

FY 2012 Japan Fair Trade Commission Performance Evaluation Report (Standard Format)

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Name of Activity	Public relations and public hearings on competition policy, etc. Promoting ties with overseas competition authorities						
Outline of Activity	Striving to strengthen cooperation and collaborations with overseas competition authorities, whether bilateral, multilateral, or implemented within the framework of technical assistance, and enhancing the international presence of the JFTC to ensure that Japan's competition policies are widely known around the world						
Goal	Promoting ties with overseas competition agencies, etc. by holding mutual consultations with overseas competition agencies based on bilateral antimonopoly cooperation agreements, participating proactively in multilateral consultations, offering technical assistance to the competition agencies, etc. of developing economies and transition economies (proportion of responses stating “the training course was effective” in questionnaires of participants in training courses offered by the JFTC as technical assistance: more than 80%), and enhancing the international presence of the JFTC to ensure that Japan's competition policies are widely known around the world (number of press releases posted on the JFTC website: not less than 16 press releases) (FY 2012)						
Budget-Related Activity	Breakdown of Budget		FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	Amount requested for FY 2014
	Amount Allocated (thousand yen)	Budget Supplemented (a)	67,146	50,327	50,209	51,971	53,176
		Budget Carried (b)	0	0	0	0	0
		Total (a + b)	67,146	50,327	50,209	51,971	53,176
	Executed amount (thousand yen) (c)		64,433	47,327	44,287		
Important Cabinet Policy Related to the Activity (Main Administrative Policy Speeches, etc.)	Name of the administrative policy speech, etc.			Date		Relevant part (excerpt)	
	Additional resolution by the Committee on Economy, Trade and Industry of the House of Representatives and House of Councilors regarding the bill to revise the Antimonopoly Act in 2009			June 2, 2009		Responding to the globalization of the economic activities of enterprises, promoting the international harmonization of competition policies and competition laws and furthering cooperation between the competition agencies of various countries to increase the effectiveness of regulations on business combinations, international cartels, etc. involving foreign enterprises	

Evaluation Index	Number of bilateral consultations held with overseas competition agencies	Actual Results				
		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
		7	3	3	6	4
	Number of times the JFTC participated in meetings related to the International Competition Network's (ICN) annual general meetings and working group workshops [See Note 1]	Actual Results				
		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
		5	2	5	3	5
	Number of technical training courses on competition law and policy [See Note 2] provided to developing economies, etc.	Actual Results				
		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
		2	2	6	5	6
	Percentage of participants in technical training courses on competition law and policy for developing economies, etc. who responded that the technical training they received was effective (%) [See Note 3]	Actual Results				
		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
		93	88	97	94	99
	Target Figures for Each Fiscal Year		80	80	80	80
	Number of times the JFTC sent lecturers to seminars organized by overseas bar associations	Actual Results				
		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
		4	2	7	12	13
	Number of English press releases posted on the JFTC website	Actual Results				
FY 2008		FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
69		33	16	28	35	
Target Figures for Each Fiscal Year		The same as or more than the previous fiscal year				16+

Note 1: The ICN is a network consisting mainly of competition agencies. It was established in October 2001 with the aim of facilitating the procedural and substantive convergence of the execution of competition laws. As of March 2013, 127 competition agencies from 111 jurisdictions participated in the network.

Note 2: In FY1994, in cooperation with the Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA), the JFTC began providing technical training courses for officials of the competition agencies, etc. of developing economies, etc. for the purpose of providing them with opportunities to obtain knowledge about the Antimonopoly Act of Japan and its operation, thereby contributing to introducing or strengthening competition laws in

Note 3: developing economies, etc.

The percentage of participants who gave a score of "5" or "4" on a 5-point scale, with 5 being the highest possible score, or a score of "4" or "3" on a 4-point scale, with 4 being the highest possible score, concerning “Appropriateness of the training program,” “Evaluation of presentations given by the lecturers,” and “Whether or not the knowledge and experience obtained in the training will be useful”.

Evaluation Index	Number of English press releases concerning legal measures taken pursuant to the Antimonopoly Act and those concerning cases of business combinations posted on the JFTC website	Actual Results				
		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
		33	15	12	17	16
	Number of accesses to the English front page of the JFTC website	Actual Results				
		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
		59,040	54,913	51,077	41,543	50,229
	Number of accesses to the English press release pages of the JFTC website	Actual Results				
		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
		6,862	7,028	8,590	16,594	79,021

Results of Evaluations of Activity	Status of Achievements	<p>In the questionnaire surveys of participants in the technical training courses on competition law and policy for developing economies, etc., more than 80% of the respondents answered that the training courses were effective, which means that the purpose of the measures was achieved.</p> <p>With regard to the number of English press releases posted on the JFTC website, the purpose of the measures stating “not less than 16 press releases in English” was achieved.</p>
	Directions for Future Activity	<p>Evaluated based on the evaluation index as a whole, activities such as consultations with overseas competition agencies, participation in multilateral consultations such as ICN-related meetings, the provision of technical training courses for developing economies, etc., and the publication of Japan’s competition policies in overseas countries can be assessed as being necessary and effective for strengthening cooperation and collaborations with overseas competition agencies and enhancing the international presence of the JFTC to ensure that Japan’s competition policies are widely known around the world. However, the activity involves the following issues.</p> <p>The needs of requests for technical assistance from developing economies etc, particularly those in East Asia, are expected to increase qualitatively in sophistication as their competition authorities gain experience. Therefore, the JFTC will need to study how to make training content more effective, with reference to comments for improvement given on questionnaires by training participants, in order to meet the needs of the recipient countries appropriately given limited human and financial resources. For example, participants in the FY 2012 training courses called for more discussion-type lectures so that participants and lecturers can engage in dialogues together. The JFTC will need to work to enhance the courses by examining further course content and extending the time for discussions between participants and lectures or, if this is not possible due to time limitations, by examining alternatives, such as making it possible to take and respond to questions after the course.</p> <p>In the area of providing information to overseas, the JFTC will need to do more publicize and promote its English website, such as actively informing officials at other competition authorities when information relevant to their competition authorities is posted on the English pages and taking advantage of presentations at international conferences to publicize the English pages. Creating and posting general outlines in English on the Antimonopoly Act, which are lacking on the English pages, has been mentioned as another method of providing information overseas and also helps overseas businesses understand Japan’s Antimonopoly Act.</p>

Use of Expert Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the English press releases are abridged versions of the originals. For important matters, would it not be best to post translations of the full text? (Mr. Wakabayashi) (Depending on the announcement, we have varied our response by posting abridged versions of some announcements and posting full translations of others. Going forward, we hope to find the right balance between posting speed and content enrichment.) • Technical training for developing economies, etc. is an important activity. Will you be increasing the number of courses in the future? (Mr. Kakizaki) (We hope to actively carry out training courses in the future, with a priority on ASEAN and other East Asian countries.)
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Materials and Other Information Used During Policy Evaluation	<p>Questionnaire surveys of participants in training courses provided as technical assistance, which involve responses stating that the training courses were effective.</p> <p>I. Questionnaire surveys conducted at the end of the Training Course on Competition Policy for Vietnam</p> <p>(1) Questionnaire survey conducted at the end of the 7th Training Course on Competition Policy for Vietnam (May. 9 to 25, 2012)</p> <p>Subjects of survey/number: Participants in the training/4</p> <p>Method of survey: Conducted at the end of the training</p> <p>Questionnaire form created by: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)</p> <p>Date of survey: May 24, 2012; Number of valid responses: 4</p> <p>(2) Questionnaire survey conducted at the end of the 8th Training Course on Competition Policy for Vietnam (November 12 to 29, 2012)</p> <p>Subjects of survey/number: Participants in the training/8</p> <p>Method of survey: Conducted at the end of the training</p> <p>Questionnaire form created by: JICA</p> <p>Date of survey: November 28, 2012; Number of valid responses: 8</p> <p>II. Questionnaire surveys conducted at the end of the Training Course on Competition Policy for China</p> <p>Questionnaire survey conducted at the end of the 1st Training Course on Competition Policy for China (August 20 to 28, 2012)</p> <p>Subjects of survey/number: Participants in the training/14</p> <p>Method of survey: Conducted at the end of the training</p> <p>Questionnaire form created by: JICA</p> <p>Date of survey: August 27, 2012; Number of valid responses: 14</p> <p>III. Questionnaire surveys conducted at the end of the Training Course on Competition Policy for Indonesia</p> <p>Questionnaire survey conducted at the end of the 10th Training Course on Competition Policy for Indonesia (February 4 to 22, 2013)</p> <p>Subjects of survey/number: Participants in the training/11</p> <p>Method of survey: Conducted at the end of the training</p> <p>Questionnaire form created by: JICA</p> <p>Date of survey: February 21, 2013; Number of valid responses: 11</p> <p>IV. Questionnaire surveys conducted at the end of the Training Course on Competition Policy for Malaysia</p> <p>Questionnaire survey conducted at the end of the 2nd Training Course on Competition Policy for Malaysia (March 11 to 15, 2013)</p> <p>Subjects of survey/number: Participants in the training/5</p> <p>Method of survey: Conducted at the end of the training</p> <p>Questionnaire form created by: JICA</p> <p>Date of survey: March 14, 2013; Number of valid responses: 5</p> <p>V. Questionnaire surveys conducted at the end of the Training Course on Competition Policy for Developing Economies</p> <p>Questionnaire survey conducted at the end of the 18th Training Course on Competition Policy for Developing Economies (August 16 to September 14, 2012)</p> <p>Subjects of survey/number: Participants in the training/10</p> <p>Method of survey: Conducted at the end of the training</p> <p>Questionnaire form created by: JICA</p> <p>Date of survey: September 13, 2012; Number of valid responses: 10</p> <p>(Note) All the above materials are held by the General Affairs Division, Secretariat, General Secretariat, the JFTC.</p>				

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