The Japan Association for Trade with Russia & NIS (ROTOBO) was established on January 16, 1967 (first as The Japan Association for Trade with Soviet Union & Socialist Countries of Europe). The Association was officially incorporated for the public interest by the Ministry for International Trade and Industry on August 12, 1970.

ROTOBO is a unique organization in Japan engaged in promotion of trade and business cooperation between Japanese enterprises and former socialist countries of Eurasia (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia and Mongolia).

ROTOBO has nearly 200 member companies including trading firms, manufacturers, banks, securities companies, industrial associations, transportation and shipping companies, local governments and so on.

ROTOBO’s trade & investment promotion activities are highly appreciated among business circles and government institutions concerned in Japan as well as in the above-mentioned countries. Its main activities are as follows:

- Collecting and analyzing up-to-date information related to business with these countries and distributing periodicals and special reports among member companies of ROTOBO.
- Providing member companies with such services as consultations, business matchings and dispute solutions.
- Organizing and sponsoring business forums, seminars, presentations and lectures.
- Sending and receiving business experts and delegations to and from these countries.
- Assisting the countries in transition to market economies in reforming their economies including training of personnel.

**AFFILIATED STRUCTURES OF ROTOBO**

- The Japan-Russian Trade and Investment Promotion Organization, established in 2005 on the basis of diplomatic agreement between the two countries, is a framework designed to coordinate business promotion efforts by public and government organizations of both countries. ROTOBO is one of its participants and plays a pivotal role as the secretariat for its Japanese organization.
- There are 6 bilateral economic committees between Japan and countries of Eurasia; Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Mongolia. The Economic Cooperation Department of ROTOBO functions as secretariats for these bilateral economic committees.
- ROTOBO Moscow Office coordinates activities of the Japan Club, which is an association for mutual communication and friendship of Japanese companies and citizens residing in Russia.
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