



Japan: Guest country in 2016





## The guest country in 2016







2016 is a memorial year for Japan in Belgium, because...

- ➤ <u>150th anniversary of diplomatic relation</u> between Japan and Belgium.
- Direct flight between Tokyo and Brussels has been started by All Nippon Airways (ANA).



## Japan booth in 2016



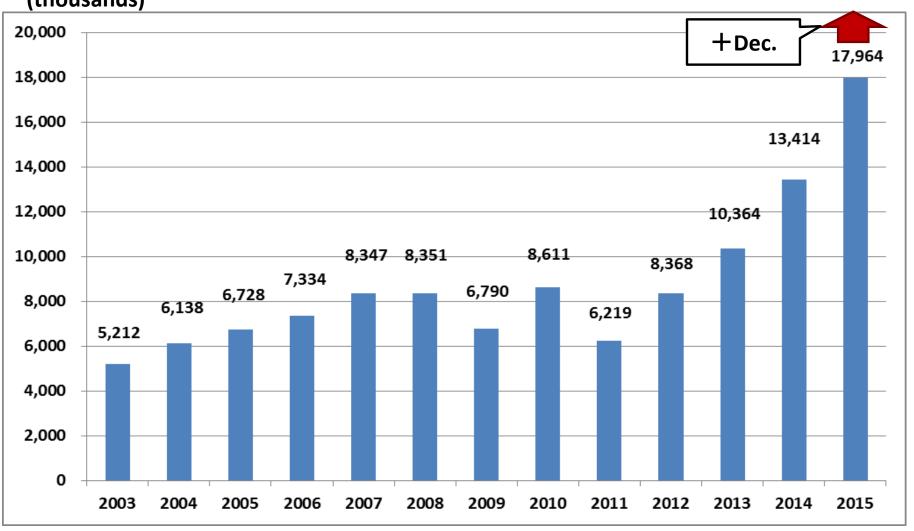
- Wooden structure featuring Japanese atmosphere with cherry tree.
- 12 co-exhibitors from Belgium, France, Netherlands, Germany.
- <u>Various events</u> (Japanese traditional magic show, Taiko performance, Tasting of Umeshu (Plum wine) and Sake, Samurai performance etc.)
- <u>Lucky draw</u> for one week Japan travel (sponsored by ANA and Prince Hotels).





# Foreign Tourists to Japan (trend)

(thousands)

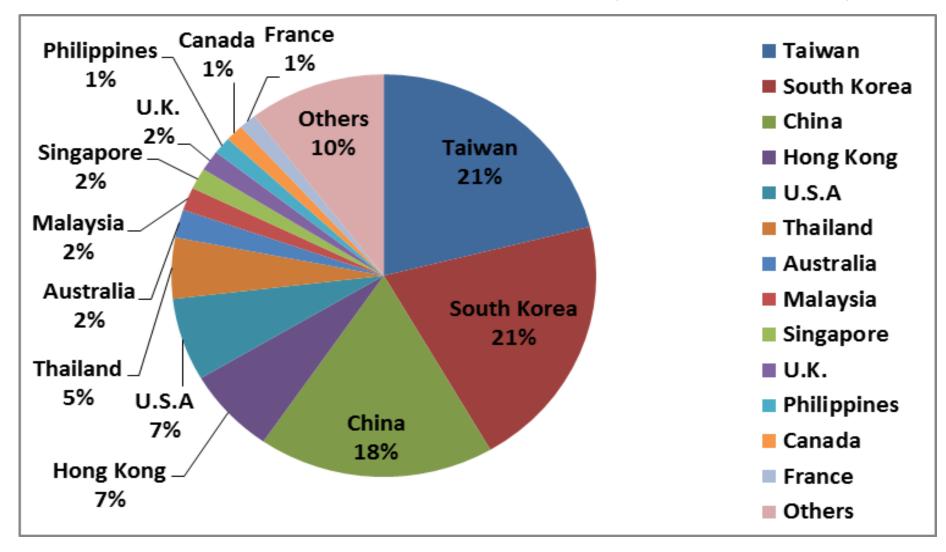


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# Foreign Tourists to Japan (Nationality)



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# Major inbound tourism policy in Japan

- 1. Relaxing Visa requirement
- 2. More international flight from/to Japan
- 3. More promotion in foreign countries
- 4. Expansion of tax-free shopping
- 5. More comfortable environment for foreign tourists

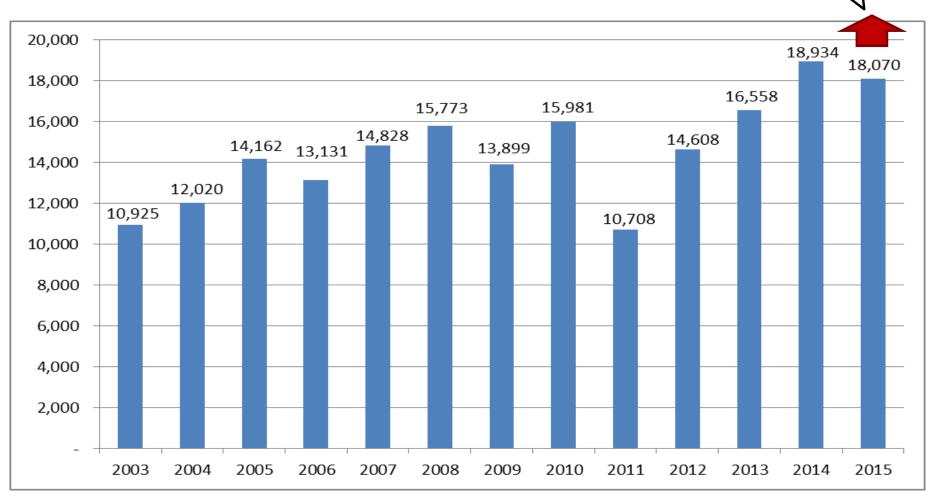
→ Target: 20 million foreign tourists to Japan in 2020





# Belgian tourists to Japan

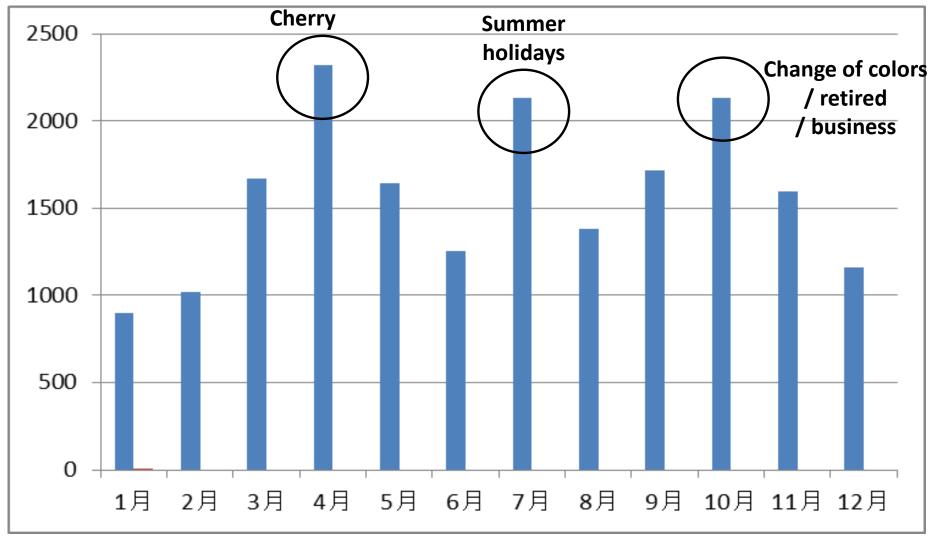
+Oct. to Dec.



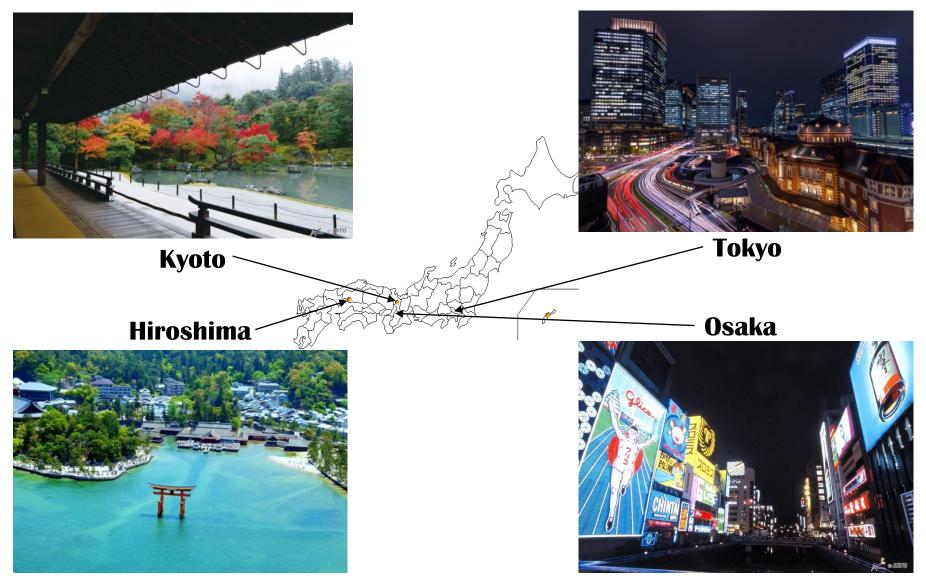
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# Popular travel season for Belgian tourists to Japan



# Popular destinations for Belgian tourists in Japan





## Profile of Belgian tourists in Japan

- 1. FIT , Longer stay (2 weeks)
- 2. April / July / October
- 3. 1st visit: Golden route (Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima)

2<sup>nd</sup> visit: beyond the golden route





#### The circumstances of European travel market for Japan

- Positive
  - 1 Decrease of the value of Yen
  - (2) Improvement of flight connection between Europe and Japan
- Negative
  - 1 Weak trend of European economy
  - 2 Various risks in international affairs (war, terrorism, disease, trouble in economy etc.)
- Target

18,934 Belgian tourists to Japan (2014)→30,000 in near future





# Prices in Japan (examples)

1euro=130yen

- Economy Hotel (single):
  - → 8.000 yen~ (62 euros~)



• Lunch: 800~1000 yen (6.2~7.7 euros)



• Metro, Train: 140 yen ~ (1.1 euros ~)





# Trip to Japan: High performance in quality

- 1. Satisfied with a trip to Japan: 98% (by JTA) Want to visit Japan again: 93% (by JTA)
- 2. Japan as 2<sup>nd</sup> in 'Best destinations in 2016'(by lonlyplanet)
- 3. Tokyo as 1<sup>st</sup> and Osaka as 3<sup>rd</sup> in 'Safety city in Asia' (by the Economist)
- 4. Kyoto as 1<sup>st</sup> in "Best city in the world' (by travel and leisure)
- 5. Narita airport as 4<sup>th</sup> in 'Best airport in the world' (by edream)



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