

Holding of Liaison Officers Meeting on Prevention of Bid-rigging  
in Kinki Region in FY 2007

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) has for many years held the “Meeting of Liaison Officers with the Japan Fair Trade Commission on Public Bidding” among public procurement organizations such as the government, in order to promote the prevention of bid-rigging. The JFTC has also implemented training for procurement officials of local governments (prefectures and municipalities) and for the procurement staff of public corporations, etc. It has been decided to undertake the following initiatives in the Kinki region in FY 2007.

1. Holding of Liaison Officers Meeting on Public Bidding in Kinki Region

The JFTC has been holding the meetings with officers of each public procurement organization, acting as a liaison with the Japan Fair Trade Commissions, in Tokyo (targeting government ministries) and in each block area (targeting block agencies) every year since FY 1993, and has endeavored to develop cooperation scheme with each procurement organization.

In the Kinki region, the JFTC has been holding meetings with liaison officials of governmental agencies within the district and of prefectures as well as ordinance-designated cities every year since 1994. The 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held this year as follows.

Meanwhile, the liaison officers from each procurement organization who are in charge of public bidding are appointed as contact points for providing information and others pertaining to bid-riggings to the JFTC.

Date: October 15, 2007 (Monday) 10:30-12:00

Place: Conference Room –A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, No. 2 Osaka City Government Building, 4-1-67  
Otemae, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Expected Participants:

14 block governmental agencies such as Osaka Regional Civil Aviation Bureau

7 prefectures within the jurisdiction of Kinki-Chugoku-Shikoku Office

4 ordinance-designated cities, including the City of Osaka

Total: Liaison officers and procurement officers from 25 organizations

## 2. Implementation of training for procurement officers of public corporations, etc., in the Kinki region

The JFTC has been implementing training in Tokyo for procurement officers of public corporations every year since FY 1995. In the Kinki region, the JFTC has carried out training for procurement officers of public corporations in Kinki region to prevent bid-rigging since FY 1998. The 10<sup>th</sup> training session will be held this year as follows.

Date: October 15, 2007 (Monday) 14:00-15:30

Place: Conference Room –A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, No. 2 Osaka City Government Building, 4-1-67 Otemae, Chuo-ku, Osaka

### Expected Participants:

2 agencies, including the Japan Sewage Works Agency

13 independent administrative institutions, including the Japan Water Agency

6 corporations, including the West Nippon Expressway Company Limited

Total: Procurement officers from 21 organizations

## 3. Training for procurement officials of prefectural and municipal governments

The JFTC has been providing lectures and information in an effort to assist the training of procurement officials at prefectural and municipal governments since FY 1994.

In the Kinki region, since FY 1995, the JFTC has been providing training for the prevention of bid-rigging on the occasion of meetings of procurement officials at prefectural and municipal governments within the district. In FY 2007, the JFTC plans to send lecturers to training sessions for procurement officials of prefectural and municipal governments in Kyoko, Fukui, Shiga, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, and Wakayama.