

## Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment into Japan

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### Resolution of the Japan Investment Council

The Government of Japan will endeavor to increase inward Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and take the utmost efforts for its promotion.

Inward FDI is one of the most effective means for promoting structural reform and revitalizing the Japanese economy. FDI can introduce new technologies and innovative managerial know-how, provide so-called 'risk money', and secure employment opportunities. However, currently FDI into Japan remains at an extremely low level in comparison with other countries.

Thus, the Government of Japan has decided to take measures to make Japan an attractive investment destination for foreign firms, with a view to doubling the cumulative amount of inward FDI within the next five years.

To this end, the Government of Japan will steadily implement 74 concrete measures under the following five categories, based on the Japan Investment Council Expert Committee Report and the 'Program for the Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment into Japan'.

(1) Review administrative processes (clearer, simpler and faster)

Establish a single point of contact in each relevant ministry, etc.

(2) Improve the business environment

Facilitate cross-border M&A, etc.

(3) Create favorable employment and living environments

Enlarge entry requirements for engineers and researchers, assist foreign students finding jobs, etc.

(4) Improve local and national structures and systems

Assist autonomous efforts by local governments to attract FDI, examine utilization of the special zones for structural reform system, etc.

(5) Disseminate information on these efforts and investment opportunities in Japan both domestically and internationally

Also, the Expert Committee will monitor the progress in implementing the 'Program for the Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment into Japan' with close cooperation from the relevant

ministries and agencies. When further measures are needed, the committee will carry out additional study and intend to improve the program. Based on this, the Government of Japan will effectively implement the measures.

The Government of Japan will widely publicize these measures to foreign investors promote investment into Japan and support their investments through these measures.