

“Bilateral Relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Japan“

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## Bilateral Relations between BiH and Japan

### 1. The 20th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between BiH and Japan:

- Development assistance for BiH since the end of the war
- Bilateral economic and political relations
- Bosnian Celebrities in Japan
- Some episodes between two countries
- Japanese language course and scholarship

### 2. Recent events in Japan:

- Abenomics: Prime Minister Abe's economic policy package
- Traveling to Japan
- Current political environment surrounding Japan – Russia, China, Korea, DPRK

### 3. Ambassador's observations on the BiH society

- for the future member country of EU-

Japan will always stand by  
Bosnia and Herzegovina



20th Anniversary of Diplomatic  
Relations between Japan & BiH



Japan International Cooperation Agency

## 20 YEARS of Cooperation between Japan and Bosnia and Herzegovina through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Japanese Assistance at a glance



Technical Cooperation  
**59** million  
EUR



Loan Aid  
**148** million  
EUR



Grant Aid  
**81** million  
EUR



**706**  
Trainees to Japan



**120**  
Japanese  
Experts to BiH

It has passed twenty years since the first assistance from the Government of Japan was delivered to Bosnia and Herzegovina, after the sign of the Dayton Peace Accords in December 1995. As the conflict left tremendous challenges to the country for recovery, continuous support and strong partnership was desperately in need. Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Bosnia and Herzegovina was firstly focused on the reconstruction of socio-economic infrastructure and improvement of the Basic Human Needs in the health and education sectors, and then the character of assistance gradually developed to a soft-type cooperation such as capacity building of various institutions, private sector development and environmental protection. The concept of peace building and peace consolidation is always inwrought in the JICA's activities. Japan's neutral position towards all ethnic groups is the main source of the mutual trust and partnership. Projects based on a regional approach are opening new opportunities in the Western Balkan region. Japan, as a partner to Bosnia and Herzegovina, will continue to support development of the country on its path to integration to the European Union.



Mostar Gymnasium (IT Education) and mo-bus



Ilija Jakovljević Primary School („Japanska škola“)



Donation of a vehicle to a welfare institution



Kantarevac sports center

## Bosnian Celebrities in Japan



Jadranka Stojaković



Ilica Osim



Vahid Halilhodžić

## Some episodes between BiH and Japan



Sakura in BiH



Hiroshima & Sarajevo



Mali Most

## Japanese Language Course (Sarajevo)

- University of Sarajevo started the Japanese language course in October 2013
- Taught by a native Japanese language teacher
- A course which has been launched for anyone who might be interested, regardless of their age or occupation
- Offers 4 levels, from beginner to advanced
- Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) will be held this December

## Japanese Scholarship Programs

- Embassy of Japan // MEXT – Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology // Japan Foundation
- Scholarship programs for undergraduate, postgraduate (MA&PhD) studies in Japan
- “DOSOKAI”, Alumni Association of former scholarship students to Japan in BiH has been established in March 2017
- For more information please visit the website of the Embassy of Japan, Culture and PR Section tab:  
[http://www.bosnia.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](http://www.bosnia.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html)

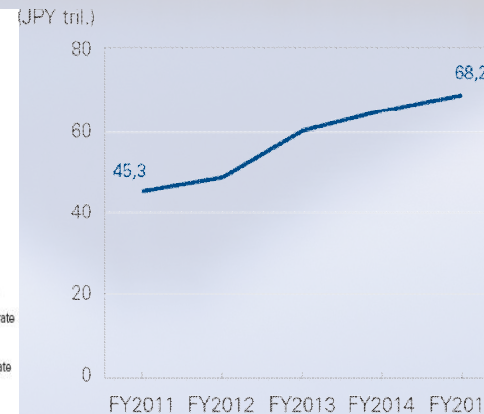
## Abenomics

- Two decades of economic stagnation in Japan
- In 2013, Prime Minister Abe launched a comprehensive economic policy package (Abenomics) to sustainably revive the economy of Japan
- Three characteristics:
  - Aggressive monetary policy
  - Flexible fiscal policy
  - Growth strategy including structural reform
- During the last 4 years, Abenomics has achieved remarkable progress

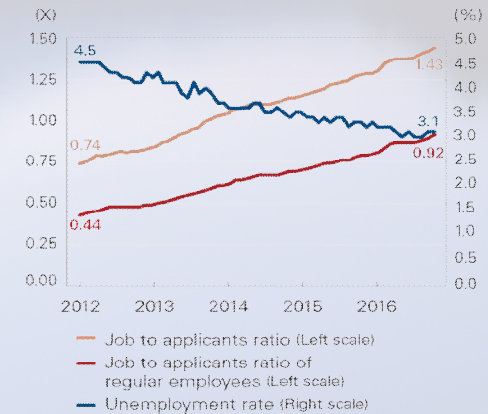
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2) Corporate ordinary profits

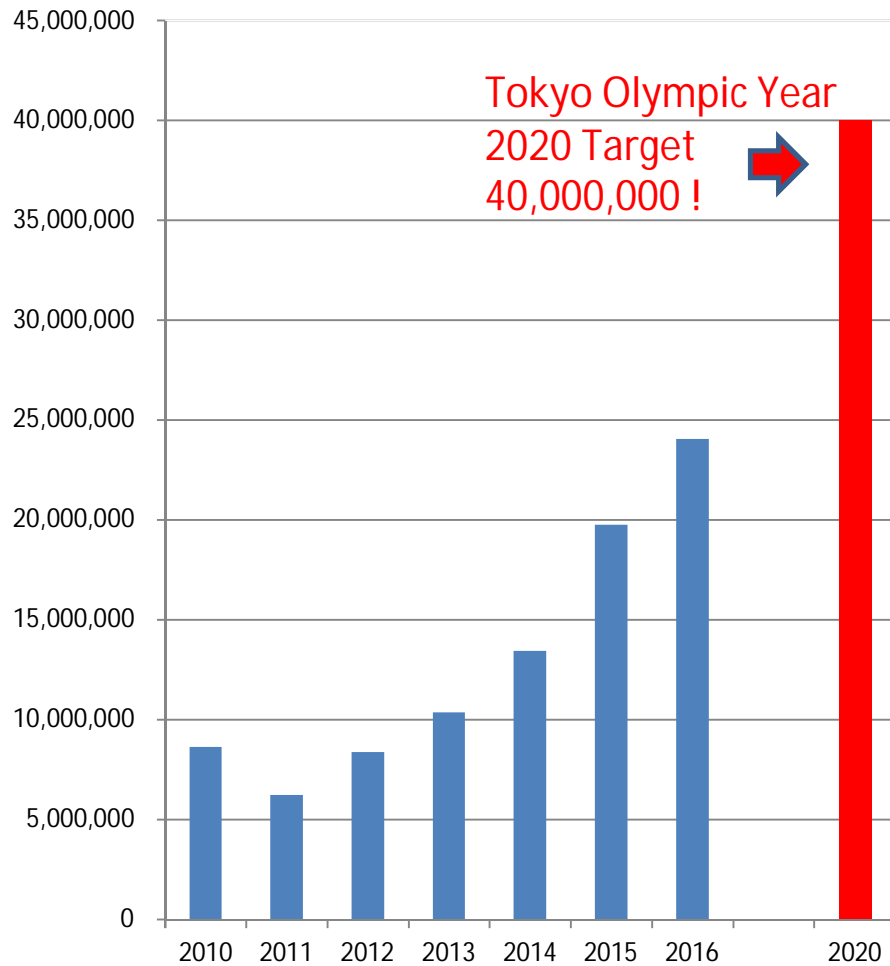


3) Jobs to applicants ratio & unemployment rate



# Travel to Japan

## Growth of number of Foreign Tourists



## Foreign Tourists to Japan by countries in 2016

		visitors
1 <sup>st</sup>	China	6,373,564
2	South Korea	5,090,302
3	Taiwan	4,167,512
4	Hong Kong	1,839,193
5	U.S.A	1,242,719
6	Thailand	901,525
7	Australia	445,332
8	Malaysia	394,268
9	Singapore	361,807
10	Philippines	347,861
11	U.K	292,458
12	Canada	273,213
13	Indonesia	271,014
14	France	253,449
15	Vietnam	233,763



## Come and Try Japan!

### TOPIC

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### • SHORTER TRAVEL TIME TO DOWNTOWN TOKYO

In addition to Narita International Airport, Tokyo is served by the more centrally located Haneda International Airport. Providing domestic connections to 50 cities, Haneda is now offering a wider choice of international routes.

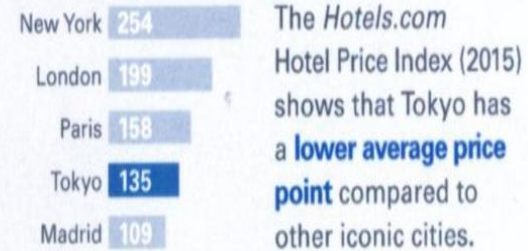


### • SHOP FOR LESS

Japan is not that expensive anymore. In fact, *The Economist's* Big Mac Index—a broad indicator of price points—ranks Japan 34th out of 56 countries. (Jan 2017) (USD)



### • ACCOMMODATION FOR LESS



2015 USD Yearly average currency exchange rate:  
1GBP=0.681USD; 1EUR=0.937USD; 1JPY= 125.911USD

### • TOP DESTINATION FOR FINE DINING

According to *The Michelin Guide* (2017), **227** Tokyo has the most **Michelin-starred restaurants globally.**



<b>97</b> Paris
<b>96</b> Kyoto
<b>91</b> Osaka

ABENOMICS 2



## Ambassador's observations on the BiH society

1. For the future member country of EU
  - Development of entrepreneurial spirit and self-reliance to challenge the existing political, social and economic environment
  - Improvement of social security
  - Introduction of the merit system against the nepotism and corruption
  - Improvement of education system
  - Development of infrastructure (highway network system etc.)
2. Solving environmental problems (air pollution, etc.)
3. Development of tourism

Hvala!  
Thank you!  
Arigato!



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