

Japan

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Japan Latest News

The Japanese Prime Minister said that 13 people were confirmed dead after a powerful earthquake struck the southern Japanese city of Kumamoto.

About Japan

- **Location:** It is an island nation in East Asia, situated in the Northwestern Pacific Ocean.
- **Maritime borders:** It is bordered by the Pacific Ocean (East), Sea of Okhotsk (North), Sea of Japan (West East) and East China Sea (Southwest).
- **Capital City:** Tokyo.

Geographical Features of Japan

- It comprises a chain of islands stretching ~1,500 miles in a northeast-southwest arc.
- **Terrain:** Over 80% mountainous, with rugged terrain.
- **Main Islands (north to south):** Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu.

- **Climate:** It ranges from subarctic in the north to humid subtropical in the south.
- **Volcanic activity:** It is located on the **Pacific Ring of Fire** – a major zone of earthquakes and active volcanoes.
- **Highest peak:** Mount Fuji (3,776 m), which is a stratovolcano.
- **Major mountain ranges:** Japanese Alps.
- **Major rivers:** Shinano River (longest), Tone River, Kiso River.
- **Natural Resources:** It mainly consists of Coal, iron ore, zinc, lead, copper, **sulfur, gold, and silver.**

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