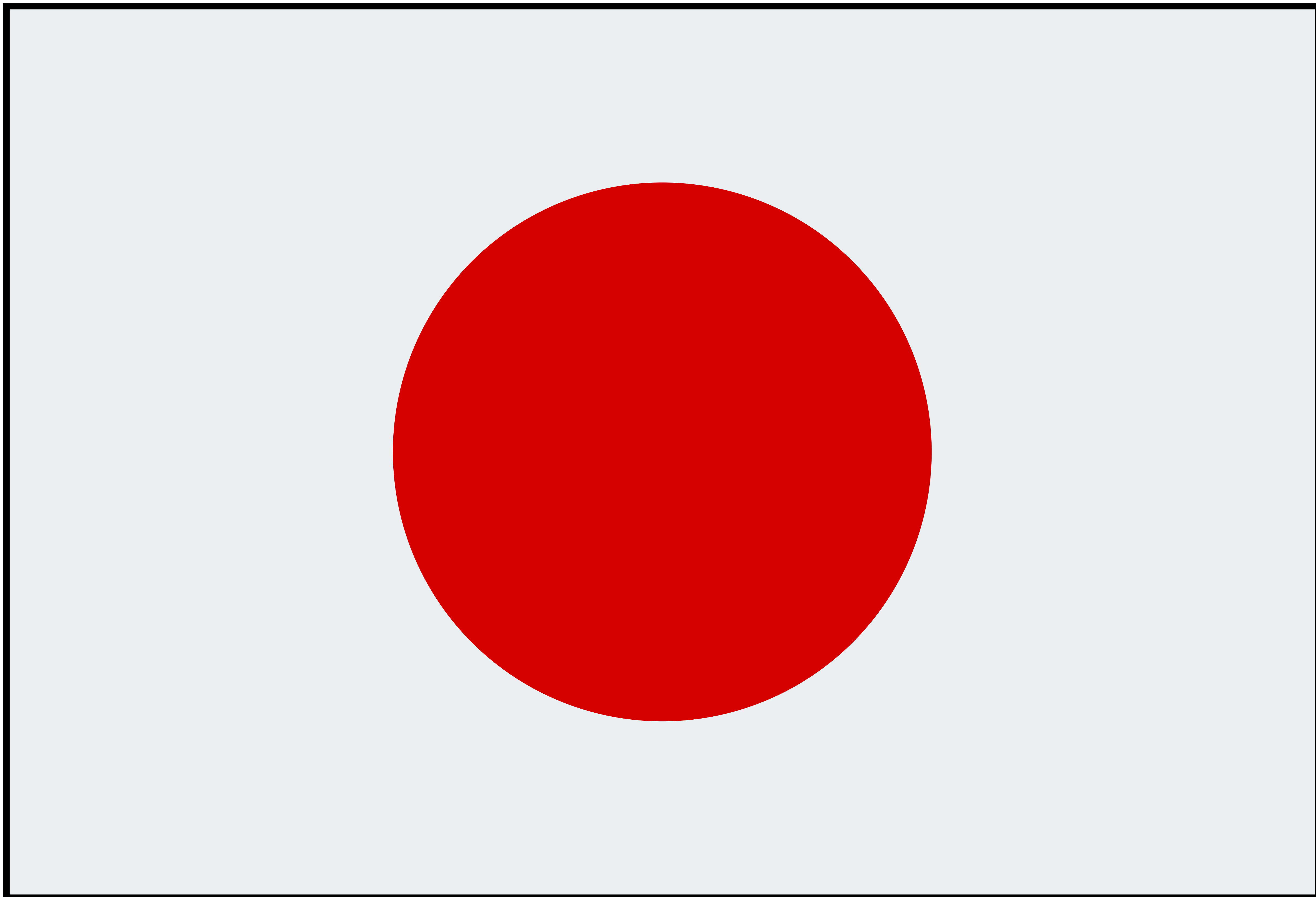




# Japan



The Japanese flag is made up of a red circle, symbolizing the sun, against a white background. It is known as the hinomaru in Japanese, meaning "circle of the sun." Because Japan lies at the far West of the Pacific Ocean, the sun rises spectacularly over the sea to the East.



# Japan Demographics

## Population

- **Total Population:** Approximately 126 million people.
- **Population Density:** Japan has one of the highest population densities in the world, with about 347 people per square kilometer.

## Urbanization

- **Urban Population:** About 92% of Japan's population lives in urban areas.
- **Major Cities:** Tokyo (the capital and largest city), Yokohama, Osaka, Nagoya, Sapporo, Kobe, Fukuoka.

## Biodiversity

- **Flora and Fauna:** Japan is home to diverse ecosystems, ranging from subtropical in the south to temperate in the north. Key species include the Japanese macaque, sika deer, and red-crowned crane.
- **Protected Areas:** Over 30 national parks and numerous other protected areas preserve Japan's rich biodiversity.

## Ethnicity

- **Major Ethnic Group:** Approximately 98.5% of the population is ethnically Japanese.
- **Minority Groups:** Includes Ainu, Ryukyuan, Korean, Chinese, and other small groups.

## Language

- **Official Language:** Japanese.
- **Minority Languages:** Ainu language (spoken by the Ainu people), Ryukyuan languages (spoken in Okinawa and other Ryukyu Islands), Korean, and Chinese are also spoken among minority communities.



# Japan Fun Facts

- **Vending Machines Everywhere:** Japan has over 5 million vending machines, selling everything from drinks and snacks to umbrellas and fresh eggs.
- **World's Oldest Company:** The oldest company in the world, Kongō Gumi, was founded in Japan in 578 AD. It specialized in temple building.
- **Unique Cuisine:** Japan is famous for its sushi, sashimi, ramen, and tempura. It's also the birthplace of instant noodles, invented by Momofuku Ando in 1958.
- **High Life Expectancy:** Japan has one of the highest life expectancies in the world, with many people living well into their 80s and 90s.
- **Cherry Blossom Festivals:** Every spring, Japan celebrates the blooming of cherry blossoms (sakura) with festivals and picnics under the blooming trees, a tradition known as hanami.
- **Sumo Wrestling:** Sumo is Japan's national sport and has a history spanning over 1,500 years. It combines athleticism with Shinto ritual and tradition.
- **Anime and Manga:** Japan is the global hub for anime and manga, with countless series and characters that have gained international fame.
- **Technology Hub:** Japan is a leader in technology and innovation, home to companies like Sony, Nintendo, Panasonic, and Toyota. Tokyo is known for its cutting-edge electronics and robotics.
- **Bullet Trains:** Japan's Shinkansen, or bullet trains, are famous for their speed and punctuality, reaching speeds of up to 320 km/h (199 mph).
- **Mount Fuji:** The iconic Mount Fuji is Japan's highest peak at 3,776 meters (12,389 feet). It's a popular destination for both climbers and tourists and is considered a sacred mountain in Japanese culture.

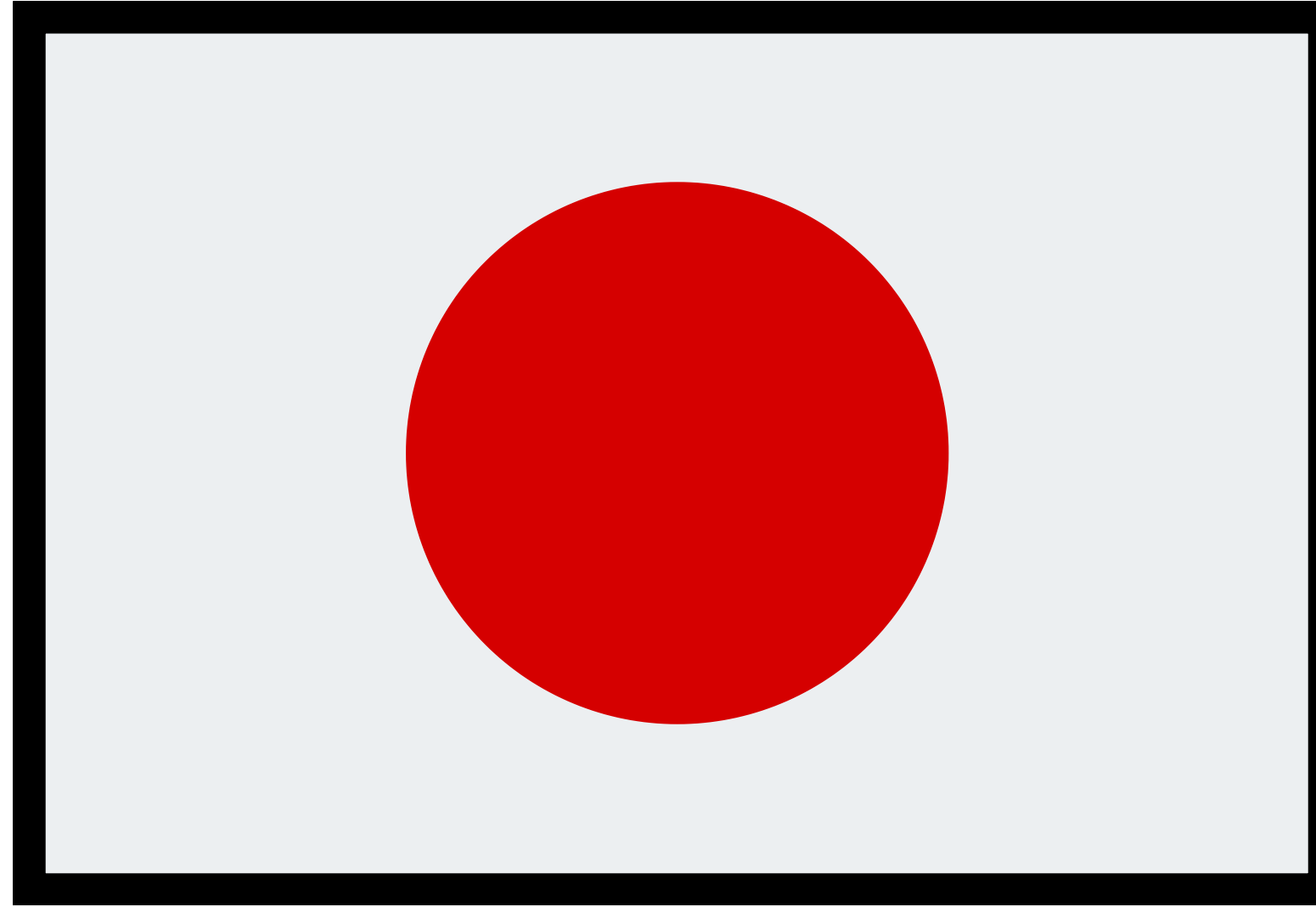


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TALK

# Japanese

ENGLISH	HOW TO SPEAK IN JAPANESE	HOW TO WRITE IN JAPANESE
HELLO	KONNICHIWA	こんにちは
GOOD MORNING	OHAYOU GOZAIMASU	おはようございます
THANK YOU	ARIGATOU GOZAIMASU	ありがとうございます
WHERE IS THE TRAIN STATION?	EKI WA DOKO DESU KA?	駅はどこですか?
LET'S GO PLAY	ASOBI NI IKOU	遊びに行こう
TOKYO IS FUN!	TOUKYOU WA TANOSHI!	東京は楽しい!
THIS IS MY HOUSE	KORE WA WATASHI NO IE DESU	これは私の家です
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?	DOKO NI SUNDEIMASU KA?	どこに住んでいますか?
DO YOU LIKE SUSHI?	SUSHI GA SUKI DESU KA?	寿司が好きですか?
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HERO?	SUKINA HĪRŌ WA NAN DESU KA?	好きなヒーローは何ですか?

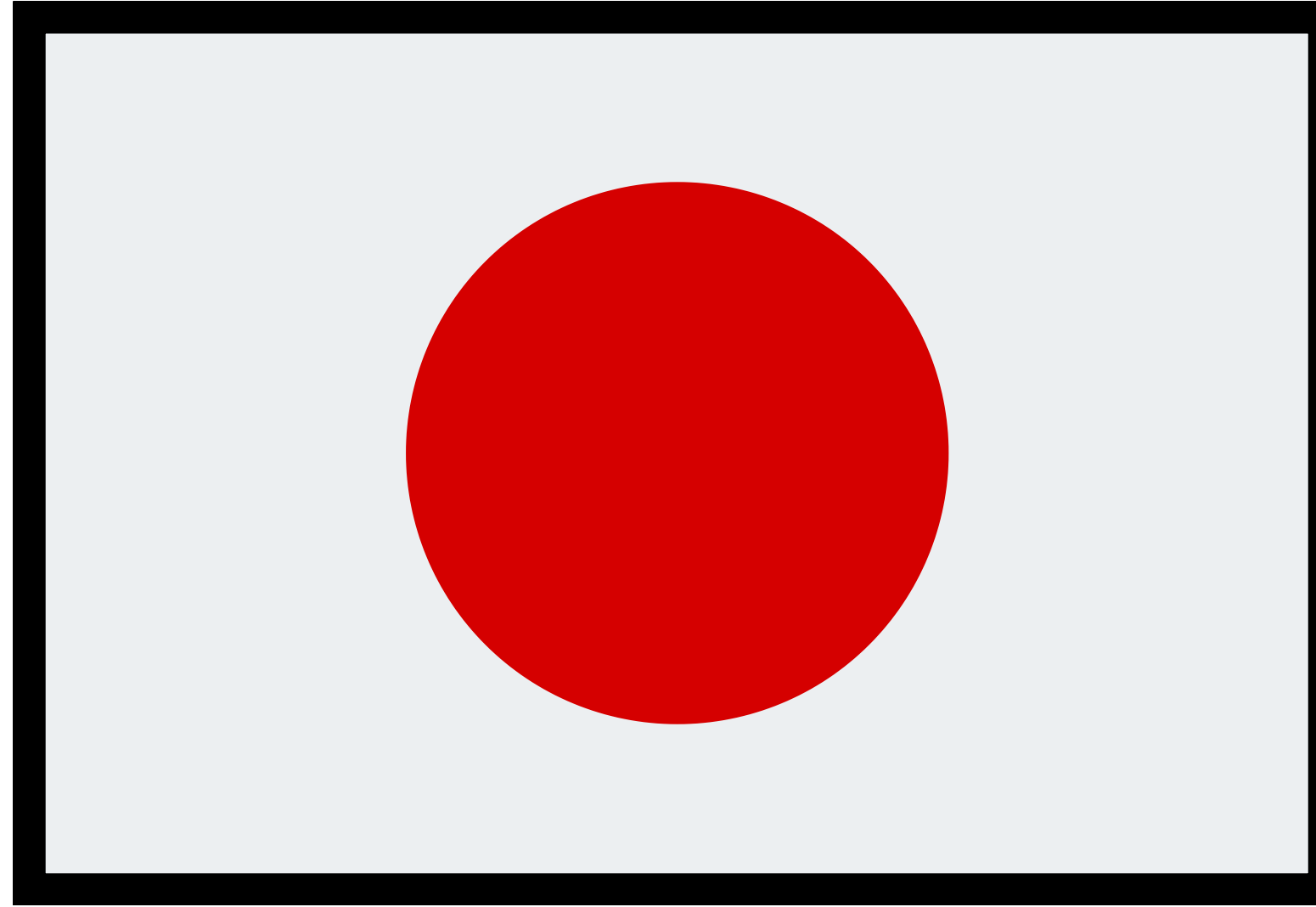




**Blossom Trees**



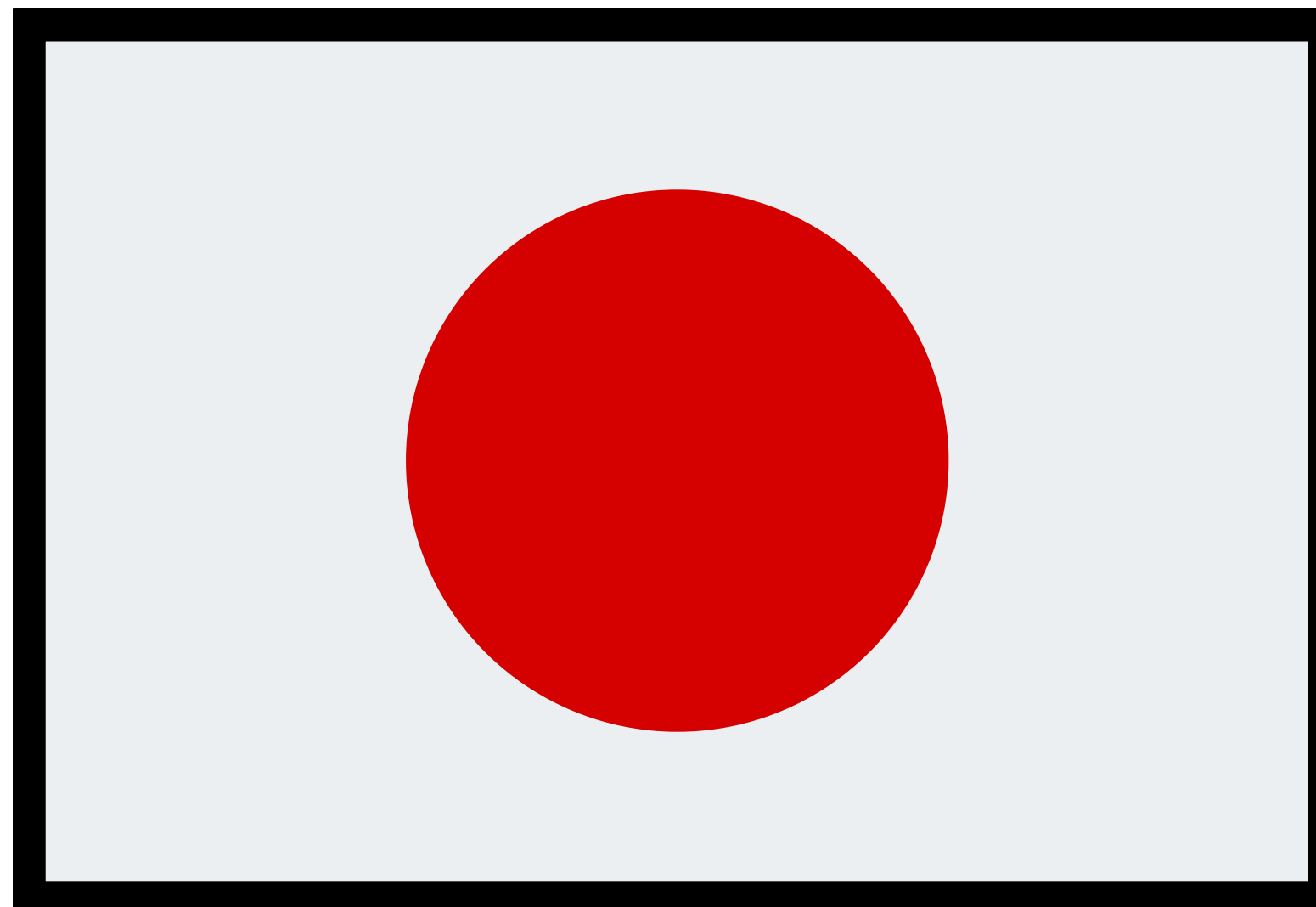
**Sushi and Sashimi**



**Sensoji Temple**



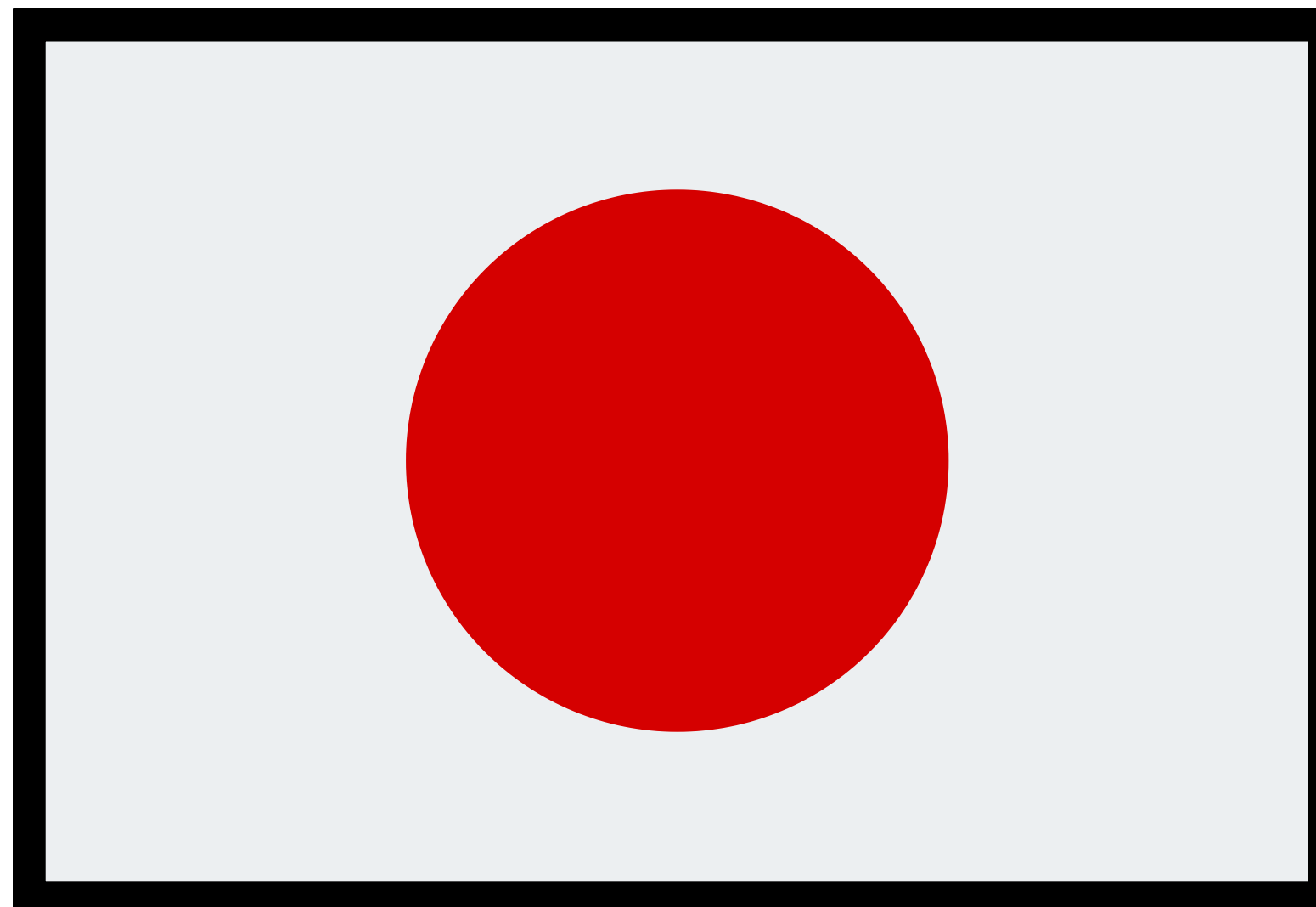
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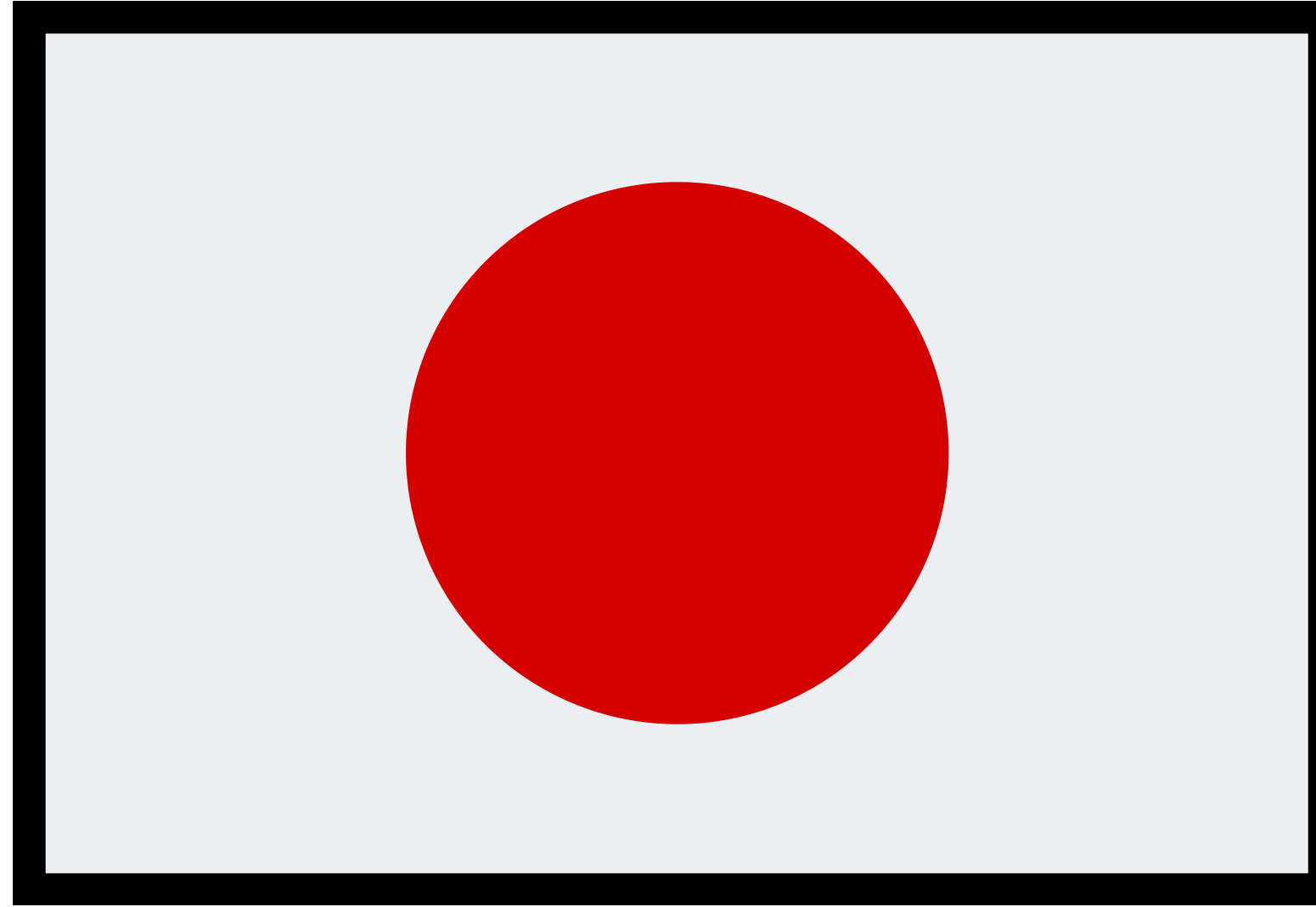


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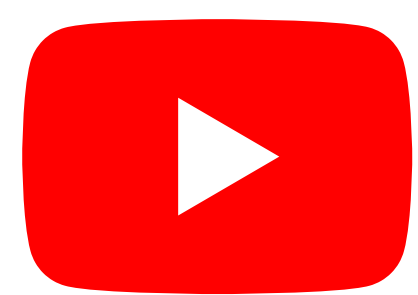
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