

Progress of the LGBTI movement in Asia

亞洲地區 LGBTI 平權運動新進展



Taiwan: Asia's leader

Democracy is the recipe for LGBT rights



A map of Taiwan is shown in the background, filled with the colors of the rainbow flag. The flag consists of five horizontal stripes: red at the top, orange, yellow, green, and blue at the bottom. The map is centered on the island of Taiwan.

“When it comes to gay rights in Asia, Taiwan is an inspiration for much of Asia.”

–NY Times, 29 Oct 2014

Taiwan in 2020?

Transnational Same-Sex Marriage Rights

跨國同婚（全球目前通過同性婚姻的國家，只有台灣有此限制）



Transgender gender marker rights without surgery

台灣性別變更仍維持「強制手術」要件

Promote LGBT representation in politics

推動同志參政 (培訓營)



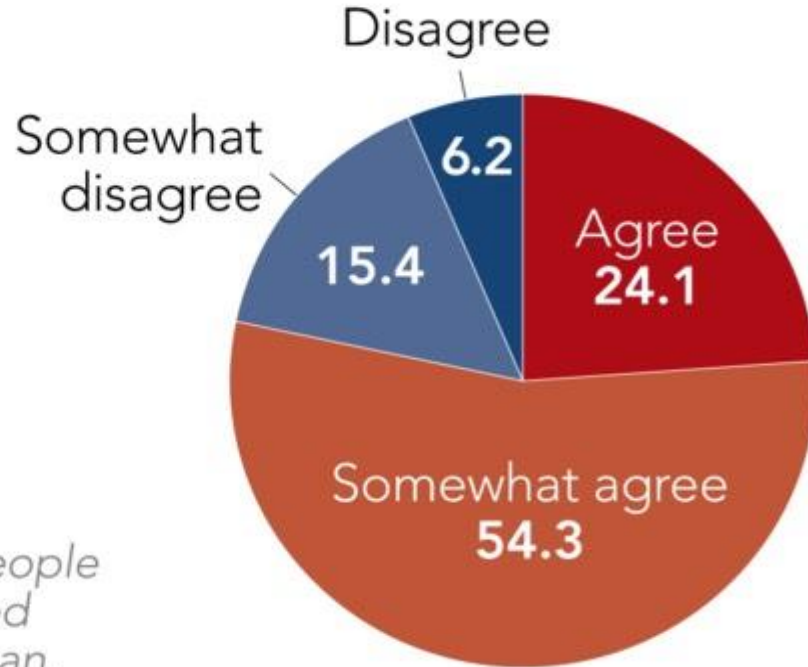
Japan (日本)



Japan

What do you think about legalizing gay marriage?

(in percent)



*Internet survey of 60,000 people
in their 20s to 50s conducted
in October 2018 across Japan.*

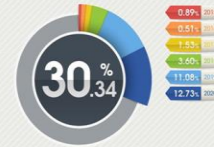
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日本パートナーシップ制度 自治体導入状況

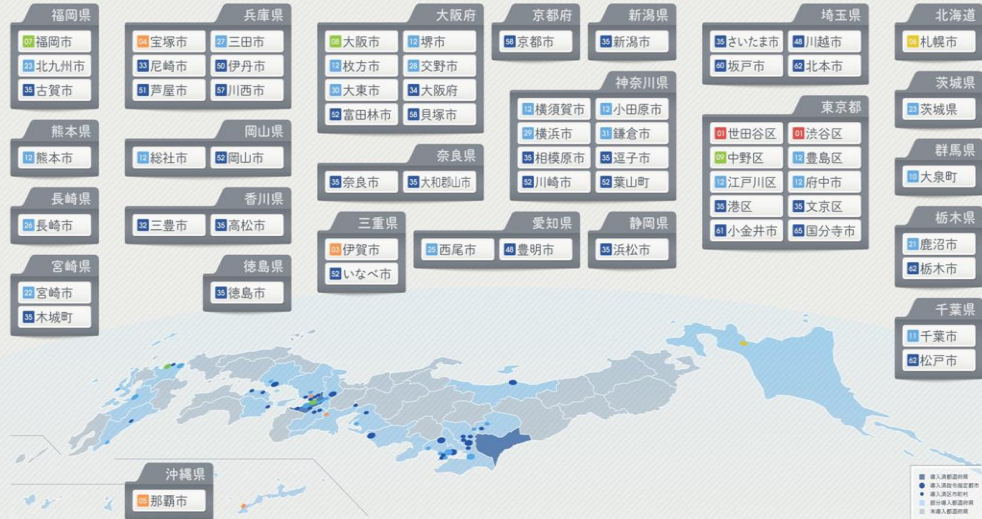
2020/11/15
現時点で **65** 自治体 実施

全国
総人口 **30** %人口
以上カバー

パートナーシップ制度
導入自治体人口割合



パートナーシップ制度
導入自治体数の推移



- Japan's localized partnership system (building blocks for potential same-sex marriage in future)
- Nov 2020: 65 local districts
- 30% of population covered
- No legal binding but some benef.
- (ex. hospital visitation rights and housing)

Equal rights bill before Tokyo Olympics?



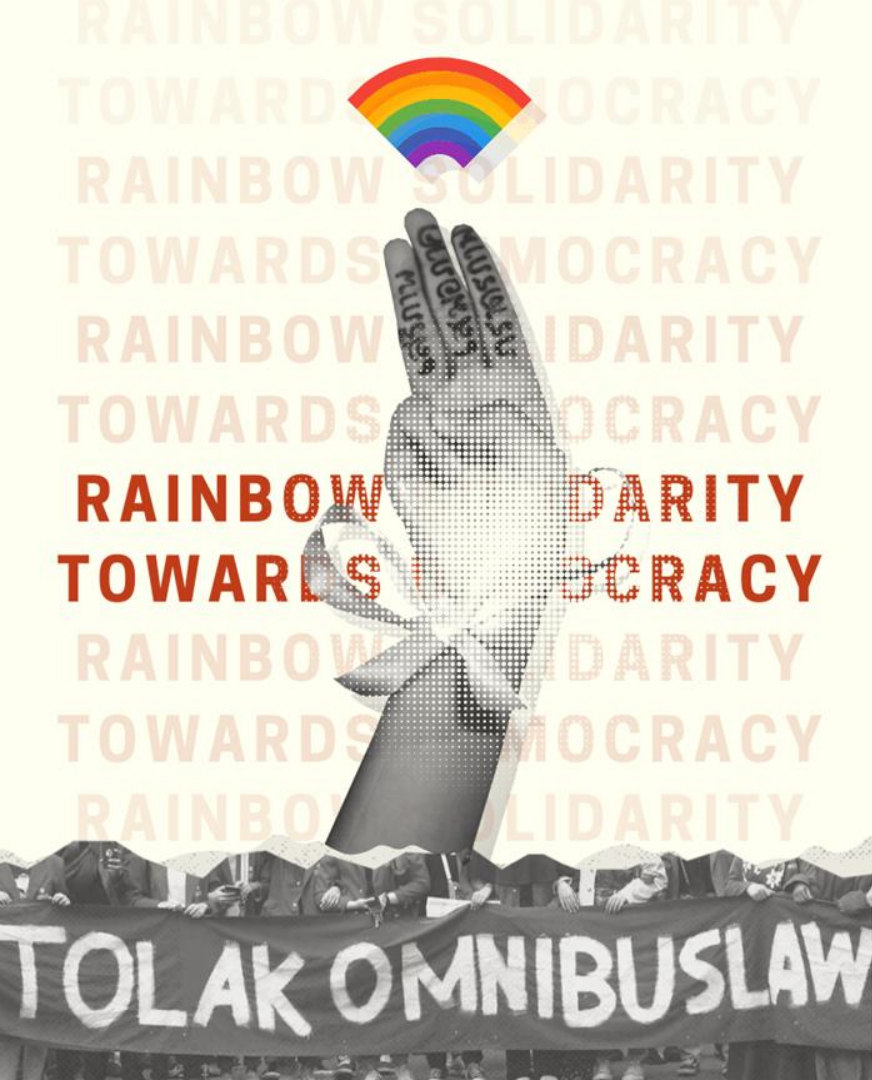
Thailand (泰國)

- Myth of a 'Gay Paradise'
- Socially tolerant but legally invisible
- Military-dominated politics
- Civil partnership bill discussions (since 2012)
- Gender change on ID not possible
- Democracy + LGBT rights connection



‘Drag Queens for Democracy’





RAINBOW 
SOLIDARITY
TOWARDS 
DEMOCRACY

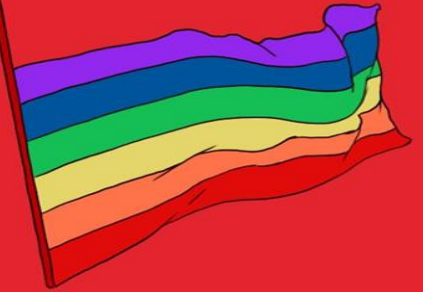
China (中國)



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- China decriminalized homosexuality in 1997, declassified as mental illness in 2001
- Basic approach: 不支持, 不反對, 不傳播
- Increased repression against all 'rights' promotion and civil society space after Xi Jinping (2013-)
- April 2018: 'Weibo' ban on LGBT content (reversed after backlash)
- Media censorship

August 2020: Shanghai Pride (上海驕傲節) cancelled



Indonesia (印尼)



Raids: "Obscene Acts & Anti-Pornography" Laws



Power of pro-rights and pro-democracy solidarity across Asia

