

Japan's Process for Buying a Gun

- 1 Join a hunting or shooting club.**
- 2 Take a firearm class and pass a written exam, which is held up to three times a year.**
- 3 Get a doctor's note saying you are mentally fit and do not have a history of drug abuse.**
- 4 Apply for a permit to take firing training, which may take up to a month.**
- 5 Describe in a police interview why you need a gun.**
- 6 Pass a review of your criminal history, gun possession record, employment, involvement with organized crime groups, personal debt and relationships with friends, family and neighbors.**
- 7 Apply for a gunpowder permit.**
- 8 Take a one-day training class and pass a firing test.**
- 9 Obtain a certificate from a gun dealer describing the gun you want.**
- 10 Buy a gun safe and an ammunition locker that meet safety regulations.**
- 11 Allow police to inspect your gun**
- 12 Pass an additional background review.**
- 13 Buy a gun.**