

## The impact of Japanese trade

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Japan is one of the most technologically and industrially advanced countries in the world that provides the entire world with ingenious ideas and inventions that have revolutionized and simplified other less capable countries through the use of trading. If Japan was cut off from trading with other countries in the future, this would greatly affect other nations which depend heavily on Japanese goods and would therefore paralyze their growth. This effect can be in terms of resources, products, ideas and knowledge. In this article, these four perspectives will be discussed.

The entire world runs on industrial innovations and machinery to help reduce human effort and become more efficient. But, if a machine or technological product is malfunctioning, a change of part(s) would be necessary. Countries would usually get their necessary parts from Japan as that is one of their main exports. If Japan stopped trading, people would have to resort to their own equipment to fix the machine to the best of their ability. This would affect LDCs (least developed countries) as some of them heavily rely on Japan's export to advance their growth. LDCs would not be able to fix their own machines and technological products because they do not specialize in those areas. Consequently, the entire world would be at a major disadvantage when it comes to industrialization.

Apart from resources, many countries import goods and products from Japan. For example,

cars. There are different types of cars for different types of environment. For example, if someone lived in the Okavango Delta Botswana they would need strong and powerful vehicles to help them travel over rough terrain, like a Toyota. If Japan did not sell Toyotas and other cars, then people living in remote areas without public transport would use more difficult ways to travel. Companies would not be able to transport their goods and people who live in the bush, which is an extremely distant place from cities, would not be able to travel efficiently nor quickly. The whole world comes to a halt without cars and vehicles, which Japan plays an important role in producing and exporting.

In addition to products, Japan produces and imports Japanese cuisine which has become extremely popular globally. Their cuisine consists of healthy and lean products such as raw fish and steamed rice and vegetables. A popular example of Japanese cuisine that people adore is sushi. Sushi is balls of rice topped with an array of fish, vegetables or egg. If Japanese cuisine was restricted then a major kind of food would be removed from diets in most countries.

And finally, non-physical stuff will be affected too. For example, Japanese math problem solving formulae are mostly used in Asian countries for livestock counts and small businesses because of its simplicity and efficiency. If Japan had not introduced their way of problem solving, other societies would

have used overly complicated methods when there are simpler alternatives.