

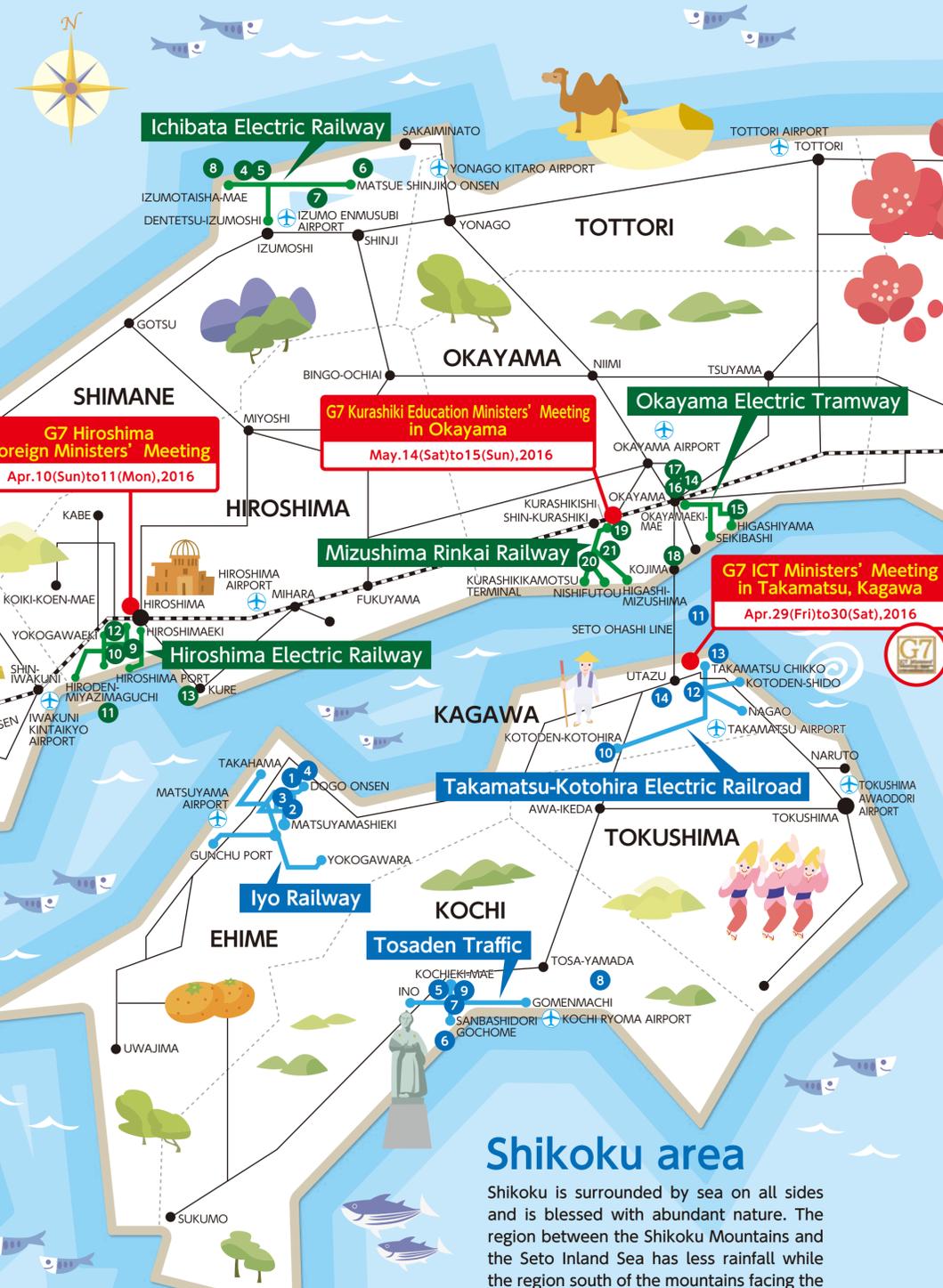
Japan

About 2,000km from north to south, Japan has tropical, temperate and subarctic zones. The nation's population is about 127 million, and more than 73% of its land area is mountainous. This is a volcanic region with many eruptions and earthquakes, but this also means there are many hot springs. With four distinct seasons, the nation enjoys fresh agricultural and marine products throughout the year.



Chugoku area

The Chugoku area has two distinct regions: the San'yo region facing the Seto Inland Sea which has many sunny days, and the San'in region on the Sea of Japan side that tends to experience more snow. The prefectures in the area enjoy the bounty of nature, such as peaches from Okayama, pears from Tottori, oysters from Hiroshima, *shijimi* clams from Shimane and *fugu* blowfish from Yamaguchi. The area also attracts many visitors with its historical and cultural heritage.



The 99th Lions Clubs International Annual Convention
Jun. 24 (Fri) - 28 (Tue), 2016
Fukuoka City (Fukuoka)

The first convention to be hosted in Japan in 14 years is expected to draw around 35,000 participants from home and abroad.

G7 Kitakyushu Energy Ministerial Meeting
May. 1 (Sun) to 2 (Mon), 2016

G7 Hiroshima Foreign Ministers' Meeting
Apr. 10 (Sun) to 11 (Mon), 2016

G7 Kurashiki Education Ministers' Meeting in Okayama
May. 14 (Sat) to 15 (Sun), 2016

Okayama Electric Tramway

Mizushima Rinkai Railway

G7 ICT Ministers' Meeting in Takamatsu, Kagawa
Apr. 29 (Fri) to 30 (Sat), 2016

Hiroshima Electric Railway

Takamatsu-Kotohira Electric Railroad

Iyo Railway

Tosaden Traffic

Kyushu area

Kyushu has been a hub of foreign diplomacy and trade since ancient times. As the name Kyushu or nine states indicates, there once were nine domains with unique cultures that survive to this day. Blessed with a stable climate and framed by the seas and mountains, the area produces many marine and agricultural products and specialties. There are also many hot springs and sites of historical interest.



G7 Ise-Shima Summit & Ministers' Meetings
April - September 2016

The G7 Summit for 2016 (Ise-Shima Summit) will be convened in Shima City, Mie Prefecture on May 26 & 27. The summit offers an arena for world leaders to gather together to discuss various issues that the international community faces, including world economy and regional situations. Japan has hosted five summit meetings in the past.

In conjunction with the Ise-Shima Summit, ministerial meetings will be held at various locations in Japan. In the Chugoku, Shikoku and Kyushu areas, the sites chosen for the meetings are Kurashiki City (Okayama), Hiroshima City (Hiroshima), Takamatsu City (Kagawa), and Kitakyushu City (Fukuoka).

Shikoku area

Shikoku is surrounded by sea on all sides and is blessed with abundant nature. The region between the Shikoku Mountains and the Seto Inland Sea has less rainfall while the region south of the mountains facing the Pacific Ocean has greater rainfall. The area is known for marine products and citrus, and Kagawa Prefecture is famous for Sanuki *udon* noodles. Visitors flock to the area to make pilgrimages, and to enjoy the Awa Odori and Yosakoi Matsuri dance festivals.

Okinawa area

The culture and customs of the Kingdom of Ryukyu (15th to 19th century) live on in Okinawa. The average temperature is above 20°C eight months of the year and the average low in winter months is about 16°C. Taking advantage of the warm climate, the area produces bitter gourds, sugar cane and sea grape seaweed. The southern climate and the sea also attract many vacationers.

DISTRICT TOURISM MAP

CHUGOKU SHIKOKU KYUSHU OKINAWA



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- 広島電鉄株式会社
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- とさでん交通株式会社
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- 西日本鉄道株式会社
Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd.
<http://www.nishitetsu.jp/en/>
- 島原鉄道株式会社
Shimabara Railroad Co., Ltd.
- 長崎電気軌道株式会社
Nagasaki Electric Tramway Co., Ltd.
<http://www.naga-den.com/>
- 熊本電気鉄道株式会社
Kumamotodentetsu Co., Ltd.

HOTEL INFORMATION

- Kyushu**
- Nishitetsu Grand Hotel
<http://www.grand-h.jp/english/>
 - Solaria Nishitetsu Hotel
<http://www.solaria-h.jp/english/>
 - Solaria Nishitetsu Hotel Kagoshima
<http://www.solaria-hotels.jp/kagoshima/english/>
- The whole country**
- Miyako Hotels & Resorts
<http://www.miyakohotels.ne.jp/english/index.html/>
 - Hankyu-Hanshin-Daiichi Hotel Group
<http://www.hankyu-hotel.com/english/index.html>
 - Nishitetsu Inn
<http://www.n-inn.jp/english/hotels/>
 - Prince Hotels & Resorts
<http://www.princehotels.com/en/>
 - Tokyu Hotels
<http://www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/en/index.html>
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