



Japan seeks to end Tokyo's state of emergency

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Japan is expected to lift its state of emergency over Tokyo, as it eyes a fresh stimulus relief package worth nearly \$930 billion.

- 1-1. Japan is expected _____
- 1-2. as it weighs an unprecedented relief package _____

2. The global health crisis has tipped the world's third-largest economy into recession, _____

3. It's also plunged Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's _____

4. Mostly comprising of financial aid for companies, _____

5. The combined spending brings the total stimulus _____
- 6-1. But paying for the big spending plans _____

- 6-2. which is already twice _____
- 7-1. Japan _____

- 7-2. but the government has kept Tokyo _____
- 8-1. If the measures in those regions are lifted, _____

- 8-2. which was _____
9. The government will seek _____

[Vocabulary]

- **lift**: to officially end a rule or law that stopped someone from doing something
 - *They're hoping to get the ban lifted by the end of the month.*
 - *The European Commission has urged France to lift its ban on imports of British beef.*
- **state of emergency**: a situation in which a government takes action to deal with an event such as a flood or a fire that is putting a lot of people in danger
 - *A state of emergency has been declared.*
- **weigh**: to consider all the aspects of a situation carefully before making a decision
 - *We have to weigh the consequences of eating red meat. It causes a variety of heart problems.*
 - *The judge weighed all the facts before reaching a verdict.*
- **relief**: food, clothes, and money given to people who are in urgent need of help, for example because of a war or other bad situation
 - *flood/disaster/earthquake relief*
 - *a shipment of relief supplies bound for the Sudan*
- **package**: a set of proposals or measures for dealing with something, such as a flood, earthquake, etc.
 - *a package of measures aimed at improving child welfare*
 - *a debt-relief package*
- **tip**: to fall, or to make something fall
 - *Be careful that vase doesn't tip.*
 - *The cart came around the corner too fast and tipped onto its side.*
- **tip ~ into a steep recession**: to direct ~to a rapid recession
 - *Most economists believe the United States will tip into recession by 2021, a new survey shows, despite White House insistence the economy is sound.*
 - *"A recession in the eurozone could tip Britain into recession as well, George Osborne has warned".*
- **plunge**: to suddenly put someone or something in a much less successful situation, or to be suddenly put in such a situation
 - *A string of recent defeats has plunged the team dangerously near the bottom of the table.*
- **approval rating**: approval of a politician as shown by opinion polls
 - *His approval ratings have slipped below 40 %.*
 - *The president's approval rating remains high.*
- **comprise**: to be composed of; to consist of two or more things
 - *Water is comprised of oxygen and hydrogen.*
 - *People aged 65 and over now comprise nearly 20% of the population.*
- **stimulus**: anything that encourages something to happen, develop, or improve
 - *The Fed hopes that lower interest rates will be a stimulus to investment.*

- *We hope that the books will provide a stimulus for discussion.*
- **follow**: to happen or come after something else
 - *The six o'clock news follows our show.*
 - *The wedding will be followed by a reception.*
- **trillion**: the number 1,000,000,000,000
- **deploy**: If you deploy something or if it deploys, you use it effectively or it works effectively
 - *Mobile apps are another weapon to be deployed by online retailers in the battle for business.*
 - *Airbags deploy with such force they could easily injure a small child.*
- **spending plan**: Aggregate budget comprising of departmental or individual budgets for an accounting period, program, or project.
- **debt pile**: bad debt; a debt that is unlikely to be repaid
 - *The bank set aside £1.1 billion to cover debt piles from business failures.*
- **under watch**: being guarded or watched at all times
 - *The prisoners are kept under watch 24 hours a day.*
- **instate**: to place in a position or office; to set up in position; to declare
 - *A state of emergency has been instated.*
- **key**: very important
 - *This economic model has the following key features.*
 - *He is expected to be the key witness at the trial.*
- **adviser**: someone whose job is to give advice on subjects they know a lot about, for example politics or financial matters
 - *the president's closest advisers*
 - *a financial adviser*
- **key adviser**: advisory board

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