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The following communication, dated 27 September 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

1. The Doha Development Agenda¹ reconfirms that technical co-operation and capacity building are core elements of the development dimension of the multilateral trading system. Japan has been involved in providing trade-related technical assistance to countries that need such assistance.
2. This is also true in the field of trade facilitation, where Japan has been actively providing several trade assistance programmes. As an example of Japan's efforts to support and advocate trade facilitation initiatives in developing countries, the list attached hereto shows brief information on Japan's technical assistance relevant to trade facilitation in the field of customs².
3. The attached list illustrates records of trade-related technical assistance programmes from FY2000 to FY2001, which were made with the help of the Japanese Customs. Such assistance was carried out by dispatching expert missions to seminars/workshops abroad, by organizing and hosting seminars/workshops in Japan, or by directly training officials from developing countries in Japan. The recipient countries were primarily, though not limited to, Asia and Pacific countries, and several African countries. The institutes organizing these programmes have often been: the WCO; the APEC; and the Government of Japan, including the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) and the Ministry of Finance (Japan Customs). The design and implementation of these programmes have often been made through co-operation with the targeted recipient country and other expert institutes, such as the WCO.
4. Japan commits itself to being engaged in the multilateral trading system, and it supports the strengthening of the system. It is thus willing to continue providing technical assistance, and would like to stress the importance of establishing WTO rules in the field of trade facilitation, in order to provide effective and operational technical assistance, as this creates tangible and universal goals.
5. Japan hopes that this contribution paper will help promote the on-going discussions on trade facilitation in the Council of Trade in Goods.

¹ Paragraph 38 of the Ministerial Declaration (WT/MIN(01)/DEC/1), adopted at the WTO Fourth Ministerial Conference, held in Doha, Qatar, on 14 November 2001.

²² This paper does not intend to limit or widen the scope of the WTO work on trade facilitation.

Explanatory Note

Countries/Economies shows developing countries and economies having participated in the technical assistance programme, to which Japan has contributed by hosting, financing or dispatching expert missions. Some countries/economies may have financed their own expenses.

Organizer means the principle institute sponsoring the programme.

APEC:	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
GOJ:	Any ministry/agency in the Government of Japan, including Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
JAGEF:	Japan-ASEAN General Exchange Fund
WCO:	The World Customs Organization, established as the Customs Cooperation Council

Subject shows the area where technical assistance is provided. The subject indicated might not be directly suited to the viewpoint of trade facilitation discussions. All areas cover to some extent procedural issues of trade instruments.

Customs Administration:	Customs laws/regulations, institution and administration, Management
Customs Valuation:	WTO Customs Valuation Agreement, valuation techniques, including post clearance audit
Rules of Origin:	WTO Agreement on Rules of Origin, and techniques of determining origin
Tariff Classification:	HS Convention 1996 and 2002, techniques of determining classification, and Customs laboratory for classification
Trade Facilitation:	Customs clearance principles and techniques, Risk Management, automation/EDI, WCO Kyoto Convention and integrity
TRIPs Border Measures:	WTO TRIPs Agreement, laws and regulations for border controls, controlling techniques

Mode means the types of technical assistance provided.

Training:	Japan invites officials from developing countries and provides them with a training course in Japan.
National/Regional:	Japan dispatches one or more experts to a national or regional seminar/workshop/symposium that is often held in a developing country.
Host:	Japan hosts a regional seminar/workshop/symposium.

Fiscal Year 2000 (April 2000 – March 2001)

Countries/Economies	Organizer (Subject)	Mode
Argentina; Bolivia; Brazil; Chile; Colombia; Cuba; Mexico; Nicaragua; Paraguay; Peru; Uruguay; Venezuela	WCO (Tariff Classification)	Regional
Azerbaijan; Cambodia; Cameroon; India; Indonesia; Iran; Laos; Malaysia; Maldives; Mexico; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Uzbekistan; Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs Administration)	Training
Bangladesh	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Bangladesh; Sri Lanka	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Regional
Bangladesh; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; Fiji; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Republic of Korea; Macao, China; Malaysia; Maldives; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Viet Nam	WCO (Trade Facilitation)	Host
Bangladesh; Cambodia; China; Fiji; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran; Laos; Macao, China; Malaysia; Maldives; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam	WCO (Trade Facilitation)	Host
Bangladesh; Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Training
Bangladesh; China; Gambia; India; Maldives; Mongolia; Pakistan; Philippines; Sri Lanka; Uganda	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Training
Bangladesh; Gambia; Iran; Republic of Korea; Macao, China; Maldives; Mongolia; Sri Lanka; Uganda	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	Training
Botswana; Lesotho; Madagascar; Malawi; Mozambique; Namibia; Rwanda; Seychelles; Swaziland; Zambia; Zimbabwe	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	Training
Brazil	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
Brazil; Cambodia; China; Ethiopia; Fiji; Gambia; Indonesia; Iran; Côte d'Ivoire; Kenya; Pakistan; Peru; Philippines; Saudi Arabia; Thailand	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Brunei Darussalam	APEC (Tariff Classification)	National
Brunei Darussalam	APEC (Trade Facilitation)	National
Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Viet Nam	JAGEF (Tariff Classification)	Regional
Brunei Darussalam; China; Chinese Taipei; Hong Kong, China; Republic of Korea; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Viet Nam	APEC (Tariff Classification)	Regional
Brunei Darussalam; Chinese Taipei; Indonesia; Hong Kong, China; Mexico; Philippines; Papua New Guinea; Singapore; Thailand	APEC (Trade Facilitation)	Regional
Cambodia	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Training
Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	Training
Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	Training
Cambodia; Myanmar; Laos	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Regional
China	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
China	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
China; Viet Nam	GOJ (TRIPs Border Measures)	Training

Countries/Economies	Organizer (Subject)	Mode
China; India; Malaysia; Mongolia	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
China; India; Maldives; Rwanda; Uganda	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	Training
China; Republic of Korea; Malaysia	APEC (Trade Facilitation)	Regional
China; Malaysia; Mexico; Nepal	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	Training
Eritrea; Ethiopia; Hungary; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Slovenia; Uganda; Ukraine	GOJ (Customs Administration)	Training
Fiji	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Ghana	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Indonesia	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Indonesia	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	National
Indonesia	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
Iran	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Iran; Kyrgyz Republic; Morocco; Turkey; Uzbekistan; Viet Nam	WCO (Customs administration)	Training
Côte d'Ivoire; Ghana; Mauritius	WCO (Customs administration)	Training
Jordan	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
Laos	GOJ (Customs Administration)	Training
Malaysia	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	National
Malaysia	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Malaysia	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	National
Malaysia	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
Malaysia	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
Mongolia	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	National
Mongolia	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Mozambique	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Myanmar	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Myanmar	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Myanmar	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
Myanmar; Thailand	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Regional
Nepal	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Peru	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Sri Lanka	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
Sudan	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Thailand	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Thailand	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Thailand	WCO (Trade Facilitation)	National
Maldives	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Maldives; Pakistan; Thailand	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	Training
Philippines	APEC (Tariff Classification)	National
Philippines	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Philippines	WCO (Trade Facilitation)	National
Philippines; Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Regional
Uzbekistan	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs administration)	National
Viet Nam	GOJ (TRIPs Border Measures)	National
Viet Nam	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Viet Nam	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	National
Viet Nam	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Viet Nam	WCO (Trade Facilitation)	National

Fiscal Year 2001 (April 2001 – March 2002)

Countries/Economies	Organizer (Subject)	Mode
Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; China; Cuba; India; Maldives; Nepal; Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Uganda; Zambia	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Azerbaijan; Bolivia; Fiji; Lithuania; Maldives; Namibia; Nepal; Pakistan; Uganda	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Bangladesh; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; Fiji; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran; Republic of Korea; Malaysia;	WCO (Tariff Classification)	Regional

Countries/Economies	Organizer (Subject)	Mode
Maldives; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Viet Nam		
Bangladesh; Cambodia; Fiji; India; Indonesia; Laos; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; Philippines; Seychelles; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Bangladesh; Cameroon; China; Fiji; India; Iran; Mongolia; Nepal; Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Solomon Islands; Uzbekistan	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	Training
Bangladesh; China; India; Malawi; Maldives; Mongolia; Nepal; Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Zimbabwe	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Training
Brazil; Cambodia; Colombia; Ghana; Laos; Myanmar; Panama; South Africa; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	Training
Brunei Darussalam; China; Chinese Taipei; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Malaysia; Philippines; Papua New Guinea; Thailand; Viet Nam	APEC (Customs Valuation)	Regional
Cambodia	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Cambodia	WCO (Trade Facilitation)	National
Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	Training
Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand	GOJ (TRIPs Border Measures)	Training
Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	Training
Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	Training
Cambodia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Training
Cambodia; Laos; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	Training
Chile	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
China; Chinese Taipei; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Thailand; Viet Nam	APEC (TRIPs Border Measures, Rules of Origin, Customs Valuation)	Host
China; Fiji; India; Iran; Malaysia; Philippines; Samoa; Sri Lanka	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
China; Fiji; Iran; Kenya; Maldives; Mongolia; Nepal; Pakistan; Peru; Swaziland; Uzbekistan	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	Training
China; Hong Kong, China; Malaysia; Papua New Guinea; Viet Nam	APEC (Trade Facilitation)	Regional
Estonia	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Gabon; Mali; Morocco	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Ghana	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
Indonesia	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	National
Indonesia	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Indonesia	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Indonesia	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Indonesia	WCO (Tariff Classification)	National
Iran	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Iran; Maldives; Myanmar; Pakistan; Philippines; Sri Lanka	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Kenya; Malaysia; Maldives	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	Training
Laos	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Laos	GOJ (Customs laws)	National
Malawi	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Malawi	WCO (Trade Facilitation)	National
Malaysia	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	National
Malaysia; Viet Nam	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	Training
Mongolia	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training

Countries/Economies	Organizer (Subject)	Mode
Mongolia	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Myanmar	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Pakistan	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Senegal	WCO (Trade Facilitation)	National
Slovak Republic	WCO (Rules of Origin)	National
South Africa	GOJ (Customs administration)	Training
Sri Lanka	WCO (Customs Valuation)	National
Viet Nam	APEC (Tariff Classification)	National
Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs Administration)	National
Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs Administration)	Training
Viet Nam	GOJ (Customs Valuation)	National
Viet Nam	GOJ (Tariff Classification)	National
Viet Nam	GOJ (Trade Facilitation)	National