



# JAPAN

## Fact Sheet

### General Information

<b>Capital</b>	Tokyo
<b>Surface Area</b>	378,000 sq km
<b>Head of State</b>	H.M Emperor Akihito
<b>Head of Government</b>	H.E Prime Minister Mr Naoto Kan
<b>Official Language</b>	Japanese
<b>Literacy Rate</b>	99%
<b>Population</b>	127.6m (2009)
<b>Exchange Rate</b>	1 FJD = 44.41 JPY (July 09)

<b>Export Commodities</b>	transport equipment, motor vehicles, semiconductors, electrical machinery, chemicals
<b>Import Commodities</b>	machinery and equipment, fuels, foodstuffs, chemicals, textiles, raw materials.
<b>Agriculture Products</b>	rice, sugar beets, vegetables, fruit; pork, poultry, dairy products, eggs; fish
<b>Major Industries</b>	automotive parts, retail, ICT, biotechnology, medical center, environment

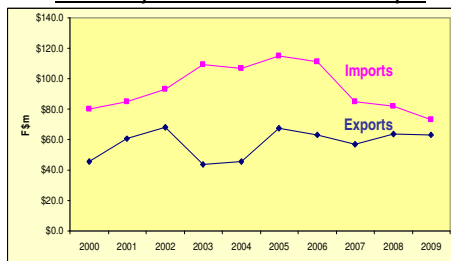
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### Economic Indicators

	2010 <sup>1</sup>	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
GDP (US\$ bn) (current prices)	5,272.9	5,068.1	4,887.0	4,378.0	4,362.6	4,552.2
GDP per Capita (US\$)	41,366	39,731	38,271	34,268	34,150	35,633
GDP per capita PPP <sup>2</sup> (US\$)	33,478	32,608	33,957	33,631	31,943	30,315
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	1.9	-5.2	-1.2	2.4	2.0	1.9
Current Account Balance (US\$m)	149,731	141,656	157,079	210,967	170,437	165,690
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	2.8	2.8	3.2	4.8	3.9	3.6
Goods & Services Exports(% of GDP)	14.6	12.5	18.4	16.7	14.9	13.8
Inflation (% change of YOY)	-1.4	-1.4	1.4	0.0	0.3	-0.3

### Fiji's Trade relationship with Japan

Chart 1: Fiji's Merchandise Trade with Japan

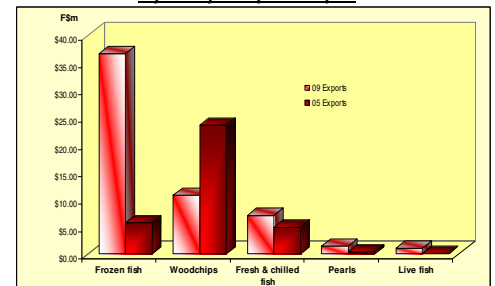


Adapted from FIBOS

Fiji's Balance of Trade with Japan

	Total Imports	Total exports	Balance of Trade
2001	\$85.2	\$60.8	-\$24.4
2002	\$93.0	\$68.2	-\$24.8
2003	\$109.6	\$43.8	-\$65.8
2004	\$106.7	\$45.4	-\$61.3
2005	\$115.2	\$67.7	-\$47.5
2006	\$111.5	\$63.0	-\$48.5
2007	\$84.7	\$56.6	-\$28.1
2008	\$81.8	\$64.0	-\$17.8
2009	\$73.6	\$63.2	-\$10.4

Fiji's Major Exports Japan



### Fiji's Merchandise Trade with Japan

Major Exports to Japan 2009 (F\$m)		Major Imports from Japan 2009 (F\$m)	
Frozen fish	\$23.4	Used or reconditioned, other passenger motor vehicles	\$15.9
Wood in chips or particles; sawdust and wood waste and scrap	\$10.7	Portland cement, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers	\$10.9
Fresh or chilled fish	\$7.6	Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles	\$3.7
Pearls	\$3.6	Graders and levellers	\$2.6
Live fish	\$3.3	Air conditioning machines	\$2.7

### Japan Global Merchandise Trade 2009

% of Japan Major Exports (JP Total Exports=US\$749.4bn)		Japan's main export destination (%)		Major Japan Imports (% of total imports=US\$710.4bn)		Japan's main import source (%)	
1. Transport equipment	24.8	1. China	18.9	1. Mineral fuels	35.0	1. China	22.2
2. Non-electrical machinery	19.7	2. United States	16.1	2. Electrical machinery	10.9	2. United States	10.7
3. Electrical machinery	19.0	3. South Korea	8.1	3. Manufactured goods	9.3	3. Australia	6.3
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[JUNE09] - Compiled using the latest data from DFAT, RBF, JETRO and various international sources.

<sup>1</sup> IMF forecast;

<sup>2</sup> PPP is purchasing power parity