

Japan's farm and fisheries exports - record high for fifth year

Japan's agriculture, forestry and fisheries exports hit a record high in 2017 for the fifth straight year. But this record level, totalling ¥807.3 billion (6 billion euros) is still far from the ¥1 trillion target Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government has set for 2019, in an attempt to bolster the country's farm sector.

By country and region, Hong Kong remained the largest importer of Japanese farm produce at ¥187.7 billion, followed by the United States at ¥111.5 billion. China came third with over ¥100 billion, one notch up from the previous year, while Taiwan retreated to fourth place.

The Japan Times specifically mentioned the 2017 exports of strawberries, soaring 56.6 percent to ¥1.8 billion.

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