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'Cannabis Japonica: A showcase in Japanese traditional cannabis culture'
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The little known yet globally unique: Japanese Traditional Cannabis Culture
E-book: TAIMA - What we call cannabis. An ancient soul, textile, food,
medicine and pattern of Japan
Historical relationships between cannabis and Japanese people
Author: Taima-Cannabis Museum, Japan
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Japan & Cannabis

The cannabis movement has taken the world by storm giving rise to terms such as 'green rush' reflecting the excitement and anticipation of growth. Japan is very much on the outside of this global movement, reflecting strict laws prohibiting cannabis possession and the cultivation of industrial hemp. To be sure, cannabis is trending on social networks in Japan but, by and large, people are caught in the stigma that cannabis is an 'illegal narcotic,' fueled by a willing local media who flaunt the arrests of cannabis-using Japanese celebrities.

What Japanese people fail to remember is that Japan has a very unique, traditional cannabis culture. Taima, as its called in Japanese, has been in Japan for more than 10,000 years. Before prohibition 70 years ago, Taima contributed to society in Japan as clothing, rope, fishing gear, building materials, seeds as food, and roots and leaves for medicinal purposes.

Historically, indigenous Japanese cannabis is used for fiber and has low THC concentrations. There are no historical records suggesting cannabis was ever smoked in Japan, yet the plant was once highly symbolic in society, ranking alongside rice in terms of importance, as well having important symbolic roles in the two principal religions in Japan: Shintoism and Buddhism. Historically, people even name their children after cannabis, in the hopes they grow up strong and straight !

Legislative Changes Are Coming In Japan

Quite shockingly, the Japanese Government has announced plans to amend the Cannabis Control Act, the sentinel legislation on cannabis in Japan on the books since 1948. The changes are expected to be announced in 2023.

For now, all indications are that the government is paying heed to global trends, and is likely to partially end the ban on cannabinoid medicines for use by doctors. Conversely, there is talk of making cannabis use illegal, in addition to the current prohibition for possession and cultivation. Farmers who would provide cannabis to religious temples shrines have also asked for leniency on licenses for cultivation, harkening to an earlier time when cannabis was grown from throughout the archipelago.

Indeed, records from 1954 show Japan had more than 37,000 licensed cannabis growers at the time. Today the number of licensed growers has dwindled to just 30 people, with no successors in sight. We hope Japan's long cannabis history won't be lost to the winds of time, and look forward to helping revive interest in Taima, which is

uniquely Japanese and quite different from the marijuana and hemp cultures of the west.

Taima-Cannabis Museum, Japan

Founded and curated by Junichi Takayasu, Director and Curator, The Taima - Cannabis Museum Japan is a small, privately-run museum dedicated to the dissemination of information about the Japanese cannabis crop, which was traditionally used as food, clothing, and shelter in Japan for centuries. In addition to collecting material and artifacts, we provide lectures and hold workshop courses around Japan, including the recent Traditional hemp thread production for successors ! Junichi is a member of the Folklore Society of Japan and has authored several books (Japanese language) including:

Textbook On Cannabis For Japanese People

The Cannabis Crop: Crises Of A Plant That Historically Contributed Japanese People's Daily Lives

Why The Cannabis Leaf Pattern Has Appealed to Japanese People For 800 Years

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"Japan is one of the most amazing countries in the world with a social-historical culture of the cannabis plant for thousands of years. The new book 'TAIMA - What we call cannabis ' by the Taima-Cannabis Museum, is an enlightening addition to cannabis culture all over the world and leaves no doubt about it: the future of cannabis is bright and better informed !"