

**Budget, Staff and Organization of the Japan Fair Trade Commission
in the final Draft Budget for FY 2007**

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission's (JFTC's) budget, staff and organization in the final Draft Budget for FY 2007 (approved by the Cabinet on 24 December) are as follows. In the draft, 8.4 billion yen (0.9% increase over the previous FY) is allocated to the JFTC's budget and a gross increase of 40 staff is approved mainly for investigation sections.

1 Budget

(1) Total amount: 8,416 million yen (0.9% increase over the previous FY)

(2) Main new or strengthened items

- For prompt and effective enforcement (338 million yen)

Cost for increasing investigation officers, cost related to criminal and administrative investigations, cost for increasing officers in charge of investigating mergers and acquisitions, cost for research and regulation regarding mergers and acquisitions, etc.

- For building a competitive society with rules (223 million yen)

Cost for increasing officers for the Premiums and Representations Act, cost for promotion of fair consumer transaction, cost for promotion of fair subcontracts in the field of services, etc.

- For creating competitive environment (150 million yen)

Cost for survey and examination on exemptions to the Antimonopoly Act (AMA) and sectors regulated by the government, cost for advocacy of competition policy, cost for administration of international affairs, cost for raising awareness of compliance with laws

- For reinforcing competition policy infrastructure (321 million yen)

Cost for promotion of information-processing system, cost for reinforcing

competition policy infrastructure and staff training, cost for survey and study on competition policy etc.

2 Staff and Organization

(1) Staff: a gross increase of 40 staff (Note) The total number of staff in the General Secretariat will be 765 by the end of FY 2007.

Investigation Sections (to strengthen the investigative framework against serious and large-scale violations of the AMA such as “bid-riggings facilitated by public officials”.)

An increase of 30 Investigators

Sections for Inspection of Premiums and Representations (to strengthen the investigative framework against violations of the Premiums and Representations Act such as misleading representations.)

An increase of 7 inspectors for unjustifiable premiums and misleading representations

Others (to deal with appeals to a court for rescission of the JFTC’s decision and to implement evaluations and analysis on mergers and acquisitions cases.)

An increase of 3 staff

(Note) 12 staff will be reduced through implementation of the “staff quota streamlining plan” (approved by the Cabinet on 4 October 2005), etc.

(2) Organization

To build and strengthen cooperative relationships with foreign competition authorities in the field of competition policy

Senior Planning Officer for the International Affairs Division (Newly established)