

**Budget, Staff and Organization of the Japan Fair Trade Commission
in the final Draft Budget for FY 2008**

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The budget, staff and organization of the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) described in the final Draft Budget for FY 2008 are as follows.

In the draft, about 8.7 billion yen (3.2% increase over the previous FY) was allocated to the JFTC's budget and a gross increase of 41 staff was approved mainly for investigation sections.

1. Budget

(1) Total amount: 8,682 million yen (3.2% increase over the previous FY)

(2) Main items new or strengthened

- For prompt and effective enforcement (376 million yen)

Cost for investigation staff increased, cost related to criminal and administrative investigation, cost for research regarding mergers and acquisitions, etc.

- For building a competitive society with rules (239 million yen)

Cost for staff increased for enforcing the Subcontract Act, cost related to the Subcontract Act, cost related to the Premiums and Representations Act, etc.

- For aggressively creating competitive environment (201 million yen)

Cost for staff increased for implementing regulatory impact analysis, survey and examination on exemptions to the Antimonopoly Act (AMA) and on sectors regulated by governments, cost for strengthening the relationship with foreign competition authorities and for hosting the Annual ICN Conference, cost for raising awareness of compliance with laws, etc.

- For reinforcing competition policy infrastructure (257 million yen)

Cost for promotion of information-processing system, cost for staff training to reinforce administrative infrastructure, etc.

2. Staff and Organization

(1) Staff: gross increase of 41 staff

(Note) The total number of staff in the General Secretariat will be 795 by the end of FY 2007.

Investigation Sections (to strengthen the investigative framework of the Criminal Investigation Department as well as the investigative framework against unfair trade practices, etc. that bring unjustifiable damages to small-and-medium enterprises)

Increase of 29 Investigators

Section for the Subcontracts Act (to strengthen the investigative framework against violations of the Subcontracts Act)

Increase of 11 Subcontracts Inspectors, etc.

Others (to strengthen the framework of supporting regulatory impact analysis)

Increase of 1 staff

(Note) 11 staff will be reduced by the staff rationalization implemented in accordance with the “staff quota streamlining plan” (approved by the Cabinet on 4 October 2005), etc.

(2) Organization

Strengthening of the framework to promptly and strictly deal with increase of misleading representations, etc.

Senior Inspector for Premiums and Representations (Newly established)