Profile of JASPRO

Updated in August 2016
JASTPRO stands for Japan Association for Simplification of International Trade Procedures

Founded in December 1974 as NPO with support of three government organizations;

a. Ministry of Economics, Trade and industries (METI)

b. Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)

c. Ministry of Finance (MOF)
   http://www.mof.go.jp/english/index.htm
Management of organization

Financially supported by;

1. **Annual members fee**
   Supporting members are private enterprises and private associations of various industries.

2. **Fee for Registration and Maintenance of Trade Facilitation company code**
   Assigning a unique company code applied by enterprises (Exporters and Importers etc.)
   This code is mainly used for Customs Clearance process and for statistics.
1. JASTPRO is registered as National Trade Facilitation Body in UN/CEFACT.  
http://www.unece.org/cefact/nat_bodies.html

2. JASTPRO is authorized by the HOD Japan to work on behalf of HOD in the field of UN/CEFACT activity.

3. JASTPRO was elected as the Rapporteur of Asia and the Pacific in the term of 2015-2017

4. JASTPRO is National Focal Point of UN/LOCODE nominated by Japan government.  
http://www.unece.org/cefact/locode/focalpoint.html
Work of supporting UN/CEFACT activities

(UN/CEFACT Rapporteur for Asia and The Pacific)

UN/CEFACT

UN/CEFACT Japan Committee (JEC)
Various sectors (Transport/Forwarding/Trader/Financial/Insurance, Cargo Clearance, Travel-Tourism, ITC etc.)

JEC Steering Committee

UN/CEFACT Japan Committee for UN/CEFACT Standards (JUS)

AFACT Travel Tourism and Leisure Japan Working Group (TT&L)

Supply Chain Information Platform Study Group (SIPS)

Observers:
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Secretariat: JASTPRO

AFACT

International Collaboration Task Force

Finance and Commerce Information Linkage Taskforce

Global and Cross Industry Task Force
Support of Japan Head of delegation (HOD) of UN/CEFACT

- As a secretariat for Support of Japan Head of delegation (HOD) of UN/CEFACT
- Participation in discussion in UN/CEFACT Plenary and Forum
Support of UN/CEFACT Japan Committee (JEC)

- JEC is aiming:
  - To disseminate UN/CEFACT’s product (recommendations and standards) in Japan
  - To co-work with foreign organizations with the same purpose.
- JEC is a community whose members are various trade related private sectors (private enterprises and also industry-wise associations)
- JASTPRO works as Secretariat of JEC.
- Joining to JEC as a new member has to be authorized by Steering Committee of JEC as per by-law.
- Government agency who has interest, may join the JEC meetings as an observer.
- Expenses such as meeting rooms fee are born by JASTPRO.
JEC members discuss and evaluate

- To issue project proposal to UN/CEFACT
- To evaluate the issues and make suggestion to UN/CEFACT (New recommendations, UN/LOCODE etc.)
- To assign members of delegation to UN/CEFACT

JEC members share the information of UN/CEFACT activities and will feedback to their own association members.
To organize a Working Group whose members are selected depending on the subject (Academic/Private sectors).

Government agency may join as observer.

To publish a report of output of W/G in paper and website.

To report to responsible government agencies.

Term of W/G: One year

Subjects of recent research/Study:

2011  Study of Advanced Filing Rules
2012  Hearing survey of ASEAN Single window
2013  Study for Simplification of maritime transport documents (Bill of Lading, Sea Waybill and Surrendered B/L)
2014  Research on the Use of Electronic Invoice in the Asian Region and proposal for Standardized Fixed Layout Format of the Invoice for SME Paperless Trade
2015  Research of Paperless Trade in Africa
AFACT stands for *Asia Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business*

AFACT started official activities in 1999.

http://www.afact.org/2012/wordpress/about-afact/

JASTPRO is JAPAN Head of Delegation and AFACT 2016 Host.

JASTPRO coordinates experts (Japan Delegation).
AFACT Members

Associate Members:
- UN/ESCAP
- PAA (Pan Asia eCom Alliance)

Countries:
- Afghanistan
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Pakistan
- Mongolia
- China
- Malaysia
- Japan
- Korea
- Chinese Taipei
- Saudi Arabia
- India
- Cambodia
- Vietnam
- Thailand
- Sri Lanka
- Philippine
- Indonesia
- Australia
- Vietnam
AFACT meetings

33rd Plenary
(Tehran, Iran Nov. 2015)

34th MID-TERM Meeting
(Hamamatsu, Japan May 2016)

The 34th Plenary
ARCADIA IHIGAYA
(7-9 November 2016)
<SEMINAR>

• To have Annual Open Seminar

February 2016
JASTPRO is often invited for meetings for making presentation about Trade Facilitation. Following is a case of meeting prepared by Japan Customs in their education scheme for customs officers in young generation.
<Publication>

- JEC members work for translating UN/CEFACT recommendations to Japanese then make them published and placed accessible freely on JASTPRO official website.