

Technical assistance offered and contributed by the Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC), taking into consideration the growing demands of developing economies for introducing competition law or reviewing competition policy, has been providing a wide variety of technical assistance programs, namely, training courses, short-term seminars(one to five days), as well as dispatch competition policy experts.

The JFTC's technical assistance programs are directed for various levels of competition policy experts from developing or transitional economies, in particular from East Asian developing economies.

(A) Training Course

(1)JFTC/JICA Training Course for developing economies

The JFTC in cooperation with Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA) has provided a group training course for developing economies on antimonopoly act and competition policy with the support of the academic community and international organizations since 1994. This one-month training course covers a wide range of themes and issues, from theoretical to practical ones, reflecting needs of participating trainees from different economies , and aims to contribute to the effective enforcement of competition law and the encouragement of competition culture in those economies. During the 11-year period from 1994, we have had 116 participants from 40 economies. We will continue to organize this training course annually and provide technical assistance to participants from a wider coverage of economies.

(2) Country-Focused Training Course

The JFTC has provided one-month country-focused training course for China since 1998, aiming at contributing to the drafting a new comprehensive competition law and effective application of the competition law. About 10 participants are supposed to join this program annually.

In addition, the JFTC provided three-week country-focused training course for Indonesia in January, 2004, for the purpose of contributing to the effective enforcement of competition law. In the past, the JFTC had provided country-focused training course for Thailand and Russian Federation.

(B) Short-term Training Course

(1) PFP (Partners for Progress)

The JFTC, in partnership with Thailand competition authority, organized a training program from FY1996 to FY2000 as a part of APEC “Partnership For Progress(PFP)”. Over the five-year period, this training program had the participation of about one hundred and ninety competition experts from developing economies and about seventy from developed ones. The program focused on exchanging views and sharing experiences, such as best-practice cases and problems in promoting competition policy in individual member economies, and came to a successful conclusion, having contributed to capacity building not only in developing economies but also in developed ones.

(2) APEC Training Program on Competition Policy

After the successful conclusion of the PFP program, in response to the request from member countries for its further extension, Japan in collaboration with Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia has proposed organizing a new series of training programs with a view to promoting capacity building through exchange of views and sharing experiences, aimed at implementing the APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform, mainly focusing on competition policy. The JFTC in collaboration with Thailand competition authority held the first seminar in Bangkok, Thailand in August, 2002. Approximately 50 participants from 17 countries, international organizations and the academic community joined the seminar. The second seminar was held in Hanoi, Vietnam in August, 2003, and the third one was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March, 2004. The fourth seminar was held in Ho Chi-Minh, Vietnam in August, 2004, and Japan held the fifth one in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in December, 2004, in cooperation with Indonesia.

(3) Theme-specific Workshop

The JFTC has provided one-day theme-specific workshops for developing countries, dispatching Japanese university professors and experts, in order to fulfill each specific need in a prompt manner.

(C) Dispatch Competition Policy Experts

The JFTC has dispatched competition policy experts to developing countries as long term resident advisor for in-depth technical assistance to some developing countries. The previous recipients of competition experts are Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Lithuania and

Latvia

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(A) Training Courses

(1) Group Training Course / Antimonopoly Act and Competition Policy

Year/Month	Activity	Location	Duration	Recipient Countries	Japan's Role	Provided by	Work/Event Funded by
1994/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	India South Korea Thailand PRC Malaysia Mongolia	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
1995/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	India South Korea Slovakia Thailand Trinidad and Tobago PRC Poland Bulgaria Malaysia Mongolia	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
1996/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	Azerbaijan Indonesia South Korea Sri Lanka Thailand PRC Malaysia Mongolia	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA

1997/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	Indonesia Thailand PRC Chile Bulgaria Malaysia Mexico	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
1998/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	India Indonesia Vietnam South Korea Kenya Thailand Tanzania PRC Panama Philippine Poland Malaysia Myanmar Lithuania	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
1999/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	India Sri Lanka Chile Peru Uzbekistan Kazakhstan Kenya Tanzania Honduras	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA

2000/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	Indonesia Sri Lanka Thailand Malaysia Laos Azerbaijan Kenya Zambia Morocco Estonia	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
2001/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	Indonesia Thailand PRC Mongolia Sri Lanka Bulgaria Malaysia Vanuatu Brazil Kenya	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
2002/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	Indonesia Vietnam Thailand Malaysia Laos Venezuela Brazil Trinidad and Tobago Ukraine Uzbekistan Kenya	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
2003/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	Indonesia Thailand Nepal	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA

				Bangladesh Philippines Vietnam Malaysia Panama Brazil Uzbekistan Kazakhstan Palestinian				
2004/Aug-Sept	Training course	Japan	1 month	Brazil China India Indonesia Kazakhstan Malaysia Peru Serbia Montenegro Tajikistan Turkey Ukraine Philippines Vietnam	and	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA

(2) Country-Focused Training Course for the People's Republic of China

Year/Month	Activity	Location	Duration	Recipient Countries	Japan's Role	Provided by	Work/ Event Funded by
1998/Sept-Oct	Training course	Japan	1 month	PRC	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
1999/Sept-Oct	Training course	Japan	1 month	PRC	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
2000/Oct-Nov	Training course	Japan	1 month	PRC	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA

2001/Oct-Nov	Training course	Japan	1 month	PRC	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
2002/Oct-Nov	Training course	Japan	1 month	PRC	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
2004/Feb-Mar	Training course	Japan	1 month	PRC	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
2004/Oct-Nov	Training course	Japan	1 month	PRC	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA

(3) Country-Focused Training Course for Indonesia

Year/Month	Activity	Location	Duration	Recipient Countries	Japan's Role	Provided by	Work/ Event Funded by
2004/Jan-Feb	Training course	Japan	3 weeks	Indonesia	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA

(4) Country-Focused Training Course for Russian Federation

Year/Month	Activity	Location	Duration	Recipient Countries	Japan's Role	Provided by	Work/ Event Funded by
1995/Nov-Dec	Training course	Japan	2 weeks	Russia	Organizer and sponsor	MOFA , JFTC SCC	SCC
1996/Nov-Dec	Training course	Japan	2 weeks	Russia	Organizer and sponsor	MOFA, JFTC SCC	SCC
1998/Mar-Apr	Training course	Japan	2 weeks	Russia	Organizer and sponsor	MOFA, JFTC SCC	SCC
2000/Mar	Training course	Japan	2 weeks	Russia	Organizer and sponsor	MOFA, JFTC SCC	SCC

(5) Country-Focused Training Course for Thailand

Year/Month	Activity	Location	Duration	Recipient Countries	Japan's Role	Provided by	Work/ Event Funded by
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1997/Jan-Feb	Training course	Japan	3 weeks	Thailand	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA
1998/Nov-Dec	Training course	Japan	3 weeks	Thailand	Organizer and sponsor	JICA and JFTC	JICA

(B) APEC program

(1)Partners For Progress (PFP)

Year/Month	Activity	Location	Duration	Recipient Countries	Japan's Role	Provided by	Work/ Event Funded by
1996/Mar	Training program	Thailand	4 days	APEC member economies	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC The Government of Thailand	JICA
1997/Feb	Training program	Thailand	6 days	APEC member economies	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC The Government of Thailand	JICA
1998/Mar	Training program	Thailand	4 days	APEC member economies	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC The Government of Thailand	JICA
1999/Mar	Training program	Thailand	3 days	APEC member economies	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC The Government of Thailand	JICA
2000/Mar	Training program	Thailand	3 days	APEC member economies	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC The Government of Thailand	JICA

(2)APEC Training Program on Competition Policy

Year/Month	Activity	Location	Duration	Recipient Countries	Japan's Role	Provided by	Work/ Event Funded by
2002/Aug	Training program	Thailand	3 days	APEC member	Organizer	JFTC and the	APEC

				economies		Government of Thailand	
2003/Aug	Training program	Vietnam	3 days	APEC member economies	Organizer	JFTC and the Government of Vietnam	APEC
2004/Mar	Training program	Malaysia	3 days	APEC member economies	Organizer	JFTC and the Government of Malaysia	APEC
2004/Aug	Training program	Vietnam	3 days	APEC member economies	Organizer	JFTC and the Government of Vietnam	APEC
2004/Dec	Training program	Indonesia	3 days	APEC member economies	Organizer	JFTC and the Government of Indonesia	APEC

(C) Dispatch Competition Policy Experts

(1) Dispatching Competition Policy Experts to Developing Countries

Year/Month	Activity	Location	Duration	Recipient Countries	Japan's Role	Provided by	Work/ Event Funded by
1998/Feb-Mar	Short-term resident adviser	Malaysia	1 month	Malaysia	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC	JICA
1998/Apr-1999/Apr	Long-term resident adviser	Thailand	1 year	Thailand	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC	JICA
1998/Jul-Sept	Long-term resident adviser	Lithuania	3 months	Lithuania	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC	JICA
1999/Mar	Short-term resident adviser	Vietnam	2 weeks	Vietnam	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC	JICA
1999/Jun-Nov	Long-term resident adviser	Thailand	6 months	Thailand	Organizer and sponsor	JICA, JFTC	JICA
1999/Jul-Oct	Long-term	Latvia	2.5 months	Latvia	Organizer and	JICA, JFTC	JICA

	resident adviser				sponsor		
2000/Nov-Dec	Long-term resident adviser	Malaysia	2 months	Malaysia	Organizer and sponsor	JICA ,JFTC	JICA
2001/Apr-	Long-term resident adviser	Indonesia	5 years-	Indonesia	Organizer and sponsor	JICA ,JFTC	JICA

(2) Dispatching Competition Policy Experts to Seminars Provided by International Organizations

Year/Month	Activity	Location	Duration	Japan's Role	Provided by	Work/ Event Funded by
2000/Apr	Training seminar	India	3 days	Lecture/panelist	UNCTAD	UNCTAD, MOFA
2000/Jul	Workshop	Thailand	3 days	Lecture/panelist	WTO, MOFA	MOFA
2000/Aug	Training seminar	Costa Rica	3 days	Lecture/panelist	UNCTAD	UNCTAD, MOFA
2001/Mar	Training seminar	Kenya	5 days	Lecture/panelist	UNCTAD	UNCTAD, MOFA
2001/Nov	Workshop	Thailand	2 days	Lecture/panelist	OECD/CTFTC	CTFTC
2002/Apr	Training seminar	Hong Kong	3 days	Lecture/panelist	UNCTAD	UNCTAD
2002/Sept	Workshop	Vietnam	3 days	Lecture/panelist	UNCTAD	UNCTAD
2002/Nov	Training seminar	Thailand	2 days	Lecture/panelist	UNCTAD	UNCTAD
2002/Nov	Workshop	Vietnam	2 days	Lecture/panelist	OECD/CTFTC	CTFTC
2003/Jan	Workshop	Thailand	3 days	Lecture/panelist	WTO	WTO
2003/Feb to Mar	Workshop	Malaysia	4 days	Lecture/panelist	UNCTAD	UNCTAD
2003/Nov	Workshop	Singapore	2 Days	Lecture/panelist	OECD/CTFTC	CTFTC
2003/Dec	Workshop	France	2 days	Lecture/panelist	OECD/APEC	APEC
2004/Feb	Workshop	Vietnam	4 days	Lecture/panelist	UNCTAD	UNCTAD
2004/Jul	Workshop	Malaysia	2 days	Lecture/panelist	OECD/CTFTC	CTFTC
2004/Jul	Workshop	Sri Lanka	3 days	Lecture/panelist	IBRD	IBRD
2004/Nov	Workshop	Indonesia	3 days	Lecture/panelist	UNCTAD	UNCTAD

PRC : People`s Republic of China

JICA : Japan International Cooperation Agency

MOFA : Ministry Of Foreign Affairs

SCC :Secretariat of Cooperation Committee