI>

Harvard Program on U.S.-Japan Relations

<http://www-vdc.fas.harvard.edu/cfia/us-japan>

Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies

<http://www.sais-jhu.edu/depts/asia/reischauer>

MIT Japan Program

<http://web.mit.edu/mit-japan/>

**University of Michigan Center for Japanese
Studies**

<http://www.umich.edu/~iinet/cjs/>

Washington Think Tanks

Liberal

Amnesty International

<http://www.amnesty.org>

Center for Defense Information (CDI)

<http://www.cdi.org>

Human Rights Watch

<http://www.hrw.org>

Institute for Policy Studies (IPS)

<http://www.igc.org/ifps>

Japan Policy Research Institute (JPRI)

<http://www.jpri.org>

National Security Archive - GWU

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>

**Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainable
Development**

<http://www.nautilus.org/esena/index.html>

Moderate

Asia Foundation, USG

<http://www.asiafoundation.org>

Atlantic Council of the United States

<http://www.acus.org>

Brookings Institution

<http://www.brook.edu>

**Brookings Center for Northeast Asian Policy
Studies**

http://www.brook.edu/fp/cnaps/center_hp.htm

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

<http://www.ceip.org>

Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)

<http://www.cfr.org/p/>

Economic Strategy Institute (ESI)

<http://www.econstrat.org>

Henry L. Stimson Center

<http://www.stimson.org>

Institute for International Economics (IIE)

<http://www.iie.com>

Japan Information Access Project (JIAP)

<http://www.jiaponline.org/>

Japan-US Friendship Commission (JUSFC)

<http://www.jusfc.gov/commissn/commissn.html>

National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)

<http://www.nbr.org>

National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC)

<http://www.usaengage.org/background/nftc.html>

RAND Center for Asia-Pacific Policy (CAPP)

<http://www.rand.org/nsrd/capp/>

Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars

<http://wwics.si.edu/>

Conservative

American Enterprise Institute (AEI)

<http://www.aei.org>

CATO Institute

<http://www.cato.org>

**Center for Strategic and International Studies
(CSIS)**

<http://www.csis.org>

Heritage Foundation

<http://www.heritage.org>

**Japan - Funded Research Organizations
in U.S.**

Center for International Political Economy
<http://www.cipeny.org>

Keizai Koho Center US (J, E)
<http://www.kkc.or.jp>

Sasakawa Peace Foundation Library (J, E)
<http://www.spfus.org>

Goodwill Organizations

Asia Society
<http://www.asiasociety.org>

International House of Japan (J, E)
<http://www.i-house.or.jp>

National Association of Japan America Societies
<http://www.us-japan.org>

Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)
<http://www.pecc.org/ie.html>

Sasakawa Peace Foundation (J, E)
<http://www.spf.org>

**JAPANESE GOVERNMENT-
AFFILIATED OFFICES IN
WASHINGTON**

Agricultural & Livestock Industries Corp.
(301) 664-6440

Bank of Japan
(202) 466-2228

Electric Power Development Co.
(202) 429-0670

Federation of Electrical Power Companies
(202) 466-6781

Institute of Intellectual Property (IIP)
(202) 833-8565

Japan Atomic Energy Research Inst.
(202) 293-4551

Japan Automobile Manufacturers Assc.

(202) 296-8537

Japan Automobile Standards Internationalization
Center
(202) 887-4830

Japan Center for International Finance
(202) 822-9635

Japan Development Bank (JDB)
(202) 331-8696

Japan Electric Power Information Center
(202) 955-5610

Japan Federation of Construction Contractors
(202) 466-3585

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
(202) 393-5422

Japan International Transport Institute
(202) 833-9763

Japan Iron & Steel Exporters' Assc.
(202) 429-4766

Japan National Oil Corp (JNOC)
(202) 783-4470

Japan Nuclear Cycle Development Inst.
(202) 338-3370

Japan Productivity Center for Socio-Economic
Development
(202) 955-5663

Japan Science and Technology Corp.
(202) 872-4707

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
(202) 659-8190

JR-Tokai (Central Japan Railway Company)
(703) 979-2653

Keizai Koho Center
(202) 293-8430

Manufactured Imports Promotion Organization
(MIPRO) [MITI]
(202) 659-3729

New Energy and Industrial Technology
Development Organization (NEDO)
(202) 822-9298

NTT
(202) 312-1444

Research Institute of Construction & Economy (RICE)
(202) 296-6240

Research Institute of Telecommunications and Economics (RITE)
(202) 857-0070

OTHER

Agora Political Resources - Japan (E)
<http://www.politicalresources.net/japan.htm>

Center for Political Public Relations, Inc. (J)
Info on political parties and politics
<http://www.seiji-koho.co.jp>

Duke University - Japanese Political Science Resources (E)
<http://www.lib.duke.edu/ias/eac/politicalsciences.htm>
[↓](#)

Ganbarou Nippon! Kokumin Kyougikai (J)
(Let's go, Japan! National Conference Association)
Advocates political reform
<http://www.ganbarou-nippon.ne.jp>

George Brown's Japanese Politics Web Resources (E)
<http://www.sru.edu/depts/artsci/gov/GBrown/JapanSourcebook.htm>

Guide to Japan's General Election (E)
<http://www.nttls.co.jp/fpc/e/shiryo/jb/0020.html>

Internet Democracy (J)
Japan politics website with links to Japanese political parties and politicians' websites
<http://www.inet-mitakai.com/seiji.html>

Japanese Constitution (E)
<http://home.ntt.com/japan/constitution/english-Constitution.html>

Japan Information Network - Government and Politics (E)
http://jin.jcic.or.jp/navi/category_2.html

Lenny Schoppa's Japanese Politics Page (E)
<http://www.people.virginia.edu/~ljs2k/webtext.html>

Lincoln Club (J)

Promotes “government of the people, by the people, for the people” in Japan. Members include several former Diet members

<http://member.nifty.ne.jp/lincorn/index.html>

Klipsan Press Homepage specializing in global electoral systems and election results (E)
<http://www.klipsan.com>

Kobayashi Hidetaka's Research Resources for Political Science (J)
<http://home.att.ne.jp/wind/polisci/>

Rakusen Undoh (Movement to Defeat Certain Candidates) (J, E) Includes List of candidates this organization does not want elected
<http://nvc.halsnet.com/jhattori/rakusen>

Seikai Matrix (J)
Lists opinion polls, voter participation rate, and other election data
<http://www.bea.hi-ho.ne.jp/naito38/frcontents.htm>

Stanford Guide to Japan Information Resources (E)
http://fuji.stanford.edu/jguide/Government_and_Politics

Virtual Think tank – Global Brain Research Center (J) Japan politics website
<http://www.page.sannet.ne.jp/hisano>

Shiji Seitou Kantei (J)
(Evaluating Support for Political Parties)
<http://www.page.sannet.ne.jp/hisano/partyfnd3.htm>

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