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## Abstracts

Car insurance refers to ensuring damage to cars as well as third-party damage in order to reduce the financial burden on the vehicle owners. With the increasing number of cars in Japan, the insurance companies have benefited notably. Additionally, the region is also home to some of the densest cities, such as Tokyo, Kyoto, etc., due to which the car collisions and traffic-related accidents are significant. Considering these, the insurance liability on the customers is further anticipated to rise and prove to be conducive for the insurance companies in Japan.

The Japan Car Insurance market is set to show a growth rate of about 5.3% during the forecast period (2025- 2033F). The Japanese marketplace of car insurance is experiencing a massive transformation due to changing expectations of the consumers, changes in the population, and leaps in technology. As a consequence of an aging population and increasing awareness of safety and cost efficiency, the consumer trend has shifted towards consumers seeking insurance products that are not only reliable but also tailored, transparent, and tech-enabled. The city areas such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Fukuoka are experiencing increased popularity of digital insurance companies, usage-based insurance (UBI), and better customer service platforms. Meanwhile, Japan has its own cultural predispositions, paying particular attention to the safety, trust, and accuracy of its products that determine its development and delivery.

Based on coverage, the Japanese car insurance market is bifurcated into third-party liability coverage and collision/comprehensive/other optional coverage. Of these, third-party liability has held the major market share due to being mandatory in Japan for each vehicle. Driving without a third-party liability coverage can attract hefty fines, and the coverage is extensively checked by the authorities to avoid any discrepancies. Furthermore, with the growing vehicle

fleet and awareness, and strict policies, people are vying more for collision and other coverage-based insurance, which would be conducive to the market expansion of the segment in the coming years.

Based on the application, the Japan car insurance sector is bifurcated into personal and commercial. Of these, the commercial category has held a sizeable market share. As the number of commercial cars precedes the number of personal vehicles in the country, the premium on old as well as on the new cars is notably on the higher side as opposed to the personal category. Additionally, commercial vehicles tend to cover more distances as compared to their counterparts, i.e., personal vehicles, due to which the road accident susceptibility as well as the wear and tear are on the higher side, further enhancing the demand for car insurance for personal cars.

The Japan car market, based on the distribution channel, is segmented into direct sales, insurance agents, brokers, banks, online, and others. Of these, banks and brokers hold a considerable share. As the majority of the cars are sold through the dealership in collaboration with the insurance companies and banks, the new car sales have a high number of insurance policies through the banks and insurance companies themselves. Additionally, the banks and online websites offer lucrative offers in terms of low insurance premiums on the vehicles, due to which the two categories would experience a rapid surge in the coming years.

For a better understanding of the market adoption of Japan Car Insurance, the market is analyzed based on its presence in regions such as Kanto, Chubu, Kansai, and Others. Among these, Kanto shows the highest growth. A high vehicle density in conjunction with tech-savvy consumers is leading to quick adaptation of digital tools by the insurers who are trying to streamline services. Policy administration with the help of an app-based system, and risk assessment being AI-driven, transforming customer expectations and enhancing the real-time experience of driving. It is increasingly being covered by the options that ensure electric and low-emission vehicles, as the region transitions to being sustainable. With lifestyles of customers changing to be convenient and mobile, insurance providers in Kanto are focusing on the flexibility of their plans, speed of claims, and personalized service to help keep them relevant in a highly competitive and transformative environment.

Some major players running in the market include T&D Holdings, Sony

Assurance Inc., Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance, Rakuten, Sompo Japan Insurance, Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance, Japan Post Co., Ltd., SBI Insurance Group Co., Ltd., Aioi Nissay Dowa Insurance, and Chubb.

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