

Japan's jobless rate falls for the second straight month in June

TOKYO, July 31 (Xinhua) -- Japan's unemployment rate fell to a seasonally adjusted 4.3 percent in June from 4.4 percent in May for the second straight month, according to data released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications on Tuesday. The number of people employed grew 270,000, or 0.4 percent, to 62.72 million while the unemployed fell 80,000, or 2.8 percent, to 2.81 million. The jobless rate for men stayed unchanged at 4.5 percent, while the figure for women improved to 4.0 percent from 4.3 percent. Employment conditions have shown some "development of improvement" as more people manage to find jobs amid the economic recovery, a ministry official said.