

Long-standing partners, Japan and the World Customs Organization

The WCO has achieved significant results in harmonizing and standardizing customs procedures around the world, and enhancing border security. The organization has also served as a platform for exchanging views on recent trends on international trade, learning good practices of other customs administrations and strengthening the unity of the international customs community. Japan is one of the biggest supporters of the WCO. We have contributed to activities of the WCO by providing human resources and financial support. Our active participation in technical committees and working groups helps the WCO to formulate practical guidance on customs matters. Almost all developing members have received supports from Japan's Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF Japan).

This paper outlines Japan's contribution to the WCO and reconfirms our commitment to supporting the international customs community under the strong leadership of Dr. Mikuriya.

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Japan's contribution in numbers



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Providing financial support and expertise

35.8%

of voluntary contribution

Japan contributed 4,831,210 euro to the Customs Cooperation Funds in 2015/2016. This accounts for 35.8% of the total voluntary contribution received by the WCO. Since 2012, Japan has been the largest voluntary contributor to the WCO.

30 m€

financial contribution

since 2008

In the 9 years between 2008/2009 and 2016/2017, Japan contributed 30,501,737.92 euro to the Customs Cooperation Funds of the WCO. (cf. the General Operating Expenses (GOE) of the WCO for 2016/2017 : 17m€)

10

technical attachés

Japan supports the WCO's activities by providing human resources. In 2017, 10 technical attachés, which is the largest number in the WCO, are actively engaged in the WCO's activities.

34

accredited experts

34 experts from Japan Customs also support the WCO's capacity building projects as WCO accredited experts in various fields such as AEO, IPR, RKC, TRS and Trade Facilitation (Mercator Programme).

Strong support for WCO's regional mechanism

Hosted

35

regional workshops /programmes

Funded

759

officers to attend

Funded

421

workshops outside Japan

since 2010

Japan has hosted WCO regional workshops/ programmes in Kashiwa every year and a number of customs officers around the world acquired expertise in the customs field. In addition, Japan Customs has funded numerous regional workshops held in other countries.

Contributed

7.25 m\$

for Security Project

Japan funds the implementation of the 'Security Project' in the Asia/Pacific region. The initiative enables the WCO to actively support customs administrations and other relevant stakeholders in the region and to implement all necessary measures to further secure the supply chain and combat terrorism.

Support for Career Development

65

professional associates

from

45

countries

with

support in

4

languages

The career development programmes provide an opportunity for selected candidates, known as Professional Associates(PA), to undertake work at the WCO Secretariat for 10 months. It has served to promote wider involvement of WCO members, in various WCO activities by providing support in 4 languages. In addition, Japan will increase its contribution to language support in the coming years.

98

Fellowship & scholarship

programmes with

555

officers

The Fellowship and the Scholarship Programme have assisted customs administrations in nurturing management skills of their future leaders.