“JAPAN, How Safe?” —Statistics on Security of Japan
2018 Edition

Revised Edition Published

Three years have passed since the issuance of the booklet titled “JAPAN, How Safe?” (First edition) in 2015. Now, its revised edition in 2018 is now on release in January 2018.

The booklet carries the latest statistics as of the end of 2016.

The editor is Mr. Taichi SAKAIYA, Author, Former Minister of State for the Economic Planning, Special Adviser to the Cabinet, same as the first edition. The booklet (500 yen) is available from the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF), Public Interest Incorporated Foundation, and also United Nations NGO with Consultative Status to the U.N.

The revised edition has come out with the cover in marine blue changing from sky blue of the first edition, and with “Sacred Birds descending” (Ho-o-Raigi) on the back cover, representing that only when Peace and Justice in the world, which is also donated to the U.N. by the ACPF.

For the Coming International Events

The Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games will be held in July 2020. In April 2020, just a few months prior to the games, United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (commonly referred to as the “Crime Congress”) will be held in Kyoto. In addition, Japan is on the movement to host the World Exposition in 2025 in Osaka. This booklet is useful for such big events. The ACPF has the slogan “Prosperity without Crime” in Asia and throughout the world since 1982 before the Cabinet of Japan decide the strategic plan for “The safest Japan in the world.”

Real SMART HON (“book” in Japanese)

Foreigners who have visited Japan realize how safe, secure, punctual and clean Japan is. Japanese people should be proud of them and promote the importance of their value. Otherwise,
such intangible treasure would be non-value.

This booklet visually shows the “treasure” in both Japanese and English languages by collecting, analyzing and summarizing the statistics of the White Paper on Police, White Paper on Crime and other official data in pocket sized and 64-page-long booklet (15.5cm X 9.5cm), so that it can be always on you. Smartphone is sometimes broken, however, this booklet will be never broken, and lighter than any Smartphone. You can use this when you want to introduce Japan and personal episodes in Japan as well as to make a wit and joke for breaking the ice. In other words, the booklet is a real “smart hon” meaning more useful and smarter than Smartphone.

Interesting Contents
Let us show you the highlights of the “JAPAN, How safe?”

- **Crime Decreasing!**
  The number of the reported cases of crime stipulated in the Penal Code in 2016 is less than 1 million (996,120), which is one third of the number in 2002.

- **International Comparison of Homicide Rates per 100,000 population:**
  U.S.A: 4.4  France: 1.2  U.K.: 0.9  Germany: 0.9  Japan: 0.3

- **International Comparison of Prison Population:**
  U.S.A.: 2.14 million inmates (666 inmates per 100,000 population)
  Japan: 56,000 inmates (45 inmates per 100,000)

- **Punctuality of Train is Miracle!**
  The delay per a bullet train (Tokaido Shinkansen) in 2016 was only 0.4 minutes (24 seconds).
  Fifteen bullet trains per hour serve at most, which means a bullet train serves every four minutes. That sounds miracle for foreigners.

- **Lost Cash is Recovered!**
  Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department statistics in 2016 shows that the lost cash totaled 3.67 billion yen while the found and recovered cash was 2.7 billion yen. This means that 73.7% of lost cash was recovered by the owner.

Other than those above, the booklet touches upon the ranking of crime rate by prefecture in 2016, Volunteer Probation Officers, Civil Rights Commissioners and Welfare Volunteers.
Like a “Tourism Ambassador”

Around 28 million foreigners in a year recently visit Japan. This handy booklet assists and makes you to become a grass-root diplomat or tourism ambassador contributing to “JAPAN, How Safe?”

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