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Tokyo, a city of surprises, is full of unexplored possibilities. As one of the most prominent Japanese cities, Tokyo is also a common filming location for major movies and television series. Even for those who have never been to Tokyo, the metropolis has never been an unfamiliar place. From the lively streets of Shinjuku where tens of thousands pass by, to the vibrant Tsukiji market, and to the glittering neighborhood of Ginza, which comes to life after dusk, all the famous sights in Tokyo continue to attract travelers worldwide.

Renowned monthly financial magazine Global Finance analyzed in detail a multitude of indicators. They included economic strength, scientific research capabilities, cultural interaction, livability, natural environment, accessibility, per capita GDP and more. Global Finance also considered the COVID-19 pandemic, the event that greatly affected our lives. Tokyo of Japan was selected as the most livable city in the world, surpassing London, Singapore, and New York. Tokyo's excellent result is partly contributed by Japan's response to the pandemic, such as closing borders and postponing the Olympic Games. Some other cities, despite previous high rankings, have regressed due to poor pandemic-battling efforts.

What is more? The Institute for Urban Strategies of The Mori Memorial Foundation, a Japanese think tank under Mori Building, has been publishing the Global Power City Index (GPCI) annually to compare and analyze major cities around the world. In the latest 2020 ranking, Tokyo is ranked third for the fifth time in a row, taking the first place in Asia as well.

Tokyo is full of styles and diversity. Everyone in this city has their own emotions. However, what this city does is to quietly listen to everyone's thoughts. With so much grace and flair, Tokyo offers visitors a personalized journey.