You've already discovered probably the best site in Japan for English language drug information about drugs in Japan, the Japan Pharmaceutical Reference. This is the Japan equivalent of the PDR, and, like the PDR, does not include all approved drugs.

If you have a lot of patience, you can explore sites in Japanese by using the internet page translation available here: http://www.cafeglobe.com/cafe/wotg/index_en.html Just copy any Japanese site address into the LinguaWeb box and you'll get the Japanese page with English translations.

Detailed information about recent approvals, in Japanese, including drug price information, may be found here: http://www.nichiyaku.or.jp/ A typical page of information is here: http://www.nichiyaku.or.jp/news/n010601.html. For example, the first entry on this page is for olanzapine tablets and costs are 2.5 mg (155.7 yen), 5 mg (293.4 yen), 10 mg (553 yen).

For recent drug approvals in Japan and other regulatory information you might want to check this English site: http://www.jouhoukoukai.com/

There is a book of all drug prices (in Japanese) available from: http://www.jiho.co.jp

I spent a year in the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare in Japan as part of the Mansfield Fellowship program and I try to keep up on drug information available from Japan. Hope that this helps.

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