

## Main Historical Events Since 1945

	Japan	World (the US)
1945	Atomic bomb/ End of the War Revival of the JSP and the JCP Women's suffrage/ dissolution of <i>Zaibatsu</i>	-
1946	Land reforms Renunciation of divinity*	-
1947	The new Constitution into effect	-
1948		Harry S. Truman
1949	Dr. Yukawa, the Nobel Prize for Physics	PRC established
1950	Red purge/ National Police Reserve created	Korean War
1952	Occupation ended	Dwight D. Eisenhower
1954	The Self Defense Forces established	-
1955	LDP formed**	The Warsaw Pact
1960		John F. Kennedy
1964	Shinkansen/ Tokyo Olympic Games <i>Komeito</i> (Clean Government Party) established***	Lyndon B. Johnson
1968	University upheavals	Richard M. Nixon
1970	EXPO '70 in Osaka	-
		Mishima incident****
1972	Okinawa returned to Japan	
1973	Oil Crisis-	
1976		James E. Carter, Jr.
1978	China-Japan Peace and Friendship Treaty	-
1980	Japan's car production outpaces that of the US.	Ronald Reagan
1983	Tokyo Disneyland open	-
1985	Amendment to the Nationality Law***** The Equal Employment Opportunity Law For Man And Women enacted	Mikhail Gorbachev
1986	Ms Doi, the first female party leader (SDPJ)	
1987	Japan National Railway privatized	
1988	-	The Civil Liberties Act (US) George Bush
1989	Death of Emperor Showa Beginning of the <i>Heisei</i> period A 3% consumption tax introduced The LDP lost its majority in the Upper House	Tiananmen Square Incident Berlin Wall demolished
1990	Enthronement of Emperor Akihito	Persian Gulf War
1992	Some 600 of the Ground SDF to Cambodia	Bill Clinton
1993	The Non-LDP Coalition government (Hosokawa cabinet)	
1994	The LDP, the JSP, and the <i>Sakigake</i> government (Murayama cabinet) The Political Reform Bill passed Mr. Oe Kenzaburo, the Nobel Prize in Literature	
1995	Fiftieth anniversary of the end of the War The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake/ Tokyo subway sarin gas attack	
1996	The Japanese Ambassador's official residence seized in Peru	
1997	The consumption tax rise to 5%	

\* Emperor Showa renounces his divinity in New Year's address to the Japanese people.

\*\* In this year, the so-called 1995 regime was established with the Liberal Democratic Party as conservative and the Japan Socialist Party (formally named as The Social Democratic Party of Japan in English) as progressive, which lasted until 1993.

\*\*\* *The Komeito* is a unique political party in Japan, which was founded on the basis of a new religious organization called *Sokagakkai*.

\*\*\*\* Novelist Mishima Yukio leads his private ultranationalist group in an attempt to provoke an uprising by Ground Self Defense Forces; failing, he commits suicide (*Hara-kiri*).

\*\*\*\*\*Eligibility for Japanese citizenship through either the paternal or maternal line was realized.