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Area: 2,345,000 km² (≈Japan×6)

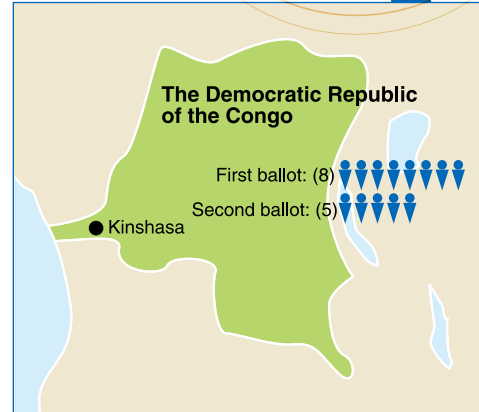
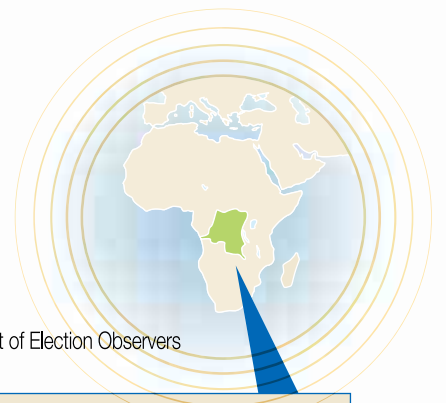
Population: 66,000,000 (2009)

Capital: Kinshasa

Ethnic composition: Bantu, Nilotes, other

Languages: French (official), Kikongo, Tshiluba, Lingala, Swahili

Religions: Christianity (85%), Islam (10%),
indigenous religions (5%)



Election Observers

Presidential and legislative elections were conducted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on July 30, 2006. At the request of the UN, Japan sent 8 election observers (5 national government officials and 3 individuals from the private sector) to these elections. For the presidential runoff, which took place on October 29, Japan sent 5 election observers (2 national government officials and 3 individuals from the private sector).

During these two missions, the Japanese observers carried out observations at various stages of the election process, including the campaign, preparations for the polling day, voting, and counting, in Kinshasa, the capital of the DRC.



Election campaign



A Japanese election observer on duty