

Japan's "Snow Country"



Shirakawa-go in winter, illuminated at night
Photo: Courtesy of Shirakawa Village

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he heavy snowfall areas in Japan—places known poetically as *yukiguni*, or “snow country”—account for around half the nation’s land area. Japanese people living in these areas have developed numerous methods to get through and enjoy their snowy winters. In this month’s issue of *Highlighting Japan*, we take a look at some of the unique features of life in Japan’s “snow country.”

