

FCIJ Business Confidence Survey - Spring 2010

GENERAL COMMENTS

Banks not lending money is my biggest concern, we have lost much business because banks will not finance projects. Business performance partly dependent on economic conditions in the US which remain poor.

<chamber name> appearing more and more as a competitor to Private Business Consultancies >> unfair for private business consultancies.

Disguised unending trade barriers such as unfair tolerances for Agriculture and Imported Food Products. Many trade barriers that should have been dismantled many years ago. So called Fair Trade Agreements are often not free trade, because of hidden barriers.

Due to a decrease in budget in the public works, the US companies are hurting. The Japanese companies are trying to cut us out.

Green business is booming which is great as we are in the field of sustainability and CSR corporate communications.

I own a recruiting company. In order to renew my license, I must attend seminars and be interviewed by the labor bureau, all of which is in Japanese well above my level. I pass the requirements simply by attending, thus proving that the entire process is a needless waste of time and money.

Import open Very fair to the developing countries (no tax) Regulations too long to come (not really coping with the products supplied by local players)

Is it possible to utilize American Chambers of Commerce network oversea, using ACCJ. as we are on lookout to move out to APAC.

Lack of standard, transparent testing protocol for residue testing on imported foods.

Let's get us business chances.

Looking forward to expansion of DIHKJ social activities for information exchange

More outright support of EU-Japan bilateral economic cooperation wished for.

Only idiots will take questions 6 and 7 serious. The same idiots that brought us this mess in the first place.

Positive evolution noted in terms of regulatory environment for pharmacy sector

Provide good connection Finland Finance dept to our company.

Regulators unfocused and deregulation going in reverse.

Regulatory issues continue to be a major headache. Progress between EU and Japan is highly desirable.

Securities regulations are hindering growth. We are marketing hedge funds, which is very difficult under the new FIEL rules.

Signs from DPJ are not good. Japan still desperately needs de-regulation but there seems little political support for it. Generally, Japan seems to be accepting a long-term decline into irrelevancy.

Strongly depend on the business health of our customers. Depending also on the regulatory issues. Strong brand image impairing other competitors to enter our market. Problem of facing a mature market.

Sun should be rising again..... in the past three decades, Japan bashing in 80', and passing in 90's, nothing in 00's...Now Japan is something or vanishing in 10's....I bet it for something still as we are changing to the right direction....Just do it together....we can do it if we sill.....

The Kamei Japan Post plan is a huge problem

To appeal strongly to the Japanese government about necessity of corporate tax reduction

Transparency in public procurement

US must ensure that the bilateral dialogue continues across sectors - MOSS has been slow, too slow most of the time, but it has however gained results. It must be continued with effort redoubled and intensified. China looks good, but Japan is still has huge untapped market potential for most US companies. Access / harmonization must be the continued mantra.

We appreciate a positive, mutually beneficial relationship. We would be happy to partner in some way to help attract and maintain multi-national investment in the Kansai area.

We don't have any specific issue at this moment unless our HQ could make clear decision toward Japanese market.

We have an office in Milan for last eleven years. ICCJ is the organization to help us to get know people and also gives us some feeling to be comfortable.

Will ACCJ find and use one or more forums to oppose US-based trade barriers?

Would like to see an email to all member describing all the sponsorship and advertising opportunities over the three regions for the next six months. Event sponsorship, charitable fundraising sponsorships, general pricing on advertising in Journal and online. Years ago their was a meet and great with a travel theme, why not do that again?