

# Japan, The Concrete Nation

Original title:

Alex Kerr's tough-love analysis 'Dogs and Demons,' showing how Japanese bureaucrats worked tirelessly over the past few decades to destroy their own country, is one of those books that qualifies as essential reading for anyone who has spent time in Japan. The Japan I got to know is a rather ugly place, with concrete rivers and beaches, dilapidated buildings and mysterious concrete flood-control devices in the hills. Kerr puts the blame on out-of-control bureaucracies that answer to no one and must constantly spend their ever increasing budgets on pointless public works projects. His favourite example of this is the concreting over of Japan in the name of flood control. Only three of the 142 larger rivers in Japan still have their natural banks, the remainder are all enmeshed in concrete. 'Useless or inevitable?'

## CREDITS

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## TECHNICAL SPECS

**RUNNING TIME:** 20'  
**SOUND FORMAT:** stereo (2.0)  
**COLOUR:** Colour

## MORE INFO

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## CREATION DETAILS

**TYPE:** Film  
**PRODUCTION SHARE:** Majority Flemish  
Production  
**YEAR OF PRODUCTION:** 2008  
**PRODUCTION STATUS:** Completed  
**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE:** Dutch

## SALES

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