



# **Japan and Kazakhstan ~ Approach to Development of Economic Relations ~**

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# Japan and Kazakhstan

- Central Asia + Japan (04.08)
- Recent Visits of Prime Minister and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan to Central Asia  
an accent on *Resources Diplomacy*
- Intense economic development and political stability brought by natural resources in Kazakhstan



Evaluation to Kazakhstan as resource supplier and export market by Japanese companies has improved

Cf. Rapid increase of automobile export: approx. 60% of export for 06

# ROTOBO's activities in Central Asia

- Economic Cooperation Department
  - Secretariat of Bilateral Economic Committees
    - In case of Kazakhstan: Japan-Kazakhstan Economic Committee (chair-company : Mitsubishi Corporation)
    - Joint meeting is being held once a year
- Institute for Russian and NIS Economic Studies
  - Research Projects: evaluation to investment climate, industrial sector survey, etc.
  - Economic Support Projects for diversification of industrial structure of Central Asian countries: Promotion of Manufacturing Industry, and Small and Medium Enterprises
    - For Kazakhstan, since 2006: Dispatch of Japanese consultants to two target companies, ZKMK in Uralsk & Transformer factory in Kentau)
    - Seminar for support of small and medium enterprises promotion (Oct. 11, 2007 in Astana, and Oct. 12 in Almaty)

# Latest Developments

## Action Plan of Economic Committees

- “Action Plan for Activation of Economic Cooperation between Japan and Kazakhstan”
  - Proposed by Kazakhstan side in the 8th Joint Meeting of Japan-Kazakh & Kazakhstan Japan Economic Committees, held in March, 2006
  - Agreed by both sides on drawing up of Action Plan and creation of Working Group for it
- Working Group for the Action Plan
  - Members of Japanese side are roughly same as the Economic Committee
  - METI of Japan participates as observer
  - Secretariat
    - Japanese side : ROTOBO
    - Kazakhstan side: the Ministry of Economy and Budgetary Planning, Department of International Relations, supposedly
  - 1st meeting shall be held in Astana on Nov. 16, 2007 ?

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## Action Plan of Economic Committee

- Priority directions in Action Plan (provisional)
  1. Cooperation in business-related **Hi-Tech• Space Technology**
  2. Cooperation in the field of **Small and Medium Enterprises** activity
  3. Creation of favorable climate for **Trade and Investment**
  4. Cooperation in **Ecology field**
  5. Cooperation in **Transportation and Tourism**  
*Investment Promotion, Business exchange,  
Technology Transfer*

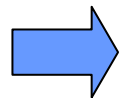
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## ROTOBO's New Trial for Business Promotion

■ Concept of “Japan-Central Asian Organization for Improvements of Trade & Investment Climate” (provisional)

*cf: Japan-Russian Trade and Investment Promotion Organization*

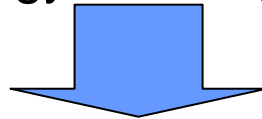
- For Kazakhstan: Japan-Kazakhstan Organization for Improvements of Trade & Investment Climate
- Coordination of projects or tools of related organizations, increase of effectiveness of their activities
- Intensification of business information exchange: distribution of business-related information of both sides via joint-website
  - Company Databases & Investment Projects Database
  - Information on related laws, statistics on economy, etc.
- Promotion of exchange between enterprises
  - Exchange of business missions including project-finding missions
  - Organizing business forums, seminars, exhibitions, etc.
  - Consulting service including business matching



One-Stop Service for trade & Investment Promotion

# ROTOBO's New Trial: Cooperation in Energy/Natural Resource Field

- Cooperation in Nuclear Power Industry
  - Personnel training
  - Cooperation for regional development
  - Support for supporting industry development
- Cooperation for Transfer of Energy Saving & Environment Protection Technology
  - Related survey
  - Cooperation for technology exchange, Training projects, etc.



Consolidation of relations with Kazakhstan  
as resource-rich, emerging market