

Follow-Up of the Program for Acceleration of Foreign Direct Investment in Japan (As of October, 2008)

Measures	Measures that Should Be or Will Be Taken	Related Ministries and Agencies	Summary of Progress (as of October 1, 2008)	Summary of Measures to Be Taken in the Future
1. Economic Growth and Improvement of Living Standards in Regions				
No.1	<p>○ The Central Government and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) will make an effort to grasp needs or desires of foreign enterprises, foreign-owned enterprises already having bases in Japan and regions through cooperation with local governments and the utilization of networks with private financial institutions, advisory organizations, etc., or through the utilization of knowledge of private persons about financing, sales, marketing, etc., and offer seamless assistance from identification and establishment of enterprises and business expansion in collaboration with the Industrial Cluster Program, measures related to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and efforts related to special zones and regional revival.</p>	Cabinet Secretariat, METI(Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry), and JETRO	<p>(Cabinet Secretariat) Assistance has been given to regional efforts to promote direct investment in Japan, through the acceptance of proposals under the special measure concerning regulations applicable to special zones for structural reform (five times,) the acceptance of proposals under the support measure for regional revival (three times,) the acceptance of requests for deregulation on a nationwide basis (five times,) the approval of a plan for special zone for structural reform (seven times,) and the approval of a regional revival plan (eight times) since fiscal 2006.</p> <p>(METI and JETRO) - To enable a seamless coordination from the identification of project of a foreign enterprise to the provision of services after their participation in the Japanese market, the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO) has been implemented since fiscal 2005. In fiscal 2007, assistance has been given to 17 regions according to the annual quota. As a result, approximately 550 foreign enterprises have been attracted and assistance has been made to the establishment of approximately 110 such enterprises during the period from April 2005 to the end of September 2008. - Under the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO) in fiscal 2008, assistance was given to the exhibition by foreign enterprises interested in direct investment in Japan by establishing a foreign enterprise exhibition zone at the “JAIMA Show 2008” (Chiba City) in September 2008. Activities to introduce foreign</p>	<p>(Cabinet Secretariat) Measures concerning special zone and regional revival will be continued to further promote direct investment in Japan.</p> <p>(METI and JETRO) - Under the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO) in fiscal 2008, a foreign enterprise exhibition zone will be established at five domestic exhibitions* to give assistance to foreign enterprises interested in direct investment in Japan. * 1) “Eco Techno 2008” (held in October in Kita Kyushu City); 2) “Eco Clean Car Fair” (held in November in Nagoya City); 3) “Business EXPO Hokkaido Technical Information & Business Exchange Fair 2008” (held in November in Sapporo City); 4) “Tokyo Metropolitan Industry Fair 2008” (held in November in Tokyo); and 5) “SEMICON Japan” (held in December in Chiba City) - A workshop, where foreign-owned enterprises already having bases in Japan explain to persons in charge of attraction of foreign enterprises at local governments about their business expansion</p>

		<p>enterprises to local enterprises were made in collaboration with local governments, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foreign enterprises were invited, in collaboration with a local government, to the “Regional Conference 2007 on Direct Investment in Japan and the Greater Nagoya Initiative Symposium” (cosponsored by the Greater Nagoya Cluster Forum 2007) held in Nagoya in January 2007 by utilizing the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO). At this occasion, such foreign enterprises had business exchange with local enterprise exhibiting at the forum and other attendants. - In September 2007, attractive points of Japan and Kansai District were introduced at the “9th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention” held in both Kobe City and Osaka City, as part of the “Invest Japan” (Cabinet Secretariat) and the “Visit Japan Campaign” (Kinki District Transport Bureau) as two-way projects. At this occasion, the “Joint Symposium for Invest Japan and Visit Japan,” which is a two-way project to further expand direct investment in Japan and increase the number of foreign tourists visiting Japan, was implemented. <p>about their business expansion plans in Japan, was held</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A workshop, where foreign-owned enterprises already having bases in Japan explain to persons in charge of attraction of foreign enterprises at local governments (in October 2007, and February and June 2008.) - As for collaboration with the Industrial Cluster Program, a measure to allow persons involved in the Industrial Cluster Program to attend as observers a meeting where projects are adopted for the “Regional Industry Tie-UP Program (RIT Program)” implemented by JETRO to support exchanges between local and overseas industries was taken. Under the RIT Program for fiscal 2007, promotion and core organizations as the center of the Industrial Cluster Program, which account for approximately half of 20 projects in total, were adopted. - Under the “Kansai Front Runner Project” as one of the projects of the Industrial Cluster Program, a Permanent 	<p>plans in Japan, will be held (in October 2008.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance under the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO) will be continued in the future in collaboration with related measures under the “Special Zone/Regional Revival Plans” (Cabinet Secretariat,) the “Region Support Program” implemented by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC,) the Act on the Promotion of Establishment of Enterprises, the Industrial Cluster Program, and SME-related measures. - A measure will be taken to enhance coordination with overseas industrial clusters by utilizing the “Regional Industry Tie-UP Program (RIT Program)” implemented by JETRO to support exchanges between local and overseas industries. - In October 2008, a Business Matching with large enterprises and a forum will be held, and dispatch of information using the Permanent Matching System (the Information Home Appliances Business Partner) will be made.
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No.2	<p>○ To further promote local revitalization by utilizing know-hows of foreign enterprises through the formation by the JETRO of a broad-based information exchange network including foreign countries in order to support the realization of new businesses using local resources by private organizations, such as SMEs in regions</p>	METI and JETRO	<p>(METI and JETRO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To enable a seamless coordination from the identification of project of a foreign enterprise to the provision of services after their participation in the Japanese market, the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO) has been implemented since fiscal 2005. In fiscal 2007, assistance has been given to 17 regions according to the annual quota. As a result, approximately 550 foreign enterprises have been attracted and assistance has been made to the establishment of approximately 110 such enterprises during the period from April 2005 to the end of September 2008. (ibid) - Under the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO) in fiscal 2008, assistance was given to the exhibition by foreign enterprises interested in direct investment in Japan by establishing a foreign enterprise exhibition zone at the “JAIMA Show 2008” (Chiba City) in September 2008. Activities to introduce foreign enterprises to local enterprises were made in collaboration with local governments, etc. (ibid) - Foreign enterprises were invited, in collaboration with a local government, to the “Regional Conference 2007 on Direct Investment in Japan and the Greater Nagoya 	<p>(METI and JETRO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance under the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” will be continued to further activate regional conditions in the future in collaboration with related measures and by utilizing know-how of foreign enterprises.

			<p>Initiative Symposium” (cosponsored by the Greater Nagoya Cluster Forum 2007) held in Nagoya in January 2007 by utilizing the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO). At this occasion, such foreign enterprises had business exchange with local enterprise exhibiting at the forum and other attendants. (ibid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In September 2007, attractive points of Japan and Kansai District were introduced at the “9th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention” held in both Kobe City and Osaka City, as part of the “Invest Japan” (Cabinet Secretariat) and the “Visit Japan Campaign” (Kinki District Transport Bureau) as two-way projects. At this occasion, the “Joint Symposium for Invest Japan and Visit Japan,” which is a two-way project to further expand direct investment in Japan and increase the number of foreign tourists visiting Japan, was implemented. (ibid) - A workshop, where foreign-owned enterprises already having bases in Japan explain to persons in charge of attraction of foreign enterprises at local governments about their business expansion plans in Japan, was held (in October 2007, and February and June 2008.) (ibid) - The Regional Industry Tie-UP Program (RIT Program) which has enhanced collaboration with the Industrial Cluster Program has been implemented since fiscal 2007. For the RIT Program, a measure to enhance the information exchange through the collaboration with the Industrial Cluster Program was taken by allowing persons involved in the Industrial Cluster Program to attend as observers a meeting where projects are adopted. 	
No.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To accumulate local investment-related information (information concerning industrial accumulation, professional persons, enterprises, infrastructure, etc. in each region) and create a Website for investors that will build up information depending on the needs of 	METI and JETRO	<p>(METI and JETRO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Navigation System for Supporting Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan has been established on the Website of JETRO since October 2006. The navigation system provides foreign enterprises with information concerning specific industries to which selected local governments strongly desire to attract foreign enterprises, the conditions of agglomeration of such industries and R&D institutions, regional 	<p>(METI and JETRO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An effort will be continued to improve the convenience of users. For the Navigation System for Supporting Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan (in Japanese and English,) its design will be changed, and the basic information site in Germany, French, Chinese (both original and simplified forms) and Korean will be established in December 2008.

	<p>investors In the case of a willing local government, it is desirable to conduct these activities through broad-based collaboration under the leadership of the head in order to realize the efficient and effective dispatch of information.</p>		<p>infrastructure, attractive incentives, investment professionals, and foreign enterprises already having bases in Japan. - In fiscal 2007, a system was established in the Navigation System for Supporting Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan. Under the system, persons in charge of attraction of foreign investment at local governments and experts in respective industries are registered with photos as “investment information concierge” or guide for investment-related information. The investment information concierge works as a unitary desk to receive questions from, and dispatch answers to, foreign enterprises. In addition, the FAQs (summary of questions made to local governments) were prepared. Furthermore, a corner where “information on potential partner enterprises in Japan” is provided is also established.</p>	<p>- During fiscal 2008, assistance will be given to the wide-area collaboration activities of local governments in joint exhibition at the fairs held overseas under the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO).* * 1) Bio-Technica 2008 (Germany, October, Kansai Bio Bridge); 2) the 23rd International Fair of Electronic Parts, Components, Systems and Applications (Germany, November, Greater Nagoya Initiative); and 3) International Fancy Food and Confection Show NAAFT Winter 2009 (U.S.A., January, Saitama/Shizuoka Group)</p>
No.4	<p>○ To help create research and education institutions with international competitiveness, prioritized investment based on the competitive principle will be further promoted for such organizations that aim at becoming world’s top ranking research and education institutions. The objective of this prioritized investment is to help create approximately 30 research institutions of the world’s top ranking.</p>	<p>Cabinet Office, and MEXT(Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)</p>	<p>(Cabinet Office) At the meeting of the Council for Science and Technology Policy held in December 2006, executive members reported on the basic concept of development of world’s top ranking research institutes in consideration of the “3rd Science and Technology Basic Plan,” the “Integrated Strategy for Innovation Creation,” etc. (“About the Development of World Premier International Research Center”). At the meeting of the Council for Science and Technology Policy held in November 2007, executive members reported on measures to improve international competitiveness of research activities made by universities in Japan, including those to promote international virtuous circulation of excellent personnel and to create an internationally attractive research environment or infrastructure. (“Reform of Research Systems of Universities and Graduate Schools: For Improving International Competitiveness of Research Activities”) (MEXT) - Under the “21st Century COE Program” that has been implemented since fiscal 2002 (fiscal 2008 budget: 3.9 billion yen), assistance for the development of world’s</p>	<p>(Cabinet Office) As for the “World Premier International Research Center Initiative,” MEXT selected five research institutes in fiscal 2007, and started this program. The Council for Science and Technology Policy has been following up the program (MEXT) - Under the “21st Century COE Program” (fiscal 2008 budget: 3.9 billion yen), continued assistance will be given to the centers selected in</p>

			<p>top ranking research and education centers has been predominantly given to a certain number of state, prefectural and private universities based on the third party assessment in respect for the competitive principle. In addition, the “Global COE Program” (fiscal 2008 budget: 34.0 billion yen) has been newly implemented since fiscal 2007 in consideration of the favorable results of the “21st Century COE Program.” Under the “Global COE Program,” assistance for the development of internationally prominent education and research centers has been predominantly given to 63 centers in fiscal 2007 and 68 centers in fiscal 2008.</p> <p>- MEXT started the “World Premier International Research Center Initiative (the WPI Program)” in fiscal 2007, and selected five centers based on the invitation of applications.</p>	<p>fiscal 2004. Under the “Global COE Program” (fiscal 2008 budget: 34.0 billion yen, fiscal 2009 budget request: 34.5 billion yen,) continued assistance will be given to the centers selected in fiscal 2007, and assistance will be given to 68 centers to be newly selected.</p> <p>- In fiscal 2008, under the “World Premier International Research Center Initiative (the WPI Program)” (fiscal 2009 budget request: 7.1 billion yen,) assistance will be given to enhance activities of the five centers that have been already selected and started activities.</p> <p>Under these programs, assistance will be continued to help develop internationally prominent centers.</p>
No.5	<p>○ To realize local revitalization by creating an environment in which unique, autonomous and independent efforts are promoted in localities based on the Basic Policy for Local Regeneration</p>	<p>Cabinet Office, MEXT, and Related Ministries</p>	<p>(Cabinet Secretariat)</p> <p>The number of local revitalization projects utilizing support measures for promoting local revitalization reached 1,063.</p>	<p>(Cabinet Secretariat)</p> <p>Local revitalization will be promoted in the future too by creating an environment in which unique, autonomous and independent efforts are promoted in localities based on the Basic Policy for Local Regeneration.</p>
			<p>(MEXT)</p> <p>As of October 1, 2008, approximately 80 industry-government-academia collaboration coordinators have been assigned to universities, etc. These coordinators function as mediator for transfer of knowledge, research results, etc. from universities, etc. to industries and local communities.</p>	<p>(MEXT)</p> <p>Under the “Industry-Government-Academia Strategic Collaboration Program (the Coordinate Program)” that had begun in fiscal 2008, industry-government-academia collaboration coordinators will be assigned to universities, etc. in the future too.</p>
No.6	<p>○ To promote closer ties between domestic and overseas industrial clusters by utilizing diplomatic routes and the JETRO and by enhancing government-to-government (G-to-G) exchanges and international exchanges in the private sector</p> <p>In addition, efforts will be made to enhance cooperation in the fields of business tie-ups,</p>	<p>MOFA(Ministry of Foreign Affairs), METI and JETRO</p>	<p>(METI)</p> <p>- Japan and France have mutually exchanged information on contact points for industrial clusters and dispatched a mission including professionals on bio technology and nanotechnology to the other country (the Japanese mission visited France in March 2006, and the French mission visited Japan in May 2006.)</p> <p>- At the end of September 2006, the Kansai Bio Mission consisting of those members of industry, government and academia who activate bio clusters in Kansai District visited Cambridge, which is the largest place of agglomeration of bio enterprises in Europe, and actively</p>	<p>(METI)</p> <p>- A Japan-U.S. Investment Promotion Seminar will be held in Shizuoka in October 2008 (the venues is not finalized yet.)</p> <p>- An Investment Japan Symposium will be held in Chicago in October 2008, in London in November 2008 and in Paris in December 2008.</p> <p>- At the National Cluster Forum and the Advanced Technology Fair held in December 2008, information on overseas clusters will be introduced. In the current fiscal year, both Japan and the European Commission will separately</p>

	development of joint research and bilateral investment.		<p>exchanged information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Investment Japan Symposium was held in London in September 2006, and in Singapore and Sao Francisco in November 2006. An Investment Japan Symposium was held in Gyeonggi-do, Korea, in June 2007, in Washington, D.C. and Miami in October 2007, and in Düsseldorf in November 2007. - A Japan-U.S. Investment Promotion Seminar as part of the U.S.-Japan Investment Initiative was held in Sendai and Yokohama in October 2006. A U.S.-Japan Bilateral Investment Seminar was held in Osaka in September 2007. - It was decided to conduct activities to attract foreign enterprises in collaboration with domestic and overseas industrial clusters as part of the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO. Therefore, the “Joint Event for the Tokai District Cluster Forum & the GNI Foreign Enterprise Attraction Project” was held in Nagoya in January 2007. - In July 2008, the “2008 Report on the U.S.-Japan Investment Initiative” was issued. - At the National Cluster Forum and the Advanced Technology Fair held in Tokyo in November 2007 in collaboration with the MEXT’s Knowledge Cluster Initiative (the First Stage,) information on overseas clusters was introduced. 	<p>hold a regional cluster forum at the same time in order to enhance collaboration between clusters in Japan and those in EU. At these occasions, a Business Matching will be held.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During fiscal 2008, assistance will be given to the wide-area collaboration activities of local governments in joint exhibition at the fairs held overseas under the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO).* <p>* 1) Bio-Technica 2008 (Germany, October, Kansai Bio Bridge); 2) the 23rd International Fair of Electronic Parts, Components, Systems and Applications (Germany, November, Greater Nagoya Initiative); and 3) International Fancy Food and Confection Show NAAFT Winter 2009 (U.S.A., January, Saitama/Shizuoka Group) (ibid)</p>
No.7	○ To realize “10 million foreign tourists by 2010” through steady implementation of the Visit Japan Campaign, etc., and aim at achieving a “Tourism Giant Open to the World”	MLIT(Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism)	(MLIT) To attain the target of increasing the number of foreign tourist visiting Japan to 10 million by 2010, information on attractiveness of tourism in Japan will be dispatched overseas and the Visit Japan Campaign which promotes the development of attractive tourism products, etc. will be implemented jointly by government and private sectors.	(MLIT) In fiscal 2008, in order to improve satisfaction of foreign tourists visiting Japan, increase the number of repeaters and further activate international tourism, efforts to introduce attractiveness of Japan to foreign tourists and to improve the convenience of tourists through the introduction of commonly usable IC cards will be made as part of the Visit Japan Campaign. At the same time, the holding of international conferences in Japan will be encouraged. The Japan Tourism Agency was inaugurated on October 1, 2008. This is one of the efforts to

				enhance the system to strongly promote the Visit Japan Campaign, etc. in collaboration with related ministries and agencies and private enterprises, etc.
No.8	○ To promote the special zone system in order to increase direct investment in Japan, for example, the application of packaged exceptions to regulations on direct investment in Japan on condition that local governments will be actively involved in the system, in consideration of local proposals, etc. made by the Local Government Forum for Promoting Foreign Direct Investment in Japan	Cabinet Secretariat	(Cabinet Secretariat) - In response to the 9th proposals, etc. related to special zones for structural reform, including proposals made by regions such as the Local Government Forum for Promoting Foreign Direct Investment in Japan, the Central Government decided on the necessary measures for promoting investment in Japan, including immigration inspection procedure for highly intelligent persons, (September 15, 2006 decision by the Headquarters for Promoting Special Zones for Structural Reform.) - With an aim of reviewing the Structural Reform Special Zone System and further promoting deregulations, an Evaluation/Inspection Committee has been created and the revised act enhancing activities to improve regional originality and ingenuity was enforced in March 2007.	(Cabinet Secretariat) In response to proposals made by the Local Government Forum for Promoting Foreign Direct Investment in Japan, etc., exceptions to regulations related to direct investment in Japan will be implemented in the future too under the Structural Reform Special Zone System.
No.9	○ To promote revitalization of local economy by encouraging foreign-owned enterprises already having bases in Japan to further enhance local business operations by making reinvestment or secondary investments (New)	JETRO	(JETRO) - Consultation for encouraging foreign-affiliated enterprises to conduct reinvestment or secondary investment, or identification of related projects, have been implemented by utilizing knowledge of advisors with work experience in the private sector who are familiar with medical care/welfare, IT and auto industry. - A workshop, where foreign-owned enterprises already having bases in Japan explain to persons in charge of attraction of foreign enterprises at local governments about their business expansion plans in Japan, was held (in October 2007, and February and June 2008.)	(JETRO) Since the business expansion of foreign-affiliated enterprises in Japan is expected to cause a ripple effect on regional economies, activities to encourage reinvestment or secondary investment will be continued.
2 Improvement of the Investment Environment to Tide Japanese Enterprises Over International Competition				
A Improvement of the Business Environment for Enterprises				
A-1) To help enterprises utilize management resources more effectively, business environment will be broadly improved through the facilitation of reorganization or organizational changes, such as M&As and through the improvement of infrastructure including recruitment of personnel, movement of personnel and distribution of goods, smooth transfer of funds and technology.				
① (Improvement of Flexibility for Reorganization and Organizational Forms)				
No.10	○ To implement the measure	MOJ(Ministry of	(MOJ and METI)	

	related to the “deregulation of compensation for merger costs, etc.” under the Companies Act by the summer of 2007 without fail, and to draw a conclusion for the related tax measures after a study will be made in full consideration of appropriateness and impartiality of taxation and the avoidance of tax evasion before such measures will be implemented If necessary, related laws will be examined so that reorganizations may be smoothly implemented.	Justice), MOF(Ministry of Finance), (METI), and Related Ministries	The provisions concerning “deregulation of compensation for merger costs, etc.” in the Companies Act were enforced on May 1, 2007. At the same time, a part of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act was revised to expand the scope of obligation to disclose the nonsurviving company, etc. as a result of M&A in advance. In the case that stocks (limited to those for which transfer is not restricted) of a foreign enterprise are used to pay compensation for merger costs, etc., the same conditions for resolution will apply to this case as those applicable to the case that stocks of a Japanese company are used. (MOF and METI) Measures, including tax-deferral, were taken for so-called triangular merger, etc. which became possible on or after May 1, 2007.	
No.11	○ Ascertain the actual status of utilization of the limited liability company (LLC) system and limited liability partnership (LLP) system.	METI	(METI) The result from the surveying of the result status of registration for LLP and application to LLP and the result was published in 2008 May.	(METI) As soon as organizing the result from data for the survey of the status of LLP in 2008 is organized/researched in the end of 2008, the result is going to will be published.
No.12	○ With an aim of supervising the conditions how corporate governance is implemented and making a ruling on corporate governance, the market supervisory body will make an effort to improve the transparency and reliability of enterprises through enhanced disclosure by listed enterprises, such as review of the takeover bid (TOB) regulations and the system of reporting on large shareholders, introduction of the quarterly reporting system, and enhancement of internal control over financial statements, etc.	FSA(Financial Services Agency)	(FSA) - The provisions concerning ‘review of the tender offer system, etc. and the system of reporting on large shareholders’ in the Act to Revise a Part of the Securities and Exchange Act were enforced on December 13, 2006 (provided, however, that the provision concerning review of deadline, etc. of an exceptional report under the system of reporting on large shareholders, and the provision concerning the obligatory electronic submission of reports on large shareholders, were enforced on January 1, 2007 and April 1, 2007, respectively.) - On February 15, 2007, the “On the Setting of the Standards and Practice Standards for Management Assessment and Audit concerning Internal Control Over Financial Reporting(Council Opinions)” was issued. - On March 27, 2007, the “Proposal on the	

			Establishment of Quarterly Review Standards” was issued. - The provisions concerning the ‘introduction of the internal control reporting system and the quarterly reporting system’ in the Act to Revise a Part of the Securities and Exchange Act were enforced from the fiscal year starting on or after April 1, 2008.	
No.13	○ To encourage institutional investors to disclose how their voting rights were exercised in order to enhance fiduciary responsibility	FSA, and Related Ministries	(FSA) The Investment Trusts Association was encouraged to publicize the results of exercise of voting rights by proxies of its members. As a result, the association decided to publicize the result of survey on exercise of voting rights once a year in and after October 2006.	(FSA) The Investment Trusts Association will continue to disclose the results of exercise of voting rights in the future.
			(Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)) Every year, Government Pension Investment Fund sums up and discloses the results of exercise of voting rights by fiduciary institutions in its annual business report. The results of exercise of voting rights by fiduciary institutions in fiscal 2007 were reported on July 4, 2008.	(MHLW) The disclosure of the results of exercise of voting rights will be continued in the future.
No.14	○ Publicity about the report on “Takeover Defense Measures in Light of Recent Environmental Changes”(New)	METI, MOJ and FSA	(METI, MOJ and FSA) After the guidelines for takeover defense measures were published in 2005, companies in Japan actually had adopted takeover defence measures so far (as of the end of June in 2008, approximately 570 companies had adopted these measures). In recent years, cases where disputes over takeover defense measures led to judicial decisions have also appeared. In consideration of these current situations, the Corporate Value Study Group chaired by Prof. Hideki Kanda of the University of Tokyo Graduate School submitted a report on “Takeover Defense Measures in Light of Recent Environmental Changes” at the end of June in 2008.	(METI, MOJ and FSA) Publicity about the report on “Takeover Defense Measures in Light of Recent Environmental Changes” submitted by the Corporate Value Study Group.
② (Personnel Development)				
No.15	○In order to acquire creative personnel, broad-based introduction of the system of restricted term of office, recruitment of researchers in an open manner, including applications open to the public,	MEXT	(MEXT) Since fiscal 2006, 9 institutions of universities, etc. have implemented the “Project to Promote the Creation of an Environment in Which Independent Young Researchers Can Make a Study,” which encourages the introduction of a system in which independent researchers accumulate experience under the condition of restricted	(MEXT) In fiscal 2009, the project will be continued to help develop creative researchers.

	and enhanced exchange of highly intelligent persons through the promotion of personnel exchanges among industry, government and academia will be made.		term of office and acquire a secured job after having passed a strict examination. In fiscal 2007, 12 institutions implemented the project. In fiscal 2008, 9 institutions implement the project covering 30 themes.	
No.16	<p>○ To develop those personnel with expertise, linguistic skill in English required in the international community and capabilities of presentation, planning and management who can work in the international business scene</p> <p>From this viewpoint, English education at elementary and junior high schools will be enhanced, and exchanges with international students will be promoted.</p>	MOFA and MEXT	(MOFA) Diplomatic establishments abroad conducted publicity activities and invited and screened applicants, on behalf of MOFA, under the JET Program to attract foreign young persons as language instructor, etc. to Japan.	(MOFA) With an aim of developing persons with international mind, diplomatic establishments abroad will continue proactive publicity activities and screening of excellent young persons participating in the JET Program.
			(MEXT) - 88 and 66 teachers participated in the overseas training in fiscals 2006 and 2007, respectively. - With an aim of promoting exchanges, including studying abroad by high school students, financial assistances were given to the organizations sponsoring the exchange of high school students studying abroad.	(MEXT) - Overseas training will be continued to help improve the leadership ability of English-language teachers and the language teaching system. - Exchanges, including studying abroad by high school students, will be continued to help develop persons with international mind through enhanced cross-cultural experience
No.17	<p>○ Efforts will be further strengthened to develop those personnel who are familiar with both business administration and technology and can be an immediate asset to enterprises, or personnel with linguistic skill. For this purpose, support will be given to excellent educational programs of specialized graduate schools, etc. in order to enhance education in the fields of “management of technology (MOT)” and “business.” The creation or reorganization of faculties and/or departments in a flexible manner will be promoted so that higher education that can meet the needs of the industrial</p>	MEXT and METI	(MEXT) - Under the “Program to Promote Education to Develop High-Level Professionals at Specialized Graduate Schools, etc.,” assistance was given to selected efforts after having screened efforts to improve education methods, etc. at specialized graduate schools, etc. in the sectors of ‘business’ and ‘management of technology (MOT)’ in collaboration with the industrial circles, etc. - In fiscal 2006, 73 universities, 45 junior colleges, 18 technical colleges and 2 law schools underwent a certification examination. In fiscal 2007, 130 universities, 55 junior colleges, 20 technical colleges and 22 law schools underwent a certification examination. In fiscal 2008, a certification examination is underway for 114 universities, 64 junior colleges, 2 technical colleges and 44 law schools, 14 specialized graduate schools for business administration, 5 specialized graduate schools for accounting, and 1 specialized graduate school for obstetrics. In fiscal	(MEXT) - Assistance to the screening mentioned in the left column will be continued. - To ensure the quality of higher education, a system will be improved so that all universities, etc. can undergo a certification examination at regular intervals specified by the laws and regulations.* * At intervals of five years or less in the case of specialized graduate schools. At intervals of seven years or less in the case of others.

	<p>circles and the international community and contribute to local communities as bases of knowledge, and the certification examination system will be steadily implemented to guarantee the quality of universities, etc. that provide these educations.</p>		<p>2007, two bodies were approved as certification examination body for specialized graduate schools for business administration and accounting. In April 2008, another two bodies were approved as certification examination body for specialized graduate schools for business administration and obstetrics. As a result, the total number of specialized graduate schools to conduct a certification examination for specialized graduate schools (including business schools) stands at six at present.</p>	
			<p>(METI) - The “Project to Accelerate the Introduction of the MOT Personnel Development Program,” which aims at developing MOT personnel who is familiar with both business administration and technology and can work as immediate asset to an enterprise, was implemented (in fiscals 2002 through 2006.) Under the project, activities to develop, demonstrate and diffuse educational programs were made, and the methods to evaluate and approve these programs were examined in order to secure the certain level of quality. The project achieved a measure of success: the importance and awareness of MOT has improved and many personnel development programs have been developed. (MOT program: 4,000 persons/year, in-house training: 6,000 persons/year) - In fiscal 2007, activities to evaluate MOT programs were made based on the MOT Education Guidelines. These activities worked as preparations for establishing a system to secure the certain level of quality for these programs.</p>	<p>(METI) In order to assess how MOT education programs are utilized, a survey on the current conditions of persons who have completed the course of these programs will be conducted.</p>
<p>③ (Increase in the Number of Overseas Personnel Accepted)</p>				
<p>No.18</p>	<p>○ To actively accept excellent foreign personnel such as students and researchers from various countries, including Asian countries, by enhancing R&D infrastructure, improving measures for accepting overseas students (for example, scholarship), helping overseas students finding employment in</p>	<p>MOJ, MOFA, MEXT, MHLW, METI and MLIT</p>	<p>(MOFA) Proactive publicity and provision of information on attractiveness of studying in Japan were made through the Website titled “Study in Japan: Comprehensive Guide” (since March 2002), assistance to the implementation of explanatory meetings for studying in Japan. On behalf of MOFA, diplomatic establishments abroad invited applications from, and conducted screening for, candidates for Japanese government scholarship students .</p>	<p>(MOFA) An effort will be continued to identify excellent foreign personnel through proactive publicity, while a priority is placed not only on the ‘number’ but also on the ‘quality’ of students studying in Japan.</p>

<p>Japan, and improving an environment for international students at universities, etc., and to improve the current environment so that they can meet with Japanese excellent personnel to create a new fusion. To improve R&D and education institutions with international competitiveness and promote innovative R&D activities by inviting foreign enterprises and overseas R&D institutions to set up bases in Japan and by attracting foreign personnel to work in Japan.</p>		<p>(MEXT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since fiscal 2005, the “Project to Enhance the Universities’ International Strategy Headquarters,” which establishes an organization representing all universities depending on their characteristics, establishes an international strategy for such universities, supports organized international activities by such universities, and develops an excellent international strategy model, has been implemented. In fiscal 2008, expenses needed to respond to diplomatic requests, etc. made for the system for accepting international students studying in Japan at the expense of Japanese government (especially excellent international students are accepted and scholarship, etc. are granted to them) were appropriated in the budget. - With the aim of strategically enhancing the short-term studying in Japan assistance system, the “Short-Term Student Exchange Promotion Program” of Japan Student Services Organization will be abolished, and instead the “International Student Scholarship for Short-Term Study in Japan” will be newly established. - Expense for the Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students, which is granted to excellent privately financed international students, was appropriated in the budget. The budgeted amount covers the expense for creating a system in which applicants are screened by an examination before studying in Japan and the expense of honors scholarship for 12,100 students. - The “300000 International Students Action Plan,” which aims at increasing the number of international students to 300,000 around fiscal 2020, is considered as a part of the “Global Strategy” which makes Japan a country open to the world and expands flows of persons, goods, money and information between Japan and Asia or theWorld. On July 29, 2008, MEXT and other related ministries (MOFA, MOJ, MHLW, METI and MLIT) established the outline of the plan, and submitted it to a ministerial conference after the Cabinet meeting held on the same day. - Under the Foreign Special Researcher Project, 	<p>(MOJ, MOFA, MEXT, MHLW, METI and MLIT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To attain the target of the “300000 International Students Action Plan,” international student-related measures will be enhanced and intellectual contribution to various countries will be made. At the same time, a strategic effort to attract excellent international students will be made by paying due attention to countries, regions and study fields. For these purposes, systematic measures ranging from those for acceptance of international students to those for graduating students will be taken in collaboration with related ministries and agencies: 1) seamless provision of information in foreign countries and assistance; 2) promotion of internationalization of universities (30 Global Universities); and 3) the improvement of an environment in which international students are accepted and the enhancement of assistance for them in finding jobs.
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			<p>excellent young researchers from various countries are accepted by universities, etc. in Japan and engaged in joint researches, etc. This project contributes to the promotion of internationalization of Japan's research environment and the development of researches in their countries. (Actual number of accepted researchers: 1,962 in fiscal 2006 and 1,818 in fiscal 2007)</p>	
			<p>(METI and MEXT) - Under the "Career Development Program for Foreign Students from Asia," excellent foreign students from Asia, etc. who is willing to find a job at Japanese enterprises were attracted to Japan, and a packaged assistance consisting of professional education programs developed jointly by industry and government, training on business Japanese, training on doing business in Japan, internship programs and assistance to finding a job was given to them in order to help develop foreign persons who can work in the Japanese industry and further increase the number of such excellent students. In fiscal 2008, 21 consortiums (23 universities) were selected to implement the Program to Develop Highly Specialized Foreign Students (this is a program mainly implemented by universities), and foreign students who participate in this program were accepted as international students studying in Japan at the expense of the Japanese government. In the same fiscal year, 9 organizations (one organization for each of the nine regions across the country) were selected to implement the Program to Develop Highly Professional Foreign Students (this is a program mainly implemented by an enterprise in each region.) Approximately 1, 300 foreign students, including international students studying in Japan at the expense of the Japanese government, will participate in these programs. (Budget for fiscal 2008: 3.26 billion yen (continued))</p>	<p>(METI and MEXT) - Efforts mentioned in the left column will be continued. (Budget request for fiscal 2009: 3.6 billion yen (continued))</p>

			<p>(METI) Since fiscal 2007, the “Knowledge Fusion Assistance (Intellectual Cafe) Program” has been implemented to offer an ‘opportunity’ for domestic and overseas excellent personnel to meet and create a new fusion. Under this program, an effort was made to broadly enlighten the importance of fusion of knowledge of different fields. As part of enlightening activities, the “First Intellectual Cafe International Symposium” was held in Tokyo in November 2007 under the cosponsorship with the Organization for Economic-Co-operation and Development (OECD). (Budget for fiscal 2007: 50 million yen (continued))</p>	<p>(METI) In order to continue activities to enlighten the importance of fusion of knowledge of different fields, the “Second Intellectual Cafe International Symposium” will be held in November 2008 under the cosponsorship with the OECD.</p>
			<p>(MHLW) Employment Service Centers for Foreigners, etc. assisted international students in finding a job in Japan by giving them job consultation, job placement services, etc. Through the enhanced collaboration with universities, an internship program and job guidance were provided to international students even when they were first-year or second-year students. Furthermore, efforts were made to assist international students in finding a job in Japan: for example, Employment Service Centers for Foreigners, etc. actively provided job placement services to international students in collaboration with centers for Japanese students.</p>	<p>(MHLW) It will be necessary to improve the functions of Employment Service Centers for Foreigners and thereby assist international students and highly intelligent persons in finding a job in Japan through active job placement services to them. To attain these objectives, however, it is necessary to reform the attitude of enterprises in employing foreign persons and their labor management in response to the needs of the age of globalization. Therefore, a study on appropriate labor management, etc. will be made by members from industry, government and academia, and the results thereof will be widely diffused. In addition, business owners will be encouraged to follow the Guideline of Employment of Foreign Workers established under the Employment Measures Act.</p>
No.19	<p>○ To increase the number of highly intelligent personnel accepted, including excellent foreign researchers and engineers, and to make a study on the acceptance of personnel in those fields that are not considered as professional or technical at present while paying attention to problems involved</p>	<p>MOJ, and Related Ministries</p>	<p>(MOJ) As for the acceptance of highly-skilled foreign workers such as excellent foreign researchers, engineers, etc., the Law for partial Amendment of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Act No.43 of May 24, 2006), which was passed and enacted at the 164th session of the Diet, stipulated the following activities on a nationwide basis under the status of residence of “Designated Activities” ; designated research activities, designated (information processing</p>	<p>(MOJ) The acceptance of highly-skilled foreign workers i, including excellent foreign researchers and engineers, will be expanded. In addition, a study on the acceptance of foreign workers in the fields that are not currently considered as professional or technical will be made by paying attention to problems involved.</p>

			<p>activities, foreign professor's educational activities, etc., which were implemented as preferential measures for the status of residence under the Law on the Special Zones for Structural Reform. (These provisions were enforced on November 24, 2006.)</p>	
			<p>(MEXT) - Since fiscal 2005, the "Project to Enhance the Universities' International Strategy Headquarters," which establishes an organization representing all universities depending on their characteristics, establishes an international strategy for such universities, supports organized international activities by such universities, and develops an excellent international strategy model, has been implemented. (ibid) - Under the Foreign Special Researcher Project, excellent young researchers from various countries are accepted by universities, etc. in Japan and engaged in joint research, etc. This project contributed to the promotion of internationalization of Japan's research environment and the development of researches in their countries. (Actual number of accepted researchers: 1,962 in fiscal 2006 and 1,818 in fiscal 2007) (ibid)</p>	<p>(MEXT) The project mentioned in the left column will be continued in order to promote the internationalization of a research environment and the acceptance of excellent foreign researchers.</p>
			<p>(MHLW) Employment Service Centers for Foreigners, etc. assisted international students in finding a job in Japan by giving them job consultation, job placement services, etc. Through the enhanced collaboration with universities, an internship program and job guidance were provided to international students even when they were first-year or second-year students. Furthermore, efforts were made to assist international students in finding a job in Japan: for example, Employment Service Centers for Foreigners, etc. actively provided job placement services to international students in collaboration with centers for Japanese students. (ibid) - On June 22, 2006, a project team on the problems of foreign workers consisting of related Senior Vice-Ministers prepared the "Summary of Approaches to the Acceptance of Foreign Workers."</p>	<p>(MHLW) It will be necessary to improve the functions of Employment Service Centers for Foreigners and thereby assist international students and highly intelligent persons in finding a job in Japan through active job placement services to them. To attain these objectives, however, it is necessary to reform the attitude of enterprises in employing foreign persons and their labor management in response to the needs of the age of globalization. Therefore, a study on appropriate labor management, etc. will be made by members from industry, government and academia, and the results thereof will be widely diffused. In addition, business owners will be encouraged to follow the Guideline of Employment of Foreign Workers established under the Employment Measures Act. (ibid)</p>

④ (Improvement of the Work Environment)				
No.20	○ To give the widest possible publicity to the spirit and contents of the Labor Contract Act that specifies the basic rules of labor contract	MHLW	(MHLW) Based on the discussions made at Working Conditions Committee, Labour Policy Council, the Labor Contract Act, which clarifies the basic rules of labor contracts, was enforced on March 1, 2008.	(MHLW) The spirit and contents of the Labor Contract Act clarifying the basic rules of labor contracts will be widely diffused.
No.21	○ To identify the conditions of implementation of the Defined Contribution Pension Plan, and to study the plan so that it may be more easily practicable	MHLW	(MHLW) Since five years have passed since the enactment of the Defined Contribution Pension Act and the Defined Benefit Corporate Pension Act, the Corporate Pension Study Group was established in October 2006. The Corporate Pension Study Group examined the conditions how corporate pension plans are implemented, and prepared the “Results of Verification of the Situation Regarding the Implementation of Corporate Pension Schemes” in July 2007. Based on these results, a request for FY 2008 tax reform concerning the application of deduction from income to personal contributions under a defined contribution pension plan and other matters was submitted. At the end of 2007, the ruling coalition stated in its Outline of Tax Reform Proposals that this request should be examined in the future. In September 2008, a request for FY 2009 tax reform was made.	(MHLW) If the request for tax reform was accepted by the government, a necessary legislative reform will be made.
No.22	○ To conduct with foreign countries negotiations concerning the conclusion of a social security agreement to avoid dual coverage and totalize periods of coverage under the social security system, including the public pension system in Japan and a foreign country	MOFA and MHLW	(MOFA and MHLW) - The Social Security Agreements have been concluded with seven countries: Germany, the U.K., Korea, the U.S., Belgium, France and Canada. - Japan signed the Social Security Agreement with Australia in February 2007. This agreement was passed at the Diet in June 2007. Preparations are now made for the effectuation of the agreement. - Japan signed the Social Security Agreements with the Netherland and the Czech Republic in February 2008. This agreements were passed at the Diet in June 2008. Preparations are now made for the effectuation of the agreements. - Japan and Spain conducted the third talks and came to general agreement in September 2008. - Japan and Italy conducted the first talks in May 2008.	(MOFA and MHLW) - Japan and each of Australia, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic will conduct preparations to realize the effectuation of the agreement as soon as possible. - Japan and Spain will conduct preparations for signing the agreement. - Japan and Italy will conduct talks on the signing of the agreement. - Japan will conduct working-level talks for the start of the negotiations on the agreement with Ireland, Hungary, Sweden and Switzerland. - Japan and Luxembourg will conduct working-level talks to prepare for the commencement of negotiations on the agreement.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In September 2008, Japan and Ireland conducted the second working-level talks to prepare for the start of negotiations on the agreement. - In February 2008, Japan and Hungary conducted the first working-level talks to prepare for the start of negotiations on the agreement. - In March 2008, Japan and Sweden conducted the first working-level talks to prepare for the start of negotiations on the agreement. - In April 2008, Japan and Switzerland conducted the first working-level talks to prepare for the start of negotiations on the agreement. - Japan and Luxembourg reached agreement on the start of working-level talks to prepare for the commencement of negotiations on an agreement between the two countries. 	
			<p>(MOFA and MHLW) The “Act Concerning Exceptions to the Employees’ Pension Insurance Act in Order to Enforce the Social Security Agreements” was approved by both Houses (the 166th ordinary session of the Diet,) and promulgated on June 27, 2007 and enforced on March 1, 2008. The objective of this Act is to improve the current legal system so that a Social Security Agreement may be concluded with any country in a rapid manner.</p>	<p>(MOFA and MHLW) Unlike before, due to the enforcement of this Act, it becomes unnecessary to enact a law for each Social Security Agreement, and it becomes possible to concurrently conduct talks on the conclusion of the Agreement with many countries. Therefore, an effort will be made to accelerate the conclusion of a Social Security Agreement in the future.</p>
⑤ (Efficiency in Personnel Movement and Physical Distribution)				
No.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To start operation of the Next Generation Single Window as the portal common to the government in 2008 based on the Plan to Streamline Operations and Systems Related to Export/Import and Seaport/Airport Procedures 	MOF, MLIT, MOJ, MHLW, MAFF(Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) and METI	(MOF, MLIT, MOJ, MHLW, MAFF and METI) The “Next Generation Single Window as the portal common to the government” will begin to operate on October 12, 2008 through the coordination among the ministries and agencies handling export/import and seaport/airport procedures.	(MOF, MLIT, MOJ, MHLW, MAFF and METI) The Single Window (common portal) which starts operation on October 12, 2008 will be continuously reviewed.
No.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To conduct works to expand facilities at airports of Narita, Haneda, etc. by fiscal 2009 in order to facilitate international movement of persons and distribution of goods 	MLIT	(MLIT) - At Narita Airport, the work to extend the parallel runway to the north into a 2,500m runway has been conducted since September 2006. The extended runway will come into service at the end of fiscal 2009. As for Haneda Airport, the result of review of a runway	(MLIT) - The work at Narita Airport to extend the parallel runway into a 2,500m runway will be steadily continued. The re-expansion project at Haneda Airport will be steadily continued so that the improved runway will come into service at

	To improve access to airports and connections between international and domestic flights at hub airports in metropolitan areas		<p>improvement work under the re-expansion project was publicized in March 2007 (as a result, the runway will come into service at the end of October 2010.) The work is now enhanced so that the runway may come into service at the end of October 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As for Narita Rapid Rail Access (between Inba-Nihon-Idai station and Narita Airport station,) work is now underway to start operation in fiscal 2010. As for Keikyu Kamata station, work is now underway to improve access to Narita Airport (this work is scheduled to be completed in fiscal 2012.) - With the aim of realizing a seamless transport between Narita and Haneda Airports, research and study will be made to increase access between both airports and access between the center of the Metropolis and each of both airports. 	<p>the end of October 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Narita Rapid Rail Access is expected to start operation in fiscal 2010. The work at Keikyu Kamata station is scheduled to be completed in fiscal 2012. - In fiscal 2009, with the aim of realizing a seamless transport between Narita and Haneda Airports, research and study will be made to increase access between both airports and access between the center of the Metropolis and each of both airports.
No.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To accelerate the internationalization of Haneda Airport and around-the-clock operation of international airports located in metropolitan areas, and to utilize these airports to the maximum (New) 	MLIT and MOFA	<p>(MLIT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In June 2007, the operation of international chartered passenger flights during specified time zones (i.e. departures between 8:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and arrivals between 6 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.) was approved. As a result, Japan Airlines, All Nippon Airways, etc. operated such chartered flights during these time zones. All Nippon Airways and Japan Airlines operate an international chartered passenger flight destined for Hong Kong during these time zones every day. - At Haneda Airport, landing slot during daytime was increased by 10 a day with effect from September 2007 due to the improvement of high speed taxiway, etc. - A charter flight between Haneda Airport and Shanghai Hongqiao Airport started operation in September 2007. - During the period of the Beijing Olympic Games, international chartered flights were operated between Haneda Airport and an airport located in Beijing. At present, talks are underway with China in order to realize a chartered flight between Haneda Airport and Beijing Nanyuan Airport. 	<p>(MLIT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the beginning after new runway, etc. comes into service in 2010, the total number of approximately 80,000 international regular flights will be operated: approximately 30,000 flights during daytime and approximately 30,000 at midnight and in the early morning at Haneda Airport (approximately 60,000 in total); and approximately 20,000 flights at Narita Airport. - For Haneda Airport in and after 2010, demand for domestic flights will be properly met. In addition, in due consideration of an increase in demand for domestic and international flights, the number of such international flights that can exploit the convenience of access of Haneda will be increased during daytime and international flights between Haneda and major airports in the world at midnight and in the early morning will be permitted in order to contribute to the around-the-clock operation of the airports as a whole located in the Metropolitan area.

No.26	○ Improvement and around-the-clock operations of ports will be promoted to enhance their functions as international ports. By fiscal 2010, measures will be taken to reduce port costs and lead time at super hub ports.	MLIT	(MLIT) - Since fiscal 2007, priority works to improve super hub ports have been implemented. Maintenance works were conducted for deep water piers (depth of water: -16m), etc. outside the central breakwater at Tokyo Port, Minami-Honmoku pier at Yokohama Port, etc. - At super hub ports, private business enterprises operating large terminals at other ports too began operations one after another. - Since fiscal 2001, around-the-clock loading and unloading operations have been implemented except on the first day of a year. - In fiscal 2005, facilities in which the government's inspection can be conducted around the clock even during midnight or despite bad weather conditions, including rainfall, were constructed.	(MLIT) With an aim of achieving a reduction in port costs, lead-time, etc. at the super hub ports by fiscal 2010, priority works to improve super hub ports and efforts to improve efficiency at these ports will be continued.
No.27	○ To promote air liberalization (New)	MLIT and MOFA	(MLIT) - In and after August 2008, based on the Asian Gateway Initiative, Japan reached an agreement on air liberalization (except air routes in the Metropolitan area in Japan in which the capacities of airports are restricted) with Korea, Thailand, Macao, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore. - As for local airports, Japan sent to foreign airlines, in November 2007, a notification that they can extend services to these ports on a temporary basis even before the mutual agreement on air liberalization.	(MLIT and MOFA) - An effort will be made to reach agreement on air liberalization with other Asian countries, including China. - Although there exist various problems, air liberalization talks will be conducted with Western countries by carefully watching developments in these countries.
⑥ (Facilitation of International Capital Transfer)				
No.28	○ To help improve the international taxation system by promoting the revision of tax treaties with an aim of avoiding dual taxation and making taxation fairer	MOFA and MOF	(MOFA and MOF) - To avoid double taxation and realize appropriate taxation, the Japan-U.S. Tax Convention the Protocol to Revise the Japan-India tax Convention the Japan-U.K. Tax Convention and the Protocol to Revise the Japan-France Tax Convention entered into force in March 2004, June 2006, October 2006 and December 2007, respectively. - The Japan-Philippines Tax Convention was approved by the Diet in June 2007, and the Japan-Pakistan Tax Convention and the Japan-Australia Tax Convention were approved by the Diet in June 2008. - Japan and Kazakhstan, and Japan and Brunei, reached	(MOFA and MOF) Talks on the conclusion of a Tax Convention will be conducted with UAE, Kuwait and the Netherlands.

			a basic agreement on the conclusion of a Tax Convention in June 2008.	
No.29	○The improvement of the professional education system, including specialized graduate schools that conduct the education of leading-edge financial engineering, will be promoted through collaboration among industry, government and academia in order to accelerate the development of persons with high-level capability in the field of finance who can promote innovations.	MEXT and METI	(MEXT) Under the “Program to Promote Education to Develop High-Level Professionals at Specialized Graduate Schools, etc.,” selection of persons was made, and assistance was given to them. (METI) In June 2007, the “Industry-Academia Collaboration Council on Developing and Utilizing Persons with High-Level Capability in the Field of Finance” was established as the forum in collaboration with business corporations, financial institutions, universities and related ministries and agencies (MEXT and FSA). In February 2008, the report titled “Development and Utilization of Persons with High-Level Capability in the Field of Finance,” which was based on a survey and examinations made in fiscal 2007, was publicized, and an open symposium was held.	(MEXT) The selection and assistance mentioned in the left column will be continued. (METI) The expert committee and the working group under the council would conduct further researches and examinations. Then, environmental arrangement in order to develop and utilize persons with high-level capability in the field of finance, for example, development of programs, will be implemented.
No.30	○ Necessary improvements, such as promotion of dialogues between the industrial circles and funds and activation of the Fund Conference, will be made in order to more effectively utilize funds that are increasingly important as the main source of new risk money (New)	METI	(METI) The Fund Conference was established in September 2008.	(METI) An environment will be created within this fiscal year so that funds may be more effectively utilized through the provision of opportunities of dialogs between the industrial circles and funds and the activation of the Fund Conference.
No.31	○ To rapidly and flexibly conduct negotiations on the conclusion of a bilateral investment treaty to meet the actual needs It can be understood that if an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) includes a chapter for investment, such EPA will be useful for supplementing the Multilateral Trading System and promoting further trade liberalization and economic	MOFA, METI and Related Ministries	(MOFA) - Activities related to investment agreements are as follows. Those concluded or signed: Egypt, Sri Lanka, China, Turkey, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Russia, Mongolia, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Uzbekistan. Those under negotiations: Peru, Saudi Arabia, China and Korea - Activities related to the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) including a chapter for investment are as follows.	(MOFA) - Activities related to investment agreements and EPAs including a chapter for investment will be continually pursued based on the 2008 Basic Policy for Economic and Financial Reform (Cabinet Decision in June 2008.)

	revitalization. Therefore, the conclusion of such EPA will be promoted (New)		Those concluded or signed: Singapore, Mexico, Malaysia, Chile, Thailand, Brunei, Indonesia and Philippines EPA for which basic points are agreed: Switzerland Those under negotiations: India and Australia	
⑦ (Improvement, etc. of Measures Related to Technology, Intellectual Property, Standards, Qualifications and Land Use)				
No.32	○ To aim at realizing world's top ranking science and technology level by prioritizing science and technology projects based on the Science and Technology basic Plan and the General Strategy for Innovation Creation, conducting strict evaluations of selected important projects, increasing competitive funds, drastically strengthening the evaluation system and enhancing collaboration among industry, government and academia	Cabinet Office (MEXT and METI)	(Cabinet Office) The "3rd Science and Technology Basic Plan" is promoted in order to realize a world best science and technology. Specifically, the Council for Science and Technology Policy offered an opinion titled the "Institutional Reforms for the Promotion of Science and Technology and the Social Reduction of Its Achievements" on December 25, 2006. The Council for Science and Technology Policy submitted a report on follow-up results on May 19, 2008, and offered an opinion titled "Expansion of Competitive Funds and Promotion of Institutional Reforms" on June 14, 2007. On June 1, 2007, the Cabinet decided upon the long-term strategic guideline titled "Innovation 25," including the promotion of the Project for Accelerating Social Returns in order to help create and promote innovations.	(Cabinet Office) The long-term strategic guideline titled "Innovation 25" will be promoted along with the "3rd Science and Technology Basic Plan."
			(MEXT) - As for the expansion of competitive funds, budgetary request of 448.3 billion yen (increase of approximately 69.3 billion yen over the previous fiscal year) was made for fiscal 2009 in order to stimulate a competitive environment and activate research activities. - As for drastic strengthening the evaluation system, an effort was made to make the evaluation system for competitive funds fairer and more transparent by appropriately nominating program directors or officers for respective competitive fund systems from fiscal 2007. In order to eliminate unreasonable duplication and excessive concentration of research funds and allocate these funds effectively, the R&D Management System Common to the Government (e-Rad) began operation in January 2008 in advance of the original schedule. - In July 2006, promotional measures by sector were	(MEXT) - In and after fiscal 2008, competitive funds will be expanded to help create world's top ranking research achievements and contribute to the creation of a competitive research environment. - Based on related policies, including those of the "3rd Science and Technology Basic Plan," etc., an effort will be made to make the evaluation system for competitive funds fairer and more transparent. In addition, e-Rad will be steadily implemented. - Strategically prioritized science and technology will be promoted based on promotional measures by sector.

			<p>established based on the strategy by sector to promote the Science and Technology Basic Plan, and strategically prioritized science and technology, including the National Critical Technology, was promoted.</p>	
			<p>(METI) To realize the Innovation Superhighway Initiative, the Industrial Revitalization Act was revised, and at the same time the Industrial Technology Enhancement Act was also revised by adding thereto provisions concerning the “enhancement of the technology management capability” and the “promotion of industrial reduction of the achievements of R&D activities of the central government and universities” (these acts were enacted on April 27, 2007, promulgated on May 11, 2007 and enforced on August 6, 2007,) and the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development (NEDO) Act and the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology Act were also revised by adding thereto the business to enhance the technology management capability (these acts were enacted on April 27, 2007, promulgated on May 11, 2007 and enforced on August 6, 2007).</p>	<p>(METI) To change Japan into the world’s most excellent innovation center, measures to help realize the Innovation Superhighway Initiative (simultaneous promotion of R&D and business activities by carefully watching two-way flows between R&D and markets, and the promotion of fusion of different sectors, etc.) will be taken.</p>
No.33	<p>○ In order to promote collaborations between foreign enterprises and domestic universities, an intellectual property strategy, including aggressive submission of patent applications in foreign countries, will be established and subsidy for expenses of patent applications made by universities, etc. in foreign countries will be increased, and the international functions of intellectual property headquarters of universities, etc. will be enhanced through the improvement of international collaboration between industry and academia and of information</p>	<p>Cabinet Office, MEXT and METI</p>	<p>(MEXT) - Under the “Project of Support Center for Technology Transfer,” expenses, etc. for applications for overseas patents made by universities, etc. were subsidized (fiscals 2003 through 2007: 4,500 cases.) - In April 2007, under the “Project to Enhance the Universities’ Intellectual Property Headquarters,” 17 institutions for which the “Creation of Industry-Government-Academia International Collaboration System” applies were selected, and efforts to enhance the international functions of intellectual property headquarters of universities, etc., such as development of personnel engaged in international intellectual properties, strategic acquisition of basic patents in foreign countries, and an increase in the number of researches made based on contracts with foreign enterprises through the enhancement of international legal functions, of international</p>	<p>(MEXT) - Under the “Project of Support Center for Technology Transfer,” expenses, etc. for applications for overseas patents made by universities, etc. will be subsidized (fiscals 2008: approximately 1,000 cases.) - Under the “Industry-Government-Academia Strategic Collaboration Program (Strategic Collaboration Program,)” efforts to create, protect and utilize strategic intellectual properties, including enhanced international collaboration among industry, government and academia, will be continued, and assistances will be given to those activities which should be actively promoted from the viewpoints of policies.</p>

	<p>dispatching function due to the nomination of international coordinators (tentative naming) and improvement of public relations business and through the enhancement of legal function needed for international contracts.</p>		<p>collaborations among industry, government and academia and of dispatch of information, were begun. - In June 2008, under the “Industry-Government-Academia Strategic Collaboration Program (Strategic Collaboration Program)” 16 institutions for which the “promotion of international collaboration among industry, government and academia” applies were selected, and such assistances to independent and unique various efforts of universities, etc. as the development of personnel engaged in international intellectual properties, the enhancement of international legal functions and prevention of disputes and enhancement of dispatch of information, were implemented. (Budget for fiscal 2008: part of 2,819 million yen)</p>	
			<p>(METI) Since 2005, the central government has been subsidizing a part of the expenses of such applications for overseas patents that are made by government-approved TLOs to transfer the research achievements of universities to private enterprises.</p>	<p>(METI) The central government will continue to subsidize a part of the expenses of such applications for overseas patents that are made by government-approved TLOs to transfer the research achievements of universities to private enterprises.</p>
<p>No.34</p>	<p>○ To help realize the establishment of a “world patent system,” international harmonization of patent systems at various ranging from substantive laws, examination practices to search environment will be promoted, and international patent examination work sharing among patent offices will be promoted through the wide introduction of the</p>	<p>METI and MOFA</p>	<p>(METI) - A The Patent Examination Prosecution Highway Trial pilot Program program started with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (in July 2006,) the U.K. Intellectual Property Office (in MarchJuly 20082007,) the German Patent and Trademark Office (in March 2008,) and the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (in July 2008.) - The implementation of the Patent Examination Prosecution Highway Program program started on a full scale-time basis with the Korean Intellectual Property Office (in April 2007) and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (in January 2008.)</p>	<p>(METI) - In the future, negotiations will be held with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) in order to increase the number of countries or regions with which the Patent Examination Prosecution Highway is implemented.</p>

	Patent Prosecution Highway.		(MOFA and METI) - To advance stagnant discussions on the Substantive Patent Law Treaty at the WIPO, major advanced countries, including the Trilateral Offices (the JPO, the USPTO, and the EPO), held the conferences on the harmonization of patent system. This matter was studied at the non-official meetings and plenary sessions held in July and September 2007 and September 2008.	(MOFA and METI) - Under the conditions that the U.S. is likely to shift to the first-to-file principle, Japan will continue to positively encourage Europe and lead discussions on the Substantive Patent Law Treaty.
No.35	○ To encourage more foreign enterprises to participate in the Japanese markets in which conformity assessment for products, services, workers, etc. must be made in advance, mutual recognition will be further promoted by taking the conditions of a foreign country and Japan into consideration.	Related Ministries	(MIC, METI and MOFA) - In September 2006, Japan and Philippines signed the EPA including a chapter related to mutual recognition of electrical products. (Its effective date is not finalized.) - In November 2007, the EPA including a chapter related to mutual recognition of electrical products which was concluded between Japan and Thailand came into force. - In January 2008, the “Agreement on Mutual Recognition on Results of Conformity Assessment Procedures between Japan and the United States of America” came into force.	(MIC and METI) - A mutual recognition will be made after the EPA comes into force between Japan and Philippines. (Its effective date is not finalized.) - Mutual recognition will be made between Japan and Thailand, and between Japan and the U.S.
No.36	○ To promote international standardization by unifying criteria and standards for products, services, etc. that are different from country to country	Related Ministries	(METI) In order to promote international standardization, Japan has encouraged to propose international standards from Japan to the international standardization bodies such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). According to WTO TBT Agreement, the Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) which are comparable to international standards have been developed or revised with reference to relevant international standards.	(METI) Japan will encourage to propose international standards from Japan to the international standardization bodies. The Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) which are comparable to international standards will be developed or revised with reference to relevant international standards.
			(MIC) - As for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU,) Japan actively participated in meetings of ITU-R in charge of the standardization of radio communications and those of ITU-T in charge of the standardization of telecommunications. - One-segment broadcasting, digital radio broadcasting and Moba-HO, which have all been developed by Japan, are approved as three formulas out of the six standard broadcasting formulas for mobile phones. A	(MIC) - International standardization will be strategically promoted thorough collaboration among industry, government and academia and in partnership with Asian countries in order to actively contribute to standardization works conducted by ITU, etc.

			<p>recommendation based on the Emergency Warning System proposed by Japan attracted the attention of many countries.</p> <p>- As the standardization work for IPTV started on a full scale, Japan enhanced its domestic study system, and actively contributed to such work.</p>	
No.37	<p>○ To review the term of leasehold for business to enable long-term land use without owning it</p>	MOJ and MLIT	<p>(MOJ and MLIT)</p> <p>Ruling coalition's Diet members have studied the matter of extending the maximum term of fixed-term leasehold for business. MOJ and MLIT have cooperated in these studies as the case may be. Based on such studies, related Diet members formed a conclusion of increasing the maximum term from 20 years or less to less than 50 years. Then, the "Act on the Partial Revision of the Land Lease and House Lease Act" reflecting above increase in the term came into force on December 14, 2007 and enacted on January 1, 2008.</p>	<p>(MOJ and MLIT)</p> <p>An effort to diffuse and promote the system of fixed-term leasehold for business will be made.</p>
No.38	<p>○ Measures for building database of real estate market, dispatching information inside and outside Japan, improving reliability of real estate market, and improving conditions to facilitate investment will be implemented. (New)</p>	MLIT	<p>(MLIT)</p> <p>- Dispatch of information inside and outside Japan In September 2008, an international forum on real estate investment was held in order to dispatch information on the real estate market in Japan to persons inside and outside Japan.</p> <p>- Creation an environment to help improve the confidence in the market and promote investment Since fiscal 2007, assistance has been given to local seminars on real estate securitization and a social experiment on the formation of real estate securitization fund has been conducted.</p>	<p>(MLIT)</p> <p>- Building of database of the real estate market The database will begin services on a full scale from fiscal 2009.</p> <p>- Dispatch of information inside and outside Japan Investment promotion, etc. will be comprehensively made from fiscal 2009 by providing information in English on attractive points of the real estate market in Japan and urban development at opportunities, including international conventions.</p> <p>- Creation an environment to help improve the confidence in the market and promote investment In fiscal 2009, assistance will be given to local seminars on real estate securitization and a social experiment on the formation of real estate securitization fund will be conducted.</p>
⑧ (Improvement of the Taxation System and Other Systems)				
No.39	<p>○ To study ideal effective corporate tax rates (New)</p>	Related Ministries	<p>(Related Ministries)</p> <p>In June 2008, the "2008 Basic Policy for Economic and Fiscal Reform" determined that effective corporate tax rates should be studied at a time when fundamental tax</p>	<p>(Related Ministries)</p> <p>Ideal effective corporate tax rates will be examined according to the "2008 Basic Policy for Economic and Financial Reform."."</p>

			reforms will be made.	
No.40	○ To review the provisions related to the hearing procedures under the Anti-Monopoly Act in its entirety(New)	Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC)	—	(JFTC) The consideration will be carried out regarding to the provisions related to the hearing procedures and appropriate measures will be taken within FY 2009.
⑨ (Enhancement of Attraction of Foreign-Owned Enterprises Through M&As)				
No.41	○ To enhance measures to attract foreign-owned enterprises, through M&As as basic means of investment in Japan, in such a manner that contributes to the continuance, regeneration and improved performances of business, and the continuance of employment of workers, by domestic enterprises, including SMEs (New)	Cabinet Office, METI and JETRO	—	(Cabinet Office) At Regional FDI Meeting held in fiscal 2008, lectures on structural reforms, etc. through M&A will be conducted for regional enterprises including SMEs, etc. so that they can deepen understanding of M&A. (METI and JETRO) In fiscal 2008, an attitude survey on direct investment in Japan will be conducted for foreign-affiliated enterprises. In addition, the successful cases that M&As made by foreign enterprises helped domestic enterprises, including SMEs, to revitalize their business, improve financial performances and maintain employees will be collected, and widely diffused. (JETRO) The systems to promote M&As will be improved by enhancing collaboration with domestic and overseas M&A support organizations, etc. through the utilization of JETRO's network.
A-2) To promote measures that contribute to productivity improvement or improved services to the public through the utilization of know-hows of foreign enterprises in individual sectors of public services				
① (Public Services, etc.)				
No.42	○ In order to accelerate the further utilization of private-sector initiatives in public service sector, improvement of the conditions for utilizing the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) system, introduction of a test marketing system, publication of the third party contracting system for water service, and	Related Ministries	(Cabinet Office) - With an aim of securing transparency and fairness in selecting PFI enterprises, the following activities were made. - In November 2006, the common consent among directors of the liaison conference among relevant ministries and agencies, which clarifies concrete methods, etc. to facilitate communications between the public sector and private enterprises when PFI enterprises are selected, was made.	(Cabinet Office) - With an aim of establishing a more user-friendly PFI system, studies will be made on the clarification of output specifications and the standardization of contracts.

<p>implementation of the safe and secure house concept in order to be easily used by foreign enterprises,</p>	<p>- In June 2007, the Committee for the Promotion of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI Promotion Committee) revised the “VFM (Value for Money) Guideline” and the “Guideline for the Process for Implementing PFI Projects.”</p> <p>- In November 2007, the PFI Promotion Committee publicized the document titled PFI Promotion Committee’s Report: Toward Realization of Real Public -Private Partnership that sums up the tasks to be examined in the future. The document pointed out the necessity to create a PFI system friendly to foreign participants through the introduction of rules closer to international standards, the promotion of more transparent project process, and the standardization of contracts.</p> <p>- In July 2008, the Committee for the Promotion of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI Promotion Committee) revised the “VFM (Value for Money) Guideline.”</p> <p>- In June 2007, a Website in English concerning PFI started services.</p>	
	<p>(MOJ)</p> <p>Immigration Bureau has been making efforts to utilize more private resources in public service sector, and has asked a private enterprise to conduct clerical works for status examination at Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau. Clerical works for status examination have been conducted by a private enterprise at Nagoya Regional Immigration Bureau and Osaka Regional Immigration Bureau since fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2007, respectively.</p>	<p>(MOJ)</p> <p>If there are appropriate clerical works, their outsourcing to private enterprises will be studied.</p>
	<p>(MHLW)</p> <p>- Since fiscal 2004, subsidy for expenses for establishing or improving public health facilities has been given to such designated medical institutions for specified infectious diseases that have been constructed or improved by utilizing the PFI system.</p> <p>- Since January 2002, the utilization of the PFI system in constructing or improving nursing homes, etc. has been encouraged at the occasions, including Conferences by Section Chiefs in Charge of Long-Term</p>	<p>(MHLW)</p> <p>- Subsidy for expenses for establishing or improving public health facilities will be given to such designated medical institutions for specified infectious diseases that are constructed or improved by utilizing the PFI system.</p> <p>- Efforts will be made to assess how the PFI system is utilized for the construction, etc. of facilities for the aged other than nursing homes by conducting surveys, etc.</p>

			<p>Care Insurance at Local Governments. Nursing homes, etc. has been constructed at eight places across the country, including Suginami-ku, Tokyo, and these facilities began to provide services.</p> <p>- The details of outsourcing of technical operations pertaining to the control over water supply systems under the Water Works Lawthe third party contracting system in the case of water supply service under the third party contracting system have been explained in the Website, etc. since fiscal 2002.</p> <p>As of April 1, 2008, the number of cases of the outsourcing of technical operationthird party contracting and PFI contracts with private enterprises made by public water suppliers and bulk water suppliersdrinking water production enterprises and public drinking water suppliers stood at 268 and 6, respectively. In November 2007, guidebooksguidelines, which can be used by public water suppliers and bulk water suppliersdrinking water production enterprises and public drinking water suppliers when they study the outsourcing of technical operationthird party contracting and PFI contracts, were publicized. In June 2008, a guidebookguideline, which helps water suppliersdrinking water production enterprises, etc. to make a comparative study on forms of partnerships, including utilization of private resources, was publicized.</p> <p>- Since fiscal 2005, information on systems related to fee-charging old people’s home and excellent houses for rent for the aged, which are part of the safe and secure house concept, has been provided at various training sessions, etc.</p>	<p>- Information will be continuously provided through the Website and at occasions, including Conferences by Section Chiefs in Charge of Water Supply Services.</p> <p>- Information on systems related to fee-charging old people’s home and excellent houses for rent for the aged, which are part of the safe and secure house concept, will be continuously provided at various training sessions, etc.</p>
No.43	<p>○ To assist excellent foreign service businesses in participating in the Japanese market so that productivity of Japanese enterprises may be improved</p>	JETRO, (Related Ministries)	<p>(JETRO)</p> <p>JETRO continues to help such excellent foreign enterprises to enter the Japanese market when such enterprises can contribute to the revitalization of the Japanese economy. During the period from April 2006 to end-February 2008, 60 companies in service industry established business bases in Japan.</p>	<p>(JETRO)</p> <p>- JETRO will continue to help excellent foreign service businesses to enter the Japanese market.</p> <p>- JETRO will conduct a research with an aim of encouraging foreign service businesses in fiscal 2008.</p>
	② (Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment)			
No.44	<p>○ To follow up the “3-Year Plan</p>	MHLW	(MHLW)	—

	for Vitalizing Clinical Practice Across the Country” with an aim of further improving the conditions of clinical testing, and to study measures to improve these conditions based on the follow-up		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The follow-up review of the “3-Year Plan for Vitalizing Clinical Practice Across the Country” was made in fiscal 2006, and its results were publicized in May 2006. - Under the “3-Year Plan for Vitalizing Clinical Practice Across the Country,” 1,314 medical institutions were registered with the large-scale clinical trial network managed by the Center for Clinical Trials, Japan Medical Association, and 12 clinical trials (13 clinical experimental medicines) led by doctors were adopted and 8 reports on clinical trial (9 clinical experimental medicines) were submitted as of the end of March 2007. The Plan achieved a measure of success since the number of reports on domestic clinical trial tends to increase due to the development of clinical research coordinators (CRCs) (approximately 5,000 persons,) and the enhancement of activities to promote clinical trials. - In fiscal 2006, a study was made on the current environment for clinical trials, etc. In March 2007, the “New 5-Year Plan for Vitalizing Clinical Practice” was prepared. 	
No.45	○ To implement measures to promote clinical trial and studies based on the “New 5-Year Plan for Vitalizing Clinical Practice” established in March 2007 (New)	MHLW	<p>(MHLW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In May 2007, the page for clinical trials in the MHLW’s Website was renewed. - Core hospitals and hub medical institutions were selected by July 2007 in order to create a system for further promoting clinical trials and studies. - Since August 2007, the “Conference among Core Clinical Trial Hospitals, Hub Medical Institutions, etc.” has been held to promote cooperation among core hospitals, hub medical institutions, etc. - Since September 2007, various training courses for the development of CRCs, etc. have been arranged. - In March 2008, National Institute of Public Health created a Website. - In December 2007, it was publicized to unify the forms related to clinical trials. 	<p>(MHLW)</p> <p>Under the “New 5-Year Plan for Vitalizing Clinical Practice,” measures to promote clinical trials and studies will be taken.</p>
No.46	○ In order to further improve consultations on clinical trials and review of approval applications	MHLW	<p>(MHLW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A report was compiled by the “Study Group on Rapid Provision of Effective and Safe Medicines” on July 27, 	<p>(MHLW)</p> <p>Based on the report compiled by the “Study Group on Rapid Provision of Effective and Safe</p>

	<p>conducted by Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), PMDA will improve its operations and enforce its organizations through improving efficiency of operations and utilizing outside experts.</p>		<p>2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In March 2007, PMDA changed its medium-term goals and medium-term plan and decided to enforce its organizations to increase its capacity for consultations on clinical trials and review of approval applications by significantly increasing the number of reviewers and by other means. - In response to the report compiled by the “Study Group on Rapid Provision of Effective and Safe Medicines,” the Management Board of PMDA discussed and revised the relevant provisions of the working regulations concerning the utilization of persons with experience of work at private enterprises in review works in September 2007. The new working regulations took effect in October 2007. 	<p>Medicines” and the revised medium-term plan of PMDA, measures will be continuously taken to improve examination of applications for approval and enhance related organizations.</p>
No.47	<p>○ With regard to accreditation of foreign medical device manufacturing facilities under the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law, the GOJ make effort to improve transparency of the procedure by clarifying operating criteriaThe transparency of procedures related to the scope of foreign manufacturing facilities whichers who must obtain the accreditationa certification for specific medical equipment under the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act and the contents of documents submitted together with applications for the accreditation, certification will be improved by the clarification of the application standards, on condition that safety should be ensured and personal information should be protected, in order to further increase predictability. so that enterprises can almost accurately predict such matters. The</p>	MHLW	<p>(MHLW) The FAQs, which include interpretations of necessary information on needed by general managers of manufacturing production facilities and interpretations of documents, etc. related to structure or equipment of the facility, were prepared on July 27, 2006. The Ministerial Ordinance on for Enforcement of the Pharmaceutical Affairs LawAct was revised in March 2007 so that the application form for accreditationcertification would be made in both Japanese and English and if an applicant is a corporation, the corporation would be allowed to submit a document to prove that the executive officers are not narcotic addictsperson is not an addict of narcotics, etc. instead of a medical certificate made by a doctor. In addition, Tthe notification dated June 19, 2007 titled “Handling of Applications for Accreditation of Certification Made by Foreign Manufacturing Facilitiesers” was issued on June 19, 2007 to set up a rapid process for the re-accreditation for facilities affected by company mergers and acquisitions.</p>	<p>(MHLW) In fiscal 2008, the progress of various measures taken in the past will be publicized.</p>

	progressdevelopment of above activities will be disclosed in fiscal 2008.			
No.48	<p>○ In order to improve the predictability of regulation on procedures and documents to be submitted for approval review and certification review, in terms of introduction of new medical device especially low-risk ones, (examination of applications for approval or examination of applications for certification) and related documents needed for new medical equipment, or low-risk medical equipment in particular, before such equipment is introduced in the market, the standard for handling of application of the list of the Japanese Medical Device Nomenclature (JMDN) will be clarified.</p>	MHLW	<p>(MHLW) As part of efforts to develop the standard for handlingof application of the list of the JMDN, Japan Medical Device Nomenclature (JMDN,) a questionnaire on issues on operation of currnt list has been sent to the related industry to indicate problems in the application of the current list since fiscal 2007. MHLW-sponsored scientific research has been conducted to sort out A work to sum up problems of the JMDN list and discuss direction for future revision of the list review it has been made at the expense of MHLW (scientific research expense) since fiscal 2007.</p>	<p>(MHLW) The problems of the current JMDN list, which are identified by the related industry, will be examined based on the results of the work conducted at the expense of MHLW-sponsored (scientific research).</p>
No.49	<p>○ To establish the Action Program for Acceleration of Medical Device ReviewSpeeding Up Examinations for medical equipment during the autumn of 2008, and implement the program as soon as possible (New)</p>	MHLW, Cabinet Secretariat and MIC	<p>(MHLW) Consultations have been held with related ministries and agencies and the industrial circles in order to establish the Action Program for Acceleration of Medical Device ReviewSpeeding Up Examinations.</p>	<p>(MHLW) The Action Program for Acceleration of Medical Device ReviewSpeeding Up Examinations consisting of the following will be established in the autumn of 2008: - Enhancement of the reviewexamination system and improvement of quality through improved training; - Introduction of 3-track reviewexamination system (new medical deviceequipment, improved medical deviceequipment, and generic medical deviceequipment); - Clarification of the reviewexamination standard; - Introduction of standard reviewexamination period.</p>
No.50	<p>○ In order to promote the</p>	Cabinet Office,	(Cabinet Office, MEXT, MHLW and METI)	(Cabinet Office, MEXT, MHLW and METI)

	development and practical use of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and state-of-art regeneration medical technology Super Special Consortia for supporting the development of cutting-edge medical care" (Super Special Consortia) , in which exceptional administration of research funds and consultations with regulatory authorities at early stages of development can be experimentally performed, will be established and implemented. (New)	MEXT, MHLW and METI	- The invitation of applications for the Super Special Consortia for supporting the development of cutting-edge medical care (Super Special Consortia) started on July 25, 2008. - As of September 12, 2008 when the invitation was closed, the number of applications stood at 143.	- Applications submitted by complexes consisting of researchers and/or research groups will be examined, and approximately 20 of them will be selected in November 2008. - The selected applications will be adopted at the "Health Research Promotion Conference" attended by four Ministers involved in the health research and an expert.
No.51	○ To promote the utilization of global clinical trial data while ensuring safety	MHLW	(MHLW) - A report was compiled by the "Study Group on Rapid Provision of Effective and Safe Medicines" on July 27, 2007. (ibid) - In September 2007, a notification on the basic concept on global clinical trials consisting of points to consider in conducting global clinical trials in order to encourage global clinical trials and use of data obtained from such trials for approval applications. The notification was publicized on the Website of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency and by other means. (This publication was made in fiscal 2008 in advance of the original schedule.)	(MHLW) Information will be continuously provided on the Website and by other means.
③ (Foods)				
No.52	○ To improve transparency and predictability through timely disclosure of the progress of examinations of food additives	MHLW	(MHLW) - As for 46 internationally used food additives of which the central government has decided to proceed with the considerations on the authorization, Food Safety Commission is requested to conduct risk assessment for 36 such food additives as of October 1, 2008. Out of these 36 food additives, the assessment was completed for 25 and such 25 have been approved for use. - Information on the progress of examinations is periodically provided to foreign emmassies in Tokyo.	(MHLW) Examinations will be continued for 46 internationally used food additives so that they may be used in Japan. The progress of such examinations will be periodically publicized.
④ (Education-Related Services)				

No.53	○ If a foreign university's school in Japan desires to become an advanced vocational school or a vocational school, necessary advice will be given to such school about the fact that prefectural governments have the authority to approve the establishment of such school, and about the purpose of standards for establishing vocational schools and required conditions for economic base of the school in Japan.	MEXT	(MEXT) If a foreign university's school in Japan desires to become an advanced vocational school, necessary advice or explanation will be given to such school and related local government.	(MEXT) Necessary advice or explanation will be given as before.
⑤ (Legal Services)				
No.54	○ To aim for an annual increase to about 3,000 in the number of candidates passing the bar examination by around 2010 based on the Plan for Promotion of Justice System Reform and to further improve the training system in order to develop excellent legal professionals because of an increase in the number of Legal Apprentices	MOJ	(MOJ) - The National Bar Examination Commission steadily has increased the number of successful candidates of bar examination (1,183 persons in 2002, and 1,483 persons in 2004.) Both new and old bar examinations are made for the five-year period starting from 2006. The National Bar Examination Commission set the number of successful candidates at 1,009 for new examination and 549 for old examination in 2006, and 1,851 for new examination and 248 for old examination in 2007. - In June 2007, the National Bar Examination Commission indicated the round number of successful candidates of bar examination in and after 2008 as follows: 2,100-2,500 in 2008, 2,500-2,900 in 2009 and 2,900-3,000 in 2010 for new examination; and 200 in 2008, 100 in 2009 and lesser number in 2010. For 2008, the National Bar Examination Commission set the number of successful candidates of bar examination at 2,065.	(MOJ) An effort will be continued to attain the target of "increasing the number of the number of candidates passing the bar examination to about 3,000 in a year." At the same time, a study on the number of successful candidates of bar examination and other matters will be made by taking into consideration the Recommendations of the Justice System Reform Council and the purpose of the Plan for Promotion of Justice System Reform, etc.
⑥ (New Prioritized Sectors)				
No.55	○ To select a new priority strategy by sector (New)	Cabinet Office	—	(Cabinet Office) Cabinet Office will select priority sectors for FDI into Japan and establish action programs accordingly.

	B Review of Administrative Procedures			
	B-1) Provision of information will be improved and related procedures will be simplified to enable foreign enterprises or investors to acquire investment-related information smoothly			
	① (Provision of investment-related information)			
No.56	<p>○ The Invest Japan established at JETRO and related ministries and agencies will provide potential investors with information on various investment procedures, including establishment of enterprises, M&As and establishment of plants and stores, and investment-related information, including market and corporate information.</p>	<p>Related Ministries, and JETRO</p>	<p>(Related Ministries) The Invest Japan responded to inquiries made by foreign enterprises, and provided them with necessary information.</p>	<p>(Related Ministries) In order to promote direct investment in Japan, the provision of information will be continued in cooperation with JETRO.</p>
			<p>(JETRO) In cooperation with related ministries and agencies, information on permits and licenses, etc. and various investment-related information, including the establishment of a corporation in Japan, is provided to foreign enterprises upon their request. During the period from April 2006 to end-September 2008, 68 inquiries were received from foreign enterprises, and necessary information was provided to them.</p>	<p>(JETRO) JETRO will continue to contribute to the smooth realization of direct investment in Japan by foreign enterprises through various types of assistance.</p>
No.57	<p>○ Related ministries and agencies will improve the provision of investment-related information in English through their Websites, etc. JETRO will enhance the provision of information and services in languages in addition to English. Approximately 200 Japanese laws have already been, or will be, translated into English under the Translation Development Program of Japanese Statutes, and such English versions will be available to foreigners.</p>	<p>Cabinet Secretariat, Related Ministries, and JETRO</p>	<p>(Cabinet Secretariat) - Under the Translation Development Program of Japanese Statutes, laws and regulations are translated into English, and translated laws and regulations are publicized one by one on the Website of Cabinet Secretariat. As of October 2008, English translations of approximately 150 laws and regulations are open to the public. - In April 2007, the Standard Bilingual Dictionary was revised (this is referred to as the fiscal 2007 edition.) In March 2008, the fiscal 2007 edition was revised (this is referred to as the fiscal 2008 edition) and is open to the public on the Website of Cabinet Secretariat. The Translation Development Program of Japanese Statutes was re-revised so that approximately 300 laws and regulations may be translated into English within three years until fiscal 2008.</p>	<p>(Cabinet Secretariat) - Under the Translation Development Program of Japanese Statutes, approximately 300 laws and regulations will be translated into English until fiscal 2008.</p>
			<p>(Cabinet Office) Since fiscal 2000, investment-related information in English has been provided on the website for direct investment in Japan.</p>	<p>(Cabinet Office) In and after fiscal 2008, more improved investment-related information in English will be provided on the website for direct investment in Japan.</p>

			(MOFA) Information is provided on the Website of MOFA which is linked with the Websites of embassies and delegations abroad.	(MOFA) Information will be updated from time to time, and the Website will be improved.
			(JETRO) To enable foreign enterprises to collect necessary information easily, an effort is made to improve the usability of the Website. In particular, the layout of the Website was changed according to opinions from users. The basic information site in English, French and German was established. In end-September 2006, the basic information site in Chinese and Korean was newly established. In order to provide foreign Website users with business opportunities in regions in Japan of which information is rather insufficient, the Navigation System for Supporting Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan (in Japanese and English) was renewed in end-October 2007 by adding two corners titled “Your Regional Guide,” which connects Website users and persons in charge of attracting foreign direct investment in Japan at local governments, and “Promising Local Companies.”	(JETRO) An effort will be continued to improve the convenience of users. For the Navigation System for Supporting Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan (in Japanese and English,) its design will be changed, and the basic information site in German, French, Chinese (both original and simplified forms) and Korean will be established in December 2008. (ibid)
No.58	○ To promote the improvement of transparency of investment-related measures and the improvement of efficiency and effectiveness of investment procedures, and to establish the method to review investment measures in collaboration with the industrial circles, based on the APEC Investment Facilitation Action Plan (IFAP) (New)	MOFA and METI	(MOFA and METI) In June 2008, the IFAP was settled on in the frame of APEC. At present, the method to assess, and to report on, the progress of implementation of the IFAP is being considered in order to ensure the proper implementation thereof. (METI) In August 2008, an APEC seminar was held in Lima, Peru, so that many countries and regions may share information on the successful factors for achieving the improvement of the investment environment.	(MOFA and METI) As for the contents of the IFAP, Japan will implement necessary projects.
② (Simplification and Computerization of Procedures)				
No.59	○ To further promote the simplification or computerization of administrative measures by steadily implementing the Action Plan for Promoting the Online Use of Administrative Procedures	Related Ministries	(Related Ministries) In March 2007, the Action Plan for Promoting the Online Use of Administrative Procedures was revised by introducing News, etc. to simplify procedures. In fiscal 2007, each ministry or agency omitted exhibits and reviewed certification and signature according to	(Related Ministries) With an aim of achieving the target of “achieving on-line use rate of 50% or higher by fiscal 2010” in the new IT reform strategy, an effort will be enhanced by steadily implementing the revised Action Plan.

	and others		the Action Plan.	
	B-2) To improve the predictability of investors by further promoting the use of the Prior Inquiry Procedure (No-Action Letter System) that allows investors to know exact meanings of provisions of laws and regulations, etc. in advance, and the use of the Public Comment System			
No.60	○To survey the conditions of use of the Prior Confirmation Procedures on the Application of Laws and Regulations (No-Action Letter System) and to consider taking measures to promote such use if necessary. If necessary, JETRO will assess the needs of foreign enterprises that consider investment in Japan and introduces the No-Action Letter System to these foreign enterprises and assist them.	MIC, Related Ministries, and JETRO	(MIC) - A survey was conducted to grasp the conditions of implementation in fiscal 2007 of the “Prior Confirmation Procedures on the Application of Laws and Regulations by Administrative Agencies (No-Action Letter System)” which was revised in June 2007.	(MIC) - The work to make public the results of the survey on the implementation of the No-Action Letter System in fiscal 2007 will be continued. The public release will be completed by the end of 2008, if possible. - In and after fiscal 2009, the survey on the implementation of the No-Action Letter System will be conducted and the results of thereof will be publicized.
			(JETRO) To facilitate further utilization of above-mentioned system, the “Invest Japan” Website established by JETRO offers information on how to prepare a no-action letter and on the names of ministries and agencies that adopt the No-Action Letter System to foreign enterprises.	(JETRO) Information will be provided to foreign enterprises by utilizing other means, including JETRO’s Invest Japan Business Support Centers (IBSCs.)
No.61	○ To make an effort to rapidly respond to advance inquiries in writing national taxes (New)	MOF	(MOF) In March 2008, the Administrative Guideline was revised. The revised Administrative Guideline requires that answers in writing to advance inquiries should be made ‘as soon as possible within three months in principle’ from April 2008. (In previous Guideline, it was provided, ‘within three months in principle’) The system has been enhanced by increasing the number of persons in charge etc in July 2008.	(MOF) An effort will be continued to rapidly reply through the enhanced system etc.
No.62	○ To survey the conditions of use of the Public Comment Procedures, and to give the widest possible publicity to the system for wider use	Related Ministries	(MIC) A survey to grasp the conditions of implementation of the Public Comment Procedures, which is implemented from April 2006 under the Administrative Procedure Act, was conducted, and the results thereof were publicized on August 26, 2008.	(MIC) In and after fiscal 2009, a survey to grasp the conditions of implementation of the Public Comment Procedures under the Administrative Procedure Act will be conducted, and the results thereof will be publicized.
	B-3) Enhancement of Inter-Governmental Collaboration			
No.63	○ To build databases on measures and business related to investment in Japan and share such databases within the	Cabinet Office, and Related Ministries	(Cabinet Office) In fiscal 2006, the “Survey on the Recent Moves of Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan” was conducted, and the results thereof were publicized in the “database	(Cabinet Office) In fiscal 2008, the survey on the moves of foreign enterprises investing in Japan will be conducted, and the results thereof will be

	government		of direct investment in Japan” of the “Invest Japan” Website in March 2007.	publicized in the relevant database so that government organizations may share this information.
No.64	<p>○ To implement measures in a more effective manner in cooperation with related organs, including Strategic Conference for Promoting a Tourism-Oriented Country, Conference for Promoting Deregulation and Public Private Partnership, Headquarters for Promoting Special Zones for Structural Reform, Regional Revival Headquarters, and Council for Science and Technology Policy</p>	Related Ministries	<p>(Related Ministries) An effort is made to properly take those measures in coordination with related organizations that have been determined at various conferences, etc.</p>	<p>(Related Ministries) An effort will be made to properly take those measures in coordination with related organizations that have been determined at various conferences, etc.</p>
B-4) Appropriate Regulations				
No.65	<p>○ To begin inter-governmental comprehensive study on the appropriate regulation of foreign investment that is an exception to the principle of nondiscrimination (New)</p>	Cabinet Office, and Related Ministries	<p>(Cabinet Office) The Cabinet Office gave a hearing to related ministries and agencies and experts in order to hold the “Liaison Conference among Relevant Ministries and Agencies on the Comprehensive Examination of Appropriate Regulation of Foreign Investment.”</p>	<p>(Cabinet Office) The Cabinet Office will lead the inter-governmental comprehensive study to make an outcome in fiscal 2008.</p>
No.66	<p>○ As to the enhancement of the function of prior assessment and checking for a new regulation, the State Minister in Charge of Regulatory Reform will lead the work to prepare a concrete proposal based on the 2008 Basic Policy for Economic and Financial Reform, and form a conclusion within this year. (New)</p>	Cabinet Office and MIC	<p>(Cabinet Office and MIC) A study was made to form a conclusion within 2008.</p>	<p>(Cabinet Office and MIC) The study will be continued to form a conclusion within 2008.</p>
No.67	<p>○ To actively participate in the Survey on Administrative Burdens conducted by the OECD with an aim of further promoting</p>	Related Ministries	<p>(Related Ministries) Japan contributes to works such as development of indicators related to regulations by participating in OECD’s Public Governance Committee and Regulation</p>	<p>(Related Ministries) Japan will continue to actively participate in the works conducted by OECD’s Public Governance Committee and Regulation Management and</p>

	regulatory reforms (New)		Management and Reform Working Group.	Reform Working Group.
No.68	<p>○To implement measures in a more effective manner in cooperation with related organs, including Strategic Conference for Promoting a Tourism-Oriented Country, Conference for Promoting Deregulation and Public Private Partnership, Headquarters for Promoting Special Zones for Structural Reform, Regional Revival Headquarters, and Council for Science and Technology Policy (ibid)</p>	Related Ministries	<p>(Related Ministries) An effort is made to properly take those measures in coordination with related organizations that have been determined at various conferences, etc.</p>	<p>(Related Ministries) An effort will be made to properly take those measures in coordination with related organizations that have been determined at various conferences, etc.</p>
C Improvement of Living Environment				
C-1) The systems related to entry and stay will be improved. (These systems will be reviewed in due consideration of various problems related to the control of stay by foreigners and various problems facing foreigners staying in Japan)				
No.69	<p>○To increase the number of highly professional personnel accepted, including excellent foreign researchers and engineers, and to make a study on the acceptance of personnel in those fields that are not considered as professional or technical at present while paying attention to problems involved (ibid)</p>	MOJ, and Related Ministries	<p>(MOJ) As for the acceptance of highly-skilled foreign workers such as excellent foreign researchers, engineers, etc., the Law for partial Amendment of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Act No.43 of May 24, 2006), which was passed and enacted at the 164th session of the Diet, stipulated the following activities on a nationwide basis under the status of residence of “Designated Activities” ; designated research activities, designated (information processing activities, foreign professor’s educational activities, etc., which were implemented as preferential measures for the status of residence under the Law on the Special Zones for Structural Reform. (These provisions were enforced on November 24, 2006.)(ibid)</p>	<p>(MOJ) The acceptance of highly-skilled foreign workers, including excellent foreign researchers and engineers, will be expanded. In addition, a study on the acceptance of foreign workers in the fields that are not currently considered as professional or technical will be made by paying attention to problems involved. (ibid)</p>
			<p>(MEXT) - Since fiscal 2005, the “Project to Enhance the Universities’ International Strategy Headquarters,” which establishes an organization representing all universities depending on their characteristics, establishes an international strategy for such</p>	<p>(MEXT) The project mentioned in the left column will be continued in order to promote the internationalization of a research environment and the acceptance of excellent foreign researchers. (ibid)</p>

			<p>universities, supports organized international activities by such universities, and develops an excellent international strategy model, has been implemented. (ibid)</p> <p>- Under the Foreign Special Researcher Project, excellent young researchers from various countries are accepted by universities, etc. in Japan and engaged in joint researches, etc. This project contributes to the promotion of internationalization of Japan's research environment and the development of researches in their countries. (Actual number of accepted researchers: 1,962 in fiscal 2006 and 1,818 in fiscal 2007) (ibid)</p>	
			<p>(MHLW)</p> <p>Employment Service Centers for Foreigners, etc. assisted international students in finding a job in Japan by giving them job consultation, job placement services, etc. Through the enhanced collaboration with universities, an internship program and job guidance were provided to international students even when they were first-year or second-year students. Furthermore, efforts were made to assist international students in finding a job in Japan: for example, Employment Service Centers for Foreigners, etc. actively provided job placement services to international students in collaboration with centers for Japanese students. (ibid)</p> <p>- On June 22, 2006, a project team on the problems of foreign workers consisting of related Senior Vice-Ministers prepared the "Summary of Approaches to the Acceptance of Foreign Workers." (ibid)</p>	<p>(MHLW)</p> <p>It will be necessary to improve the functions of Employment Service Centers for Foreigners and thereby assist international students and highly intelligent persons in finding a job in Japan through active job placement services to them. To attain these objectives, however, it is necessary to reform the attitude of enterprises in employing foreign persons and their labor management in response to the needs of the age of globalization. Therefore, a study on appropriate labor management, etc. will be made by members from industry, government and academia, and the results thereof will be widely diffused. In addition, business owners will be encouraged to follow the Guideline of Employment of Foreign Workers established under the Employment Measures Act. (ibid)</p>
			—	<p>(MOFA)</p> <p>This matter will be continuously examined from various viewpoints of vitalization of Japanese economy and society, the acceleration of internationalization, aging society with a declining birthrate, etc.</p>
No.70	<p>○ The groundwork, including the use of the APEC Business Travel Card, will be laid to enable</p>	MOFA	<p>(MOFA)</p> <p>Japan joined the APEC Business Travel Card scheme on April 1, 2003. As of end of August 2008, 3,086</p>	<p>(MOFA)</p> <p>Ongoing necessary publicity activities will be carried out in order to increase the number of</p>

	foreigners with short-term business visa to enter Japan.		cards have been issued to Japanese business persons, and 62,116 pre-clearances requested from foreign national applicants have been completed.	applications from Japanese businesspersons.
No.71	○ In order to establish the effective Residence Management System, various tasks, including how to construct a system that enables mutual inquiry and sharing of residence information among related ministries and agencies, how to revise the Alien Registration Act, and whether organizations that accepted foreigners should be obligated to produce a report, will be studied and draw conclusions within fiscal 2006.	Related Ministries	<p>(Related Ministries) As for the establishment of a new Residence Management System for foreign persons, it was decided in “Results of the Study of the Working Team Concerning Residence Management of Foreign Nationals (Ministerial Conference on Crime Prevention held on July 3, 2007)” and the “Three Year Plan for the Promotion of Regulatory Reform (Revised) (cabinet decision dated March 25, 2008)” that related ministries and agencies would submit a related bill to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2009 at the latest.</p> <p>(MOJ) In February 2007, the Sectional Meeting on Residence Management was created under the Discussion Meeting on Immigration Control Policy, a private consultative group for the Minister for Justice. The Sectional Meeting on Residence Management made a study on the method to collect residence information on foreign nationals and to control their residence. The Discussion Meeting on Immigration Control Policy submitted the results of the study to the Minister for Justice in March 2008.</p> <p>(MOFA) MOFA provides “the Working Team on the Control of Stay of Foreign Residents” with information of foreign countries’ policies to facilitate the discussions .</p> <p>(MHLW) A bill to revise the Employment Measures Act by changing the voluntary system to the compulsory system under which business owners employing foreign workers are obligated to submit a report on the conditions of employment of foreign workers to the Chief of the Public Employment Security Office passed the 166th session of the Diet in 2007, and the revised Employment Measures Act was enforced on October 1, 2007.</p>	<p>(MOJ, and Related Ministries) Based on the results of the study made by the Discussion Meeting on Immigration Control Policy, a bill to create a new and effective Residence Management System will be submitted to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2009.</p> <p>(MOFA) MOFA will provide necessary information for “the Working Team on the Control of Stay of Foreign Residents” .</p> <p>(MHLW) As the revised Employment Measures Act has been already enforced, information on the compulsory system specified in the Act will be diffused.</p>
	C-2) To improve an educational environment for children of foreign residents by establishing systems related to international schools and foreign university’s			

	schools in Japan			
No.72	<p>○If a foreign university's school in Japan desires to become an advanced vocational school or a vocational school, necessary advice will be given to such school about the fact that prefectural governments have the authority to approve the establishment of such school, and about the purpose of standards for establishment of vocational schools and required conditions for economic base of the school in Japan. (ibid)</p>	MEXT	<p>(MEXT) If a foreign university's school in Japan desires to become an advanced vocational school, necessary advice or explanation will be given to such school and related local government. (ibid)</p>	<p>(MEXT) Necessary advice or explanation will be given as before. (ibid)</p>
C-3) Efforts to improve an environment, such as medical care for resident foreigners and the creation of a multi-culture community in a region, will be made				
No.73	<p>○ Requests for dispatch of foreign doctors to Japan, if any, will be properly met in order to promote medical care for resident foreigners.</p>	MHLW	<p>(MHLW) In fiscal 2004, a notification to the effect that even if Japanese doctors or dentists are not accepted in a certain country, doctors or dentists of the country will be accepted in Japan subject to certain conditions was submitted to foreign countries. The procedure for submitting an application for dispatch of doctors to Japan was simplified.</p>	<p>(MHLW) Japan will properly respond to requests for acceptance of foreign doctors, if any.</p>
No.74	<p>○ To promote all of the prefectures and the ordinance-designated cities to establish guidelines, plans, etc. within fiscal 2006 based on the Regional Multi-Culture Symbiosis Promotion Plan that was set up by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications as guidelines for creating a multi-culture community in a region</p>	MIC	<p>(MIC) - In fiscals 2006 and 2007, the Liaison Conference on Regional Internationalization, etc. was held in each regional block in order to spread the Regional Multi-Culture Symbiosis Promotion Plan. - A survey was conducted at the Liaison Conference on Regional Internationalization held in each regional block in fiscal 2007 in order to assess how guidelines, plans, etc. were established, and the results of the survey were publicized in October 2007.</p>	<p>(MIC) In fiscal 2008, the Regional Multi-Culture Symbiosis Promotion Plan will continue to be spreaded through the Liaison Conference on Regional Internationalization, etc..</p>

No.75	○ To help develop an environment in which foreign residents can have their daily lives with ease through obtaining information regarding efforts on regional multi-culture symbiosis made by municipalities (New)	MIC	(MIC) The “collection of cases” of measures to promote regional multi-culture symbiosis taken by municipalities, etc. is now under preparation.	(MIC) The “collection of cases” mentioned in the left column will be introduced at the Conference of Section Chiefs in Charge of International Affairs at Prefectural Governments held by MIC, and publicized later.
No.76	○ The Liaison Committee among Ministries and Agencies on the Problems Faced by Foreign Workers will analyze the current state of problems being faced by foreign residents, such as medical care, education of their children and conflicts with local residents, and finalize a comprehensive measure within fiscal 2006 by paying attention to how costs to resolve these problems should be borne. At the same time, the liaison committee will study the improvement of education of Japanese language, the enhancement of measures to decrease the number of children not attending Japanese schools by providing school guidance, and the indication of signs, various markings, etc. in foreign languages through collaboration among related ministries and agencies.	Related Ministries	(Related Ministries) The Liaison Committee among Ministries and Agencies on the Problems Faced by Foreign Workers conducted a study on problems related to foreign residents, and compiled, on December 25, 2006, the “comprehensive measures for foreign residents,” including: 1) the creation of a foreigner-friendly local community; 2) enhancement of education for children of foreign residents ; 3) the improvement of a work environment, and increased social insurance coverage, for foreign persons; and 4) the review of the Visa Status Control System for foreign persons. *Measures will be taken to improve education of Japanese language, to decrease the number of foreign children not attending school through school attendance guidance, and to indicate many more marks, signs, etc. in foreign languages.	(Related Ministries) Ministries and agencies will take respective measures in an effective manner in accordance with the comprehensive measures for foreign residents in close cooperation with each other. If necessary, a liaison conference will be held to follow up the comprehensive measures.
			(MOFA) MOFA provides “the Liaison Committee of Ministries and Agencies on Foreign Workers’ issues” with information on related activities made in foreign countries to facilitate discussions made at the Liaison Committee.	(MIC and MOJ) Under the “Three Year Plan for the Promotion of Regulatory Reform (Revised) (cabinet decision dated March 25, 2008,)” a bill to introduce a new registry of foreign residents from which all municipalities are able to obtain the accurate information of legal foreign residents and provide foreign residents with administrative services will be submitted to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2009 at the latest. (MOFA) MOFA will continuously provide “the Liaison Committee of Ministries and Agencies on Foreign Workers’ issues” with necessary information .
			(MEXT) To help foreign residents smoothly adapt to the living environment in Japan, the “Program to Accelerate Foreign Persons’ Adaptation to the Living Environment in Japan,” including the organization of consultative meetings with governments of native countries of foreign children, the enhancement of education of Japanese language and the increase of number of foreign children attending schools, was implemented.	(MEXT) To help foreign residents smoothly adapt to the living environment in Japan, the “Program to Accelerate Foreign Persons’ Adaptation to the Living Environment in Japan” will be continued. (Budget request for fiscal 2009: 638 million yen)

No.77	○ To promote the establishment of medical facilities, childcare facilities, service apartments and international schools where services are provided in foreign languages in regions where functions of the international financial centers are enhanced, in consideration of the fact that foreign residents cannot live free from anxieties unless medical, housing and educational services are provided (New)	Cabinet Secretariat and FSA	(Cabinet Secretariat) In April 2008, the “Plan to Enhance Japan’s Role as an International Financial Center” was adopted at the Meeting of the Regional Revitalization Headquarters In July 2008, the International Financial Center Forum consisting of related local governments, related ministries and agencies, related organizations, etc. was created in order to steadily promote the Plan and follow up the progress of its activities.	(Cabinet Secretariat) Activities to steadily promote the Plan and follow up its progress will be made at the International Financial Center Forum.
No.78	○ To conduct a survey on the current conditions of schools for Brazilian students in Japan, including the relationship between such Brazilian schools and local governments (New)	MEXT	(MEXT) Budget request for fiscal 2009 is made for this survey as government-commissioned research and study project.	(MEXT) A survey on the current conditions of schools for Brazilian students in Japan, including the relationship between such Brazilian schools and local governments, will be conducted.
3 Extensive Domestic and Overseas Publicity				
A. Domestic publicity to enhance the public understanding				
No.79	○ To provide heads, etc. of local governments with an opportunity to make a commitment to attract foreign enterprises at occasions, including the Regional Conference on Foreign Direct Investment in Japan. Those local governments actively engaged in attracting many more foreign enterprises will publicize the specific effects of foreign direct investment in Japan. The central government will actively assist these activities so that the efforts of these local governments will spread to other regions in Japan.	Cabinet Office, METI and JETRO	(Cabinet Office, METI and JETRO) In January 2007, the Regional Conference on Direct Investment in Japan (the Greater Nagoya Initiative Symposium) was held in Nagoya. In September 2007, the Joint Symposium for Invest Japan and Visit Japan was held in Kobe as part of the Regional Conference on Direct Investment in Japan. (METI and JETRO) - In July 2006, the “GNI Economic Symposium” was held in Nagoya. -As part of the U.S.-Japan Investment Initiative, the Japan-U.S. Investment Promotion Seminar was held in Sendai and Yokohama in October 2006, and the U.S.-Japan Bilateral Investment Seminar was held in Osaka in September 2007. (ibid)	(Cabinet Office, METI and JETRO) - From end-January to early February 2009, a Regional Conference on Direct Investment in Japan will be held in Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture. - In and after fiscal 2008, a Regional Conference on Direct Investment in Japan will be held. (METI and JETRO) In October 2008, the Japan-U.S. Investment Promotion Seminar was held in Shizuoka. (ibid)
No.80	○ With an aim of wiping out an allergy to M&A made by foreign enterprises against domestic	Cabinet Office, METI and JETRO	(Cabinet Office) In fiscal 2006, the “Survey on the Recent Moves of Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan” was conducted,	(Cabinet Office) In fiscal 2008, the survey on the moves of foreign enterprises investing in Japan will be

	enterprises, information on cases that M&A made by foreign enterprises contributed to business regeneration, operational improvement and the maintenance of employment for workers of domestic enterprises subject to M&A will be collected and introduced.		and the results thereof were publicized in the “database of direct investment in Japan” of the “Invest Japan” Website in March 2007. (ibid)	conducted, and the results thereof will be publicized in the relevant database so that government organizations may share this information. (ibid)
			(METI and JETRO) In fiscals 2006 and 2007, a questionnaire survey on the evaluation of the investment environment in Japan and future strategy for direct investment in Japan (the Survey on the Attitude of Foreign-Affiliated Enterprises Toward Direct Investment in Japan) was conducted for foreign-affiliated enterprises, and its results were publicized.	(METI and JETRO) In fiscal 2008, a Survey on the Attitude of Foreign-Affiliated Enterprises Toward Direct Investment in Japan will be conducted. In addition, the successful M&A cases, made by foreign enterprises helped domestic enterprises, including SMEs, to revitalize their business, improve financial performances and maintain employees, will be collected, and widely diffused.
No.81	○ With an aim of further promoting M&As in Japan, measures to help private enterprises to enhance independent initiatives for improving infrastructure, including the accumulation of information and experience and the development of personnel, will be taken, while measures to diffuse the knowledge related to M&As will also be taken.	Cabinet Office	—	(Cabinet Office) With an aim of further promoting M&As in Japan, a study will be made on measures to help private enterprises to enhance independent initiatives for improving infrastructure, including the accumulation of information and experience and the development of personnel.
No.82	○ With an aim of more accurately grasping the data of direct investment, a study will be made on how to compile the statistics on direct investment while paying due attention to how the statistics are compiled in other countries and the international standards of IMF, etc.	MOF (METI)	(MOF and METI) In the “Japan’s Balance of Foreign Assets and Liabilities” publicized in May 2007, the following was made: - The estimated value of the market price of the balance of direct investment was publicized as reference data; - As for payment related to direct investment made by the person who is not obligated to report on the balance of direct investment, such amount that can be assessed under the current reporting system was reflected in the balance of direct investment.	—
No.83	○ With an aim of building the objective data on effects of	MOFA, METI and JETRO	(METI and JETRO) - In fiscal 2005, the “Survey on Investment-Related	(METI and JETRO) In and after fiscal 2008, various surveys will be

	foreign direct investment in a country, researches on successful cases of foreign investment, effects of attracted investment and organizations to attract investment will be conducted.		Administrative Procedure in Foreign Countries” and the “Survey on the Effect Caused by Direct Investment in Japan through M&As by Foreign Enterprises on Corporate Value (Quantitative Survey)” were conducted. - In fiscal 2006, the “Survey on the Effect Caused by Direct Investment in Japan through M&As by Foreign Enterprises on Corporate Value (Qualitative Survey)” and the “Survey on R&D Conducted by Foreign-Related Enterprises” were conducted. - In fiscal 2007, the “Survey on the Agglomerations of Major Global Enterprises and Measures to Attract Foreign Enterprises in Asia” and the “Survey on the Interest of European, U.S. and Asian Enterprises in Investment in Japan” were conducted.	conducted if necessary.
No.84	○ To study measures to indicate Japan’s attitude to welcome foreign direct investment in Japan, and implement them as soon as possible (New)	Cabinet Office	(Cabinet Office) The Cabinet Office is now preparing a publicity DVD to help promote direct investment in Japan. The Cabinet Office also created an English edition of the pamphlet titled “Five Proposals for Drastically Increasing Direct Investment in Japan.”	(Cabinet Office) The publicity DVD to help promote direct investment in Japan will be televised at various symposiums, including the “Canada-Japan Business Symposium” to be held in Toronto in Canada in October 2008. This DVD will also be televised at such seminars on direct investment in Japan that will be held at each office of JETRO and diplomatic establishments abroad. At these occasions, the pamphlet titled “Five Proposals for Drastically Increasing Direct Investment in Japan” will be distributed to attendants to advertise the attractiveness of the Japanese market.
B. Overseas Publicity				
No.85	○ With an aim of widely publicizing Japan’s attitude to welcome foreign direct investment, investment promotion missions will be dispatched, while sales activities by minister-level officials and heads	Cabinet Office, MOFA, METI and JETRO	(MOFA) Upon request of relevant ministries, agencies and JETRO, diplomatic establishments abroad carry out, from time to time, PR activities and make a proactive promotion with high-ranking officials in foreign countries and international organizations.	(MOFA) Upon request of relevant ministries, agencies and JETRO, diplomatic establishments abroad will carry out, from time to time, PR activities and make a proactive promotion with high-ranking officials in foreign countries and international organizations.

	of local governments will be also made. Ambassadors and other officials of Japan's embassies and legations abroad will constantly conduct publicity activities to attract foreign direct investment in Japan.		(METI and JETRO) - An Investment Japan Symposium was held in London in September 2006, and in Singapore and Sao Francisco in November 2006. An Investment Japan Symposium was held in Gyeonggi-do, Korea, in June 2007, in Washington, D.C. and Miami in October 2007, and in Düsseldorf in November 2007. (ibid) - Efforts were made to arouse the interest of persons in charge at potential enterprises by putting ads in main economic papers before symposiums on direct investment in Japan are held overseas or when such papers prepare a special feature on Japan, or by making press releases, or providing information, to foreign mass media so that they may prepare articles on Japan.	(METI and JETRO) - An Investment Japan Symposium will be held in Chicago in October 2008, in London in November 2008 and in Paris in December 2008. (ibid) - In fiscal 2008, ads will be put in main newspapers before events are held overseas or when such papers prepare a special feature on Japan. (METI) - In fiscal 2008, seminars or business negotiations to increase direct investment in Japan from Middle Eastern countries, etc. or to obtain income from overseas will be held for business matching between foreign and Japanese enterprises.
No.86	○ To hold large-scale seminars on foreign direct investment in Japan when sales activities by ministers and heads of local governments will be made, and foreign enterprises are encouraged to enter the Japanese market and relationships between Japanese and foreign business partners will be developed	MOFA, METI and JETRO	(MOFA) Upon request of relevant ministries, agencies and JETRO, efforts for promotion are made as much as possible. (METI and JETRO) An Investment Japan Symposium was held by JETRO in London in September 2006, and in Singapore and Sao Francisco in November 2006. An Investment Japan Symposium was held in Gyeonggi-do, Korea, in June 2007, in Washington, D.C. and Miami in October 2007, and in Düsseldorf in November 2007. (ibid)	(MOFA) Upon request of relevant ministries, agencies and JETRO, efforts for promotion will be made as much as possible. It will be more strongly encouraged to hold seminars at official residences or offices of embassies in order to effectively utilize diplomatic establishments abroad. (METI and JETRO) An Investment Japan Symposium will be held in Chicago in October 2008, in London in November 2008 and in Paris in December 2008. (ibid)
No.87	○ To accumulate local investment-related information (information concerning industrial accumulation, professional persons, enterprises, infrastructure, etc. in each region) and create a Website for investors that will build up information depending on the needs of investors	METI and JETRO	(METI and JETRO) The Navigation System for Supporting Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan has been established on the Website of JETRO since October 2006. The navigation system provides foreign enterprises with information concerning specific industries to which selected local governments strongly desire to attract foreign enterprises, the conditions of agglomeration of such industries and R&D institutions, regional infrastructure, attractive incentives, investment	(METI and JETRO) An effort will be continued to improve the convenience of users. For the Navigation System for Supporting Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan (in Japanese and English,) its design will be changed, and the basic information site in Germany, French, Chinese (both original and simplified forms) and Korean will be established in December 2008. (ibid) - During fiscal 2008, assistance will be given to

	In the case of a willing local government, it is desirable to conduct these activities through broad-based collaboration under the leadership of the head in order to realize the efficient and effective dispatch of information. (ibid)		professionals, and foreign enterprises already having bases in Japan. In fiscal 2007, a system was established in the Navigation System for Supporting Foreign Enterprises Investing in Japan. Under the system, persons in charge of attraction of foreign investment at local governments and experts in respective industries are registered with photos as “investment information concierge” or guide for investment-related information. The investment information concierge works as a unitary desk to receive questions from, and dispatch answers to, foreign enterprises. In addition, the FAQs (summary of questions made to local governments) were prepared. Furthermore, a corner where “information on potential partner enterprises in Japan” is provided is also established. (ibid)	the wide-area collaboration activities of local governments in joint exhibition at the fairs held overseas under the “Project to Support Regional Activities to Attract Foreign Enterprises” (delegated to JETRO).* * 1) Bio-Technica 2008 (Germany, October, Kansai Bio Bridge); 2) the 23rd International Fair of Electronic Parts, Components, Systems and Applications (Germany, November, Greater Nagoya Initiative); and 3) International Fancy Food and Confection Show NAAFT Winter 2009 (U.S.A., January, Saitama/Shizuoka Group) (ibid)
No.88	○ Considering that the promotion of international tourism and an increase in the number of tourists visiting Japan in particular will contribute to the improvement of international understanding, overseas publicity activities in collaboration with the Visit Japan Campaign will be conducted.	Cabinet Office, METI, MLIT and JETRO	(METI and JETRO) - In September 2007, attractive points of Japan and Kansai District were introduced at the “9th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention” held in both Kobe City and Osaka City, as part of the “Invest Japan” (Cabinet Secretariat) and the “Visit Japan Campaign” (Kinki District Transport Bureau) as two-way projects. At this occasion, the “Joint Symposium for Invest Japan and Visit Japan,” which is a two-way project to further expand direct investment in Japan and increase the number of foreign tourists visiting Japan, was implemented. (ibid) - In November 2007, World Heritage sites and local specialties in Japan were introduced to advertize attractive points of Japan in Düsseldorf. (ibid)	(METI and JETRO) - A study will be made on the implementation of overseas publicity activities in tie-up with the “Visit Japan Campaign.” - In fiscal 2008, a survey with an intention of attracting foreign enterprises in the tourist industry will be conducted.
No.89	○ To assist foreign Chambers of Commerce and Industry in conducting activities through the provision of information	METI and JETRO	(METI and JETRO) - JETRO’s Investment-in-Japan Support Program was advertized at events held by foreign embassies, related organizations, etc. - Seminars to provide many related persons with information were held twice in fiscal 2006, and once in fiscal 2007.	(METI and JETRO) Seminars, etc. on themes that can attract foreign enterprises having interest in doing business in Japan and foreign enterprises already having business bases in Japan will be held.
No.90	○ To study measures to indicate Japan’s attitude to welcome foreign direct investment in Japan, and implement them as	Cabinet Office	(Cabinet Office) The Cabinet Office is now preparing a publicity DVD to help promote direct investment in Japan. The Cabinet Office also created an English edition of the pamphlet	(Cabinet Office) The publicity DVD to help promote direct investment in Japan will be televised at various symposiums, including the “Canada-Japan

	soon as possible (ibid)		titled “Five Proposals for Drastically Increasing Direct Investment in Japan.” (ibid)	Business Symposium”to be held in Toronto in Canada in October 2008. This DVD will also be televised at such seminars on direct investment in Japan that will be held at each office of JETRO and diplomatic establishments abroad. At these occasions, the pamphlet titled “Five Proposals for Drastically Increasing Direct Investment in Japan” will be distributed to attendants to advertise the attractiveness of the Japanese market. (ibid)
No.91	○ To conduct a fact finding survey on the number, amounts, etc. of M&As made in Japan, and to provide the results thereof to overseas countries (New)	Cabinet Office	—	(Cabinet Office) With an aim of increasing direct investment in Japan, the current conditions of M&As in Japan, including the number of M&As and related amounts, will be surveyed every year, and the results thereof will be provided to many foreign countries starting in fiscal 2008.