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Our Top 12 Japan observations

- 1. All major road works take place at night.
- 2. Roads are so busy that cyclists cycle on the footpaths so be on your guard.
- 3. Trains always arrive on time and leave promptly.
- 4. 99% of all vehicles in Japan are made in Japan, in fact they are self-sufficient and everything is made in Japan.
- 5. There are no public litter bins in Tokyo, if you create rubbish, you must carry it with you until you find a private waste disposal in which to place it.
- 6. Most restaurants display in their front window plastic versions of the meals available within. In fact, there is an industry in making the plastic replicas as accurate and as inviting as the real meals themselves.
- 7. Most family bicycles in Japan have two baby chairs fitted, front and back, to the bicycle frames. Most baby bicycle chairs have complete rain covers as well.
- 8. It is one of the few countries in the world where you feel safe, even late at night.
- 9. One of the standout observations about Japan is the general public space cleanliness.
- 10. The work ethic of the Japanese, from the most menial to the most high powered jobs, we found to be unparalleled in any other country, where we have visited.
- 11. Department stores stay open for late night shoppers but consequently they do not open as early in the mornings.
- 12. Queuing is done in an orderly and systematic fashion in Japan, as a visitor, you are expected to comply.

