1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party
Japan

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention
30/06/1992

1.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Reporting

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage

1.4 - Primary government authorities responsible for the implementation of the Convention

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1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

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  Forestry Agency
  Domain: natural

- Naoki Nakata
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  Agency for Cultural Affairs
  Domain: cultural

1.6 - Comments
no particular comments

2. Inventories / lists / registers for cultural and natural heritage

2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state	Process completed or continually updated
Local	Process completed or continually updated
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state	Process completed or continually updated
Local	Not applicable
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.3 - Are inventories/lists/registers adequate to capture the diversity of cultural and natural heritage in the State Party?
Inventories / lists / registers capture the full diversity of cultural and natural heritage.

2.4 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified underline cultural heritage?
Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the protection of cultural heritage.

2.5 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified natural heritage?
Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the protection of natural heritage.

2.6 - Are inventories / lists / registers used for the identification of properties for the Tentative List?
Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

2.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to inventories / lists / registers of cultural and natural heritage (questions 2.1 to 2.6)
no particular comments

3. Tentative List

3.1 - Potential future nominations (Property name / anticipated year of nomination)

undecided / undecided /

3.2 - Tools used for a preliminary assessment of the potential Outstanding Universal Value

ICOMOS thematic studies
IUCN thematic studies
Filling the gaps – an action plan for the future by ICOMOS, Gaps analysis by IUCN
UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List
Other global comparative analysis

3.3 - Level of involvement in the preparation of the Tentative List

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state / government(s)	Good
Local government(s)	Good
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Fair
Local communities / residents	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Local industries	Fair
Non Governmental Organization(s)	No involvement
Consultants / experts	Good
Site manager / coordinator(s)	Good

3.4 - Was the authority(ies) listed in question 1.4 responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?
Yes

3.5 - If not, what authority(ies) is responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?

3.6 - Do you intend to update your Tentative List within the next six years?
Yes

3.7 - Comments
No Particular Comments

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Buddhist Monuments in the Horyu-ji Area	1992-10-14	inscribed
Himeji-jo	1992-10-14	inscribed
Yakushima	1992-10-14	inscribed
Shirakami-Sanchi	1992-10-14	inscribed
Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto (Kyoto, Uji and Otsu Cities)	1993-09-28	inscribed
Historic Villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama	1994-09-30	inscribed
Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome)	1995-09-28	inscribed
Itsukushima Shinto Shrine	1995-09-28	inscribed
Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara	1997-06-30	inscribed
Shrines and Temples of Nikko	1998-06-30	inscribed
Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu	1999-06-25	inscribed
Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range	2003-01-27	inscribed
Shiretoko	2004-01-30	inscribed
Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural Landscape	2006-01-04	inscribed
Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural Landscape	2010-01-18	
Hiraizumi Cultural Landscape Associated with pure Land Buddhist Cosmology	2006-12-26	deferred
Hiraizumi - Temples, Gardens and Archaeological Sites Representing the Buddhist Pure Land	2010-01-18	
The Architectural and Urban Work of Le Corbusier	2008-02-01	referred

Name	Date of submission	Status
Ogasawara Islands	2010-01-26	

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Good
Local government(s)	Good
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Fair
Local communities / residents	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Good
Local industries	Good
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants / experts	Good
Site manager / coordinator	Good

4.3 - Perceived benefits of inscribing properties on the World Heritage List

Strengthened protection of sites (legislative, regulatory, institutional and / or traditional)	High benefit
Enhanced conservation practices	High benefit
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	High benefit
Improved presentation of sites	High benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	High benefit
Increased funding	High benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	High benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	High benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	High benefit
Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	High benefit
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

4.4 - Comments
No particular Comments

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation
Comment
Natural Parks Law, Nature Conservation Law, Law on the Administration and Management of National Forests, Law for the protection of Cultural Property

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

5.3 - Comment
N/A

5.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and natural heritage?
The legal framework is adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

5.5 - Can the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) for the identification, conservation

and protection of the State Party's cultural and natural heritage be enforced?
There is excellent capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework .

5.6 - Other International Conventions adhered Comment
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat（the Ramsar Convention）

5.7 - Implementation of International Conventions into national policies
There is adequate coordination and integration.

5.8 - States Party's policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities
There are policies that are effectively implemented.

5.9 - Integration of heritage into comprehensive / larger scale planning programmes
There are policies that are effectively implemented.

5.10 - Comments
No particular Comments

6. Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

6.1 - To what degree do the principal agencies / institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of this heritage?
There is effective cooperation between principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

6.2 - To what degree do other government agencies cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of natural and cultural heritage?
All principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage are effectively cooperating with other government agencies.

6.3 - To what degree do different levels of government cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage?
Different levels of government cooperate effectively for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

6.4 - Are the services provided by the agencies / institutions adequate for the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage properties in your country?
There is excellent capacity to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties.

6.5 - Comments
No particular Comments

7. Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

7.1 - Is there a research programme or project specifically for the benefit of World Heritage properties?
There is no research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

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7.3 - Comments
No particular Comments

8. Financial Status and Human Resources

8.1 - Sources of funding

National government funds	Major source of sustained funding
Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Major source of sustained funding
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Not applicable
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union)	Not applicable
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Not applicable
NGOs (international and / or national)	Minor source of sustained funding
Private sector funds	Minor source of sustained funding
Other (Please specify in 8.6)	Not applicable

8.2 - Involvement of State Party in the establishment of foundations or associations for raising funds and donation for the protection of World Heritage
No

8.3 - National policies for the allocation of site revenues for conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage
No

8.4 - Is the current budget sufficient to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?
The available budget is sufficient but further funding would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

8.5 - Are available human resources adequate to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?
Human resources are adequate but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

8.6 - Comments
No particular Comments

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- National Research Institutes for Cultural Properties,Tokyo / national / cultural
- Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties / national / cultural
- Cultural Heritage Protection Cooperation Office, Asia-Pacific Cultural Center for UNESCO / National / cultural

9.2 - Training needs

Conservation	High priority
Education	High priority
Promotion	High priority
Interpretation	High priority
Administration	High priority
Visitor management	High priority
Community outreach	High priority
Risk preparedness	High priority
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High priority
Other	Not applicable

9.3 - Does the State Party have a national training/ educational strategy to strengthen capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation?

There is a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation that is effectively implemented.

9.4 - Comments
No Particular Comments

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Participation in foundations for international cooperation
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information

10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others
No

10.3 - Comments
No particular Comments

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Not applicable

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Information
Awareness Raising
National

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Not applicable

11.1.7 - Translation and diffusion of publications made available by the World Heritage Centre

Not applicable

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

Not applicable

11.1.9 - Comments
No particular comments

11.2. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.2.1 - Strategy to raise awareness among different stakeholders

There are no strategies to raise awareness about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but nonetheless this is being done on an ad hoc basis.

11.2.2 - Level of general awareness

Private Sector	Fair
Youth	Fair
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Decision makers and public officials	Good
Indigenous peoples	Fair
General public	Fair

11.2.3 - Does the State Party participate in UNESCO's *World Heritage in Young Hands programme*?

The State Party participates in UNESCO's World Heritage in Young Hands programme.

11.2.4 - Level of frequency of activities

Courses for teachers for the use of the *World Heritage in Young Hands Kit*	Never
Courses/activities for students within the school programmes	Occasionally
Youth Forums	Occasionally
Skills-training courses for students	Never
Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites	Regularly
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	Occasionally
Other (comment below)	Never

11.2.5 - Comments

No particular Comments

12. Conclusions and Recommended Actions

12.1. State Party's implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*

12.1.1 - Identification of heritage

Identification of heritage
Inventories / lists / registers capture the full diversity of cultural and natural heritage.
Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

12.1.2 - National Inventories

National Inventories
National : Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Process completed or continually updated
National : Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Process completed or continually updated

12.1.3 - Tentative List

Tentative List
Yes

12.1.4 - Legal framework

Legal framework
There is excellent capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework .

12.1.5 - Implementation of international conventions within national policies

Implementation of international conventions within national policies

12.1.6 - Communities

Communities
Local communities / residents: Fair
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Not applicable
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Fair
Local communities / residents: Good
Indigenous peoples: Not applicable
Landowners: Good

12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning

Larger-scale planning
There are policies that are effectively implemented.

12.1.8 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation
Different levels of government cooperate effectively for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

12.1.9 - Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

Scientific and Technical Studies and Research
There is no research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

12.1.10 - Financial status

Financial status
The available budget is sufficient but further funding would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

12.1.11 - Human resources

Human resources
Human resources are adequate but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

12.1.12 - Training

Training
There is a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation that is effectively implemented.

12.1.13 - International cooperation

International cooperation
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Participation in foundations for international cooperation
Sharing expertise for capacity building

International cooperation
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information

12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

Education, Information and awareness building
Private Sector : Fair
Youth : Fair
Communities living in/around heritage sites : Good

12.2. Actions for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* (identified from table 12.1).

12.2.1 - Please select the top issues (up to six)

Please refer to question 5.2

12.3. Priority Actions Assessment

12.3.2 - Priority actions assessment
Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

12.3.3 - Additional actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention
N/A

13. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

13.1 - Was the questionnaire easy to use and clear to understand?
No

13.2 - Please provide suggestions for improvement:
Definition could be clearer

13.3 - Please rate the level of support from the following entities for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire

World Heritage Centre	Good
UNESCO (other sectors)	Good
UNESCO National Commission	No support
ICOMOS International	No support
IUCN International	No support
ICCROM	No support
ICOMOS national / regional	No support
IUCN national / regional	No support

13.4 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?
All required information was accessible

13.5 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from the previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Fair
Advisory Bodies	Fair
State Party	Fair
Site Managers	Fair

13.6 - Comments
No particular Comments

14. Thank you