

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



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Russian aggression against Ukraine is still going on. However, what does Japan do for Ukraine?

One is supply. Japan provides Ukraine drones, helmets, clothes, food, lights, binoculars, generators, and a lot of money.

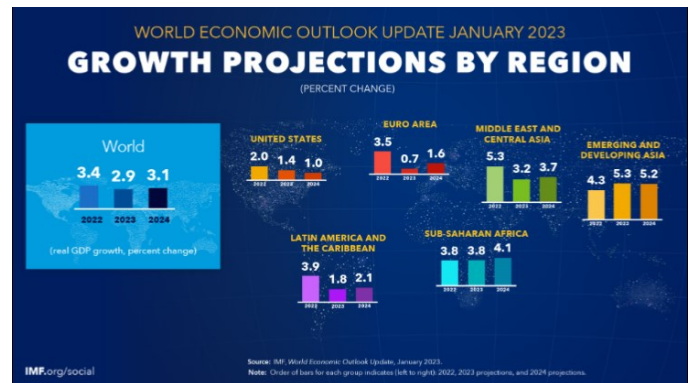
Next is accepting evacuees from Ukraine. Japan has accepted about 2,100 Ukrainians and supports them. For example, providing facilities and living expenses, mental health counselling, teaching Japanese, etc. The Japanese government is trying to make Ukrainians feel as comfortable as possible in Japan.

What do other countries do for Ukraine? The US, the UK, and the member countries of EU support Ukraine greatly. Also, Estonia and Latvia donate about 1% of its GDP to Ukraine. These countries provide tanks, ammunition, armored cars, missiles, and a lot of money.

There are three main things we can do for Ukraine. One is donating money. Money can be used in various ways. Second, is donating things. It is important to send food, water, daily necessities and hygiene items. Third is volunteering. Relief supplies distribution, interpretation, and teaching about life in Japan.

It is hoped that this war will end soon.

GLOBAL COMMODITY PRICES



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The price of items has been rising recently. In December 2022, Japan commodity prices for the consumer were 4% higher than last month. This is for the first time in 41 years since December 1981, when the Second Oil Crisis occurred. The cost of food and energy especially increased. The Bank of Japan predicted that the inflation rate of 2023 will be 1.6%. Families, companies and many people will suffer from this issue.

The International Monetary Fund forecast that the inflation rate of the world in 2022 was 8.8%. The war in Ukraine greatly affected it so we cannot have enough supply. The spread of COVID-19 in China and other countries is another reason. The world economic growth rate is going to be 2.9% in 2023. Developing countries have a high rate, but the number in America is 1.4% and in the European area it is only 0.7%.

Our economic situation has been changing very much.

CURRENT STATE OF COVID-19

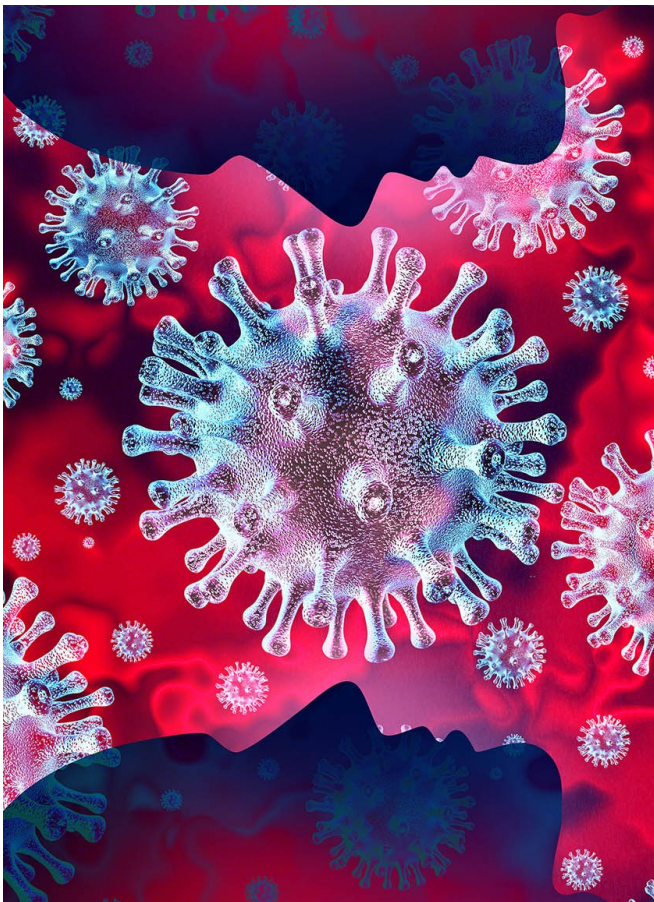
By Ando Maika (安藤 舞香 高2共学A6)

What is the current state of COVID-19, which suddenly started in early December 2019?

Shortly after infections began to spread, Japan responded to COVID-19 by tracing infected people and declaring a state of emergency. Overseas, lockdowns were implemented, blocking entire cities. Global economic activity has stopped and societies were in recession.

There have been eight waves of infections in total, but there is currently no overall spread of infections. It has already been done overseas, but recently in Japan, the obligation to wear a mask has been removed.

Our lives are slowly returning to normal, but we have lost so much in the last two years. If you let your guard down at this time, clusters may occur again. We must find ways to coexist with COVID-19 rather than fight it.



感染者動向

2023年02月13日 版

新規陽性者数の推移（日別）

情報更新日：2023年02月13日

新規陽性者数

9,423 人

前日比

↓ 4,317 人

1週間平均

27,877 人

前週平均

40,749 人

グラフ表示期間

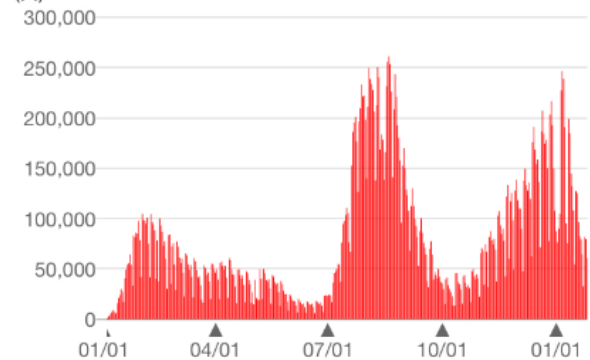
1週間

1か月

3か月

1年

(人)



20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

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2023年2月11日

新たな感染者数: 1,464

7日間の平均: 1,797

11月7日

7月16日

3月24日

12月5日

● 新たな感染者数 — 7日間の平均

レポートデータは変更される場合があります。また、新しいケースがすべて反映されるとは限りません。このデータについて

全期間の感染者数と死亡者数

感染者の合計数

219万

合計死亡者数

4,110

HONOLULU MARATHON



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The Honolulu Marathon is, as the name suggests, a marathon event taking place annually on the second Sunday in December. Last year, 2022, also it was held on December 11, that is the second Sunday in December. This competition began in 1973, and 2022 was the commemorative 50th edition.

The Honolulu Marathon is one of the world's largest marathons. This event is open to anyone who pays an entry fee, and Japanese can also join it. Some of the Japanese participants have written about their experiences on their blogs. You can feel the mood of the event.

In 2023 it will be held on December 10. If you go to the official website of this event, you will see the countdown to the date of the event. In addition you can read articles which praise the runner's gallant performances last year.



TURKEY EARTHQUAKE



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At 4:17 am on Monday February 6, 2023, an earthquake centered near Syria in southeastern Turkey destroyed more than 1,700 buildings in southeastern Turkey and northwestern Syria. Its magnitude was 7.6. It was larger than M7.3 of the Great Hanshin Earthquake. So far, more than 28,000 people have died.

Rescue activities are continuing in the affected areas, and on February 11, a 5-year-old girl was rescued from a destroyed building in southern Turkey, and a 7-month-old baby was rescued in Hatay. Furthermore, security is getting worse.

A German rescue team official said, "There is a shortage of water and food, and all kinds of stores, including supermarkets, have been destroyed. We will resume our activities as soon as it is safe to do so."

In addition to Western countries, China, Russia, and Ukraine have also started support activities. Nearly a week has passed since the earthquake, and rescue operations are continuing under difficult conditions.

What we can do now is to know the local situation. Also, participating in fund-raising activities such as UNICEF is a great help.

GLOBAL WARMING



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I think you have heard of this term. However, do you know why it is happening and what will change? This article will explore this topic deeply.

First, how does global warming happen? There are many steps.

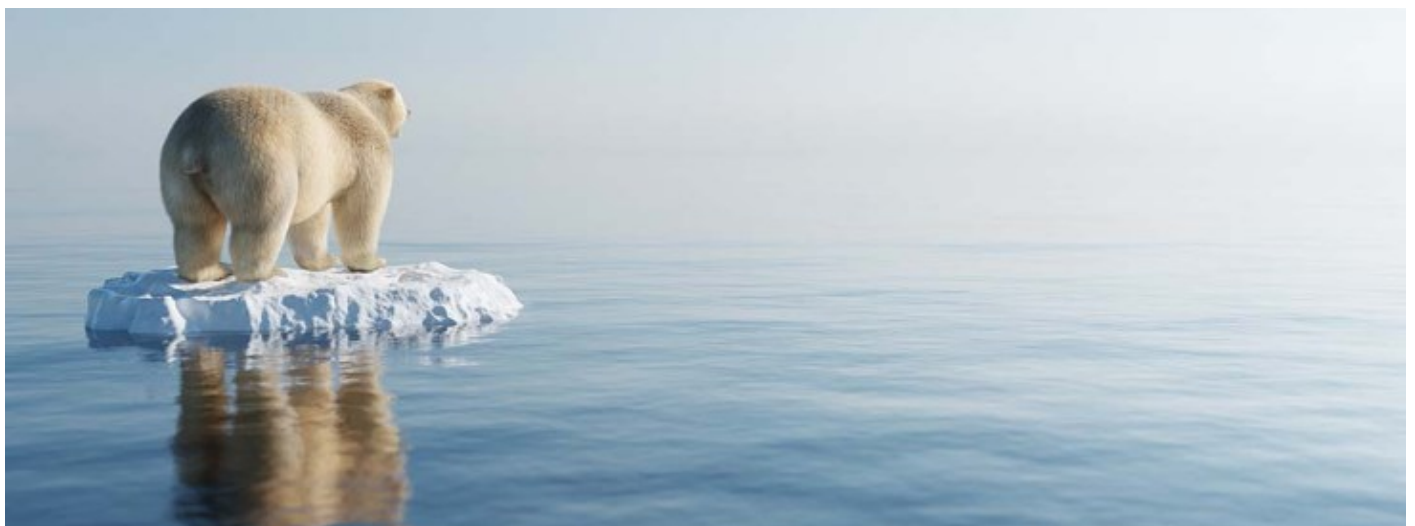
- 1: Energy from the sun heats the ground.
- 2: Greenhouse gases convert the heat radiated from the ground that it absorbs and re-radiates to warm the atmosphere.
- 3: The concentration of greenhouse gases rise.
- 4: The green house effect is stronger than ever,

ground temperature rises

Second, what effect does it have on our lives?

- 1: The temperature rises. This is the worst effect for us. In summer it's hotter than before but also winter is not colder than before.
- 2: The sea level increases. This especially affects people who live near the ocean. In typhoon season, the damage becomes bigger and bigger.
- 3: The effect on crops. Each crop has an appropriate temperature. If the climate changes, it will not grow.

It is important that we take steps to stop global warming.



WORLD FESTIVALS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

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There are many things in the world that we don't know about. This article will introduce some of the unknown events around the world in February and March.

The United States has Presidents' Day, also called Washington's Birthday in February. The day is a holiday in the United States and it is celebrated on the third Monday of February. It honors all persons who served as presidents of the United States and is an official state holiday. It has been honoring George Washington who was the first U.S. president.

In March, the National Cherry Blossom Festival is held in Washington, D.C. The day is a spring celebration commemorating the March 27, 1912, gift of cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo City to the city of Washington, D.C. Every year, many people come to attend that event.

The Lunar New Year in China is a festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year according to the traditional Chinese lunar-solar calendar. The festival is called Spring Festival (春節) or Lunar New Year (旧正月). Before Corona, about 300 million people returned hometown or travel ed.

International Women's Day (婦女節, IWD) is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8 as a day to think about the women's rights movement. Spurred on by the universal female suffrage movement that had begun in New Zealand, IWD originated from labor movements in North America and Europe during the early 20th century. In China only women can take half a day of vacation time on that day.

There are still many unknown events in the world! If this article has piqued your interest, please check out another events!

