



JAPAN FOUNDATION

2018-2019 スクール・カレンダー Japanese Inventions

Did you know?

Many of the things we take for granted in everyday life here in Canada were invented in Japan! For example...


September 9月

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October 10月

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Pocket Calculator
でんたく電卓



While calculators have been around for a long time, the first pocket-sized ones were made in Japan in 1970.



Instant Noodles
インスタントラーメン

Originally born in Taiwan, Momofuku Ando invented instant noodles in Japan in 1958, and then went on to invent cup noodles in 1971.

November 11月

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December 12月

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January 1月

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February 2月

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March 3月

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Emoji
絵文字



Even if you don't use a smart phone you probably know about emoji. They were invented by Shigetaka Kurita in 1999 to use on Japan-only mobile phones, long before they became popular world-wide.

Washroom Pictograms
トイレマーク





The first time a man and woman were used to indicate the washroom (along with many other pictograms we use today) was during the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, to make things easier for new visitors to Japan.



April 4月

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May 5月

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June 6月

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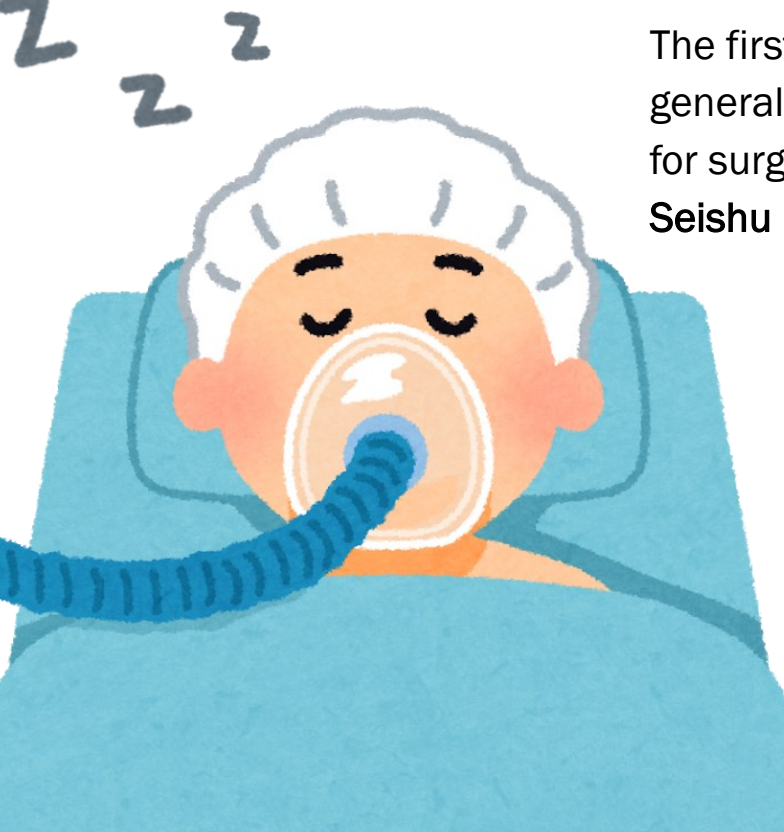
July 7月

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August 8月

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General anesthesia
ぜんしんますい
全身麻酔



The first surgeon to successfully use general anesthesia and pave the way for surgery as we know it was Hanaoka Seishu in 1804.

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www.anime-manga.jp



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