

FCIJ Business Confidence Survey – Fall 2017

General Comments

- Customs procedures are complex, handling agent are ranked by customs on their performance it seems. So to keep the rank they will ask endless questions to be totally prepared. Through this system the import barrier seems to have been outsourced from the customs department to the handling agents
- Does the chamber issue any specific market report ? (e.g. HVAC or similar)
- Economic trends
- I can't feel big pressure to open market of Japan from EU, compare with US, and Canada.
- I support British endeavors and that is why i am a member but i do find many of the topics and events interesting and also very timely as they are discussed well in advance before they are considered locally by Japanese organizations. such as work like balance. also the networking opportunities are good. I do have one small request for consideration. many events are during working hours so it is not always possible to join, if there were more in late afternoon early evening, in my case i may be able to attend more.
- In Asia, the most important and reliable ally is Japan. In order to check the US, the Chinese of the virtual enemy countries etc, and also for the security of the United States and the national interest, the depreciation of the yen is necessary.
- In Asian allies, the only reliable country is Japan. It is more effective to discount currencies from the other countries, to cherish Japan, effectively to China and Russia of virtual enemies, and to be American first.
- Japan has many hidden trade barriers that are detrimental to American exports.
- Keep up the great work you do!
- N.A, more competitive environment issue
- National chamber has not so much impact to the business but industry committed of EBC yes.
- Need to keep an eye on regulatory changes and in particular in healthcare pricing issues
- Opportunity for cross selling among member companies?
- Promotion of our company that can help to improve overall business contacts and access to talent
- So far so good!
- Thank you for everything.
- The Chamber should explain, time and time again, to every possible U.S. politician and policy maker, that the current administration's disastrous trade policies are directly costing American jobs, competitiveness, and prosperity, and squandering or soft power in Japan and throughout the Asia-Pacific.
- The extent to which Japan's education policies will affect curriculum that will compete with those of other universities in Asia and the rest of the world is not yet clear. Internationalization of higher education requires more than what has thus far been offered and implemented in Japan.
- The regulatory environment with respect to finance is deemed more positive in Japan, than other major regions.

- The regulatory system for quasi medical products is non transparent There are several quality tests on top of regulations which makes import expensive
- To promote Germany and German business as much as possible.
- Waiting to see the impact on the EPA on the barriers to entry & tax levels for some of our imported products (wine, cheese, butter...)
- We actually see our regulator becoming more progressive and collaborative.
- We have learned to work with the regulatory environment and, whilst it can be tiresome at times, do not find it a barrier to our business prospering.
- Why is it so difficult for government agencies to refer prospective clients to us?