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Prioritization of Enforcement and Advocacy Activities in Japan

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Basic Prioritization in Japanese Competition Policy

- Enforcement Activities
 - Impacts on People's Life
 - Resurgence of Market Function
- Advocacy Activities
 - Securing Competitive Environment
 - Disseminating Importance of Competition

History of Japanese Competition Policy

- Establishment of Competition Law and Agency (1947)
 - Democratization of Economy
 - Elimination of Concentration

- Turndown of Enthusiasm (1950's – 1960's)
 - Recession
 - Co-operational Scrap of Equipment Guided by Industrial Ministries
 - Amendment of Antimonopoly Act to Create Exempted Cartel

- Stable Development of Competition Legislation (1960's)
 - Merger Cases of Large-scaled Companies
 - Enactment of Spin-off Laws
 - Designation of Unfair Trade Practices
 - Subcontract Act, Premiums and Representations Act

- Restoration of Competition Policy (1970's)
 - Oil Crisis and Price Soaring
 - Amendment to Antimonopoly Act and Adoption of Monetary Sanction (Surcharge) for Effective Deterrent to Cartel

- Enhanced Recognition of Competition Policy (1980's)
 - Plaza Accord (1985)
 - Structural Reform of Japanese Economy
 - Transition to Domestic Demand-Oriented Economy
 - Liberalization of Trade Practices
 - Overall Review of Regulation

➤ Improvement of Access to Japanese Market

- Pressure of US and EU for Promotion of Imports
- Elimination of Imports Obstruction (e.g. Hampering Parallel Imports by Sole Import Agent)
- Strengthening of Detering Power and Vigorous Enforcement of Antimonopoly Act

- Reinforcement of Antimonopoly Act and Enhancement of Enforcement (1990's -)

- Enhancement of Enforcing Power

- Strengthening Sanctions against Violation
- Installation of Criminal Investigation Procedure
- Adoption of Leniency

➤ Enhancement of Resources

- Number of Staff:
460 (1989) >>> 832
(2017)

➤ Extension of Coverage

- Reduction of Exempted
Cartel:
1,000 (1965) >>> 36
(2017)

➤ Vigorous Enforcement

- Number of Cases:
63 (1981–1985) >>> 92
(2006–2010)
- Volume of Ordered
Surcharge(US Dollors):
\$58 million (1981–1985)
>>> \$1.4 billion (2006–
2010)

Advocacy Activities

- Regulatory Reform
 - Recommendations for the Review of Governmental Regulations
 - Guidelines on Trades in Deregulated or Privatized Markets

- Market Study
 - Report of Study Group on Data and Competition Policy
 - Report of Study on the Nursing–care Sector

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