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Traditional Japan, symbolized by this view of Nara's Muroji Temple, provides the cultural and social backdrop to the modern vigorous practice of science, technology, and economics that is emphasized in this special issue on Science in Japan. See page 291. [Photo courtesy of Japan Airlines]