

CAREC WORKSHOP ON
WCO REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION

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- Experiences towards accession-

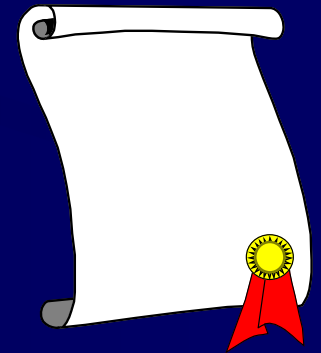
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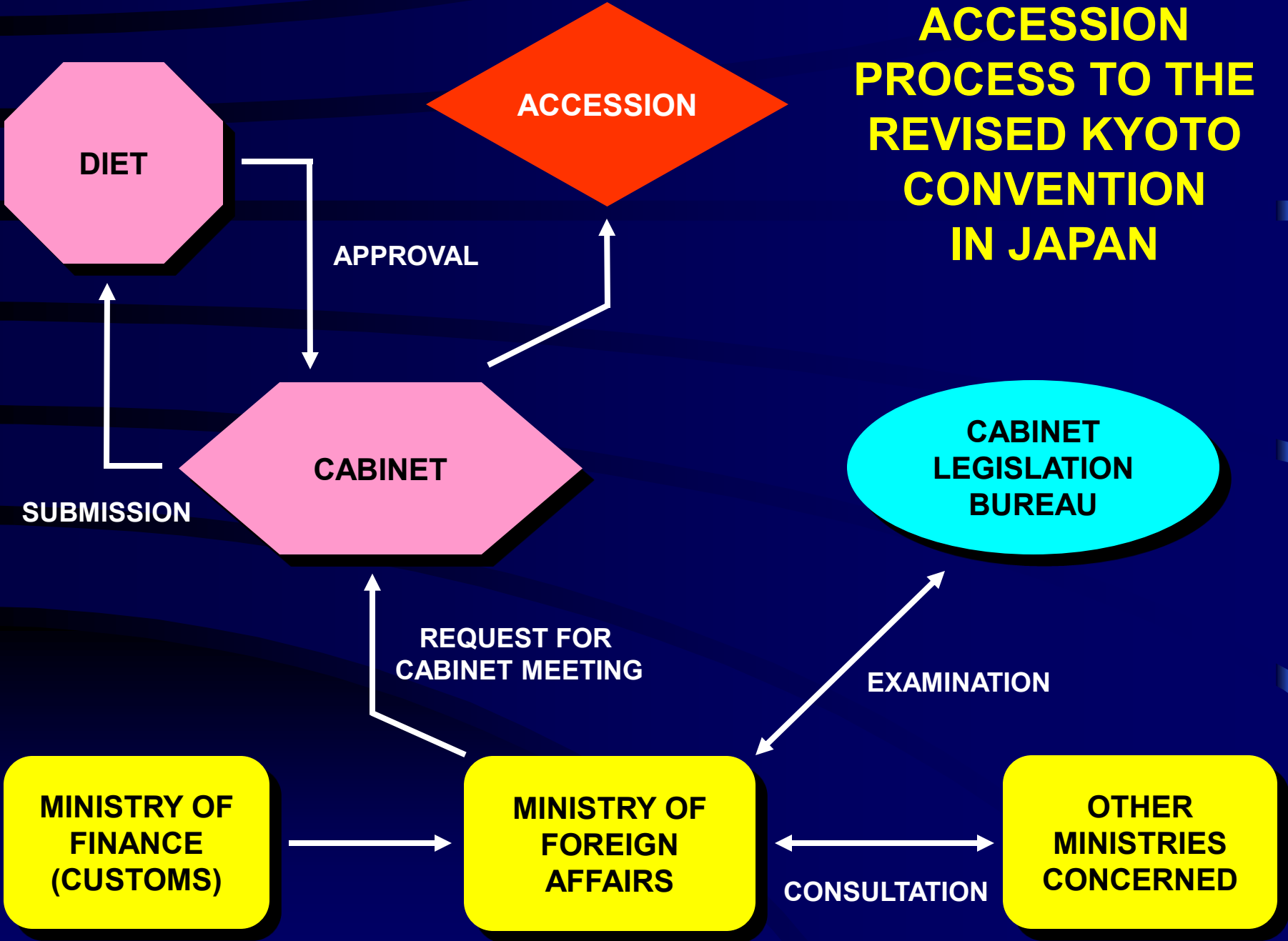
Japan acceded to
the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)
on June 26, 2001
as the 8th Contracting Party

Japan accepted

- General Annex (obligatory)
- Specific Annexes
(13/25 Chapters, optional)



ACCESSION PROCESS TO THE REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION IN JAPAN



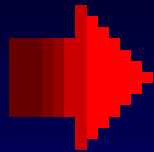
First Step



Understand the whole Kyoto provisions
&
Compare Kyoto provisions and
national legislation
&
Amendment of Customs Laws
as necessary

DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED in Customs

- Requirement of expertise on the various Customs operational matters, legal matters, WCO matters etc.
- Language barrier, translation of Kyoto provisions
- Limited human resources / time



Setting up
“Special Task Force”



Special Task Force towards Accession

- Comprised of experts in various Customs matters

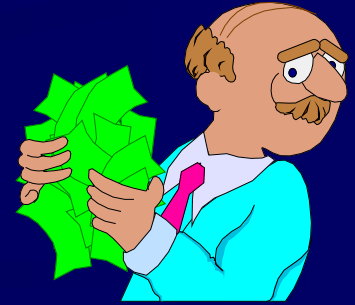


- ➔ e.g. WCO affairs, legal affairs, import & export clearance, Customs transit, passenger processing, risk management, ICT management *etc.*

- Translating the Convention into Japanese

- Considered if Kyoto provisions are already covered by national legislation and how

The materials we prepared:



1. Translation in Japanese languages
2. Comparison between the original and the Revised Conventions
3. Explanatory notes on the meaning of provisions
4. List of national laws and regulations which correspond to the provisions in the Convention
5. Others (summary, background, etc.)

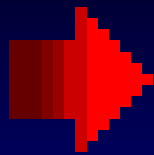
Second Step



Consultation with the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs and other Ministries concerned
&
Consultation with the Cabinet Legislation
Bureau

DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED in MOFA

- Lack of understanding on Customs affairs in Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other Ministries
- Making careful examinations of Japanese translation
- Careful verification on how each provision of the Convention is implemented in Japan



Seconding Customs
expert to MOFA



SECONDMENT TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- To offer expertise in Customs matters including the revised Kyoto Convention
- To consult with Ministries concerned, especially Ministry of Finance (Customs and Tariff Bureau)
- To cope promptly with examinations by Cabinet Legislation Bureau and Diet in cooperation with Customs and Tariff Bureau

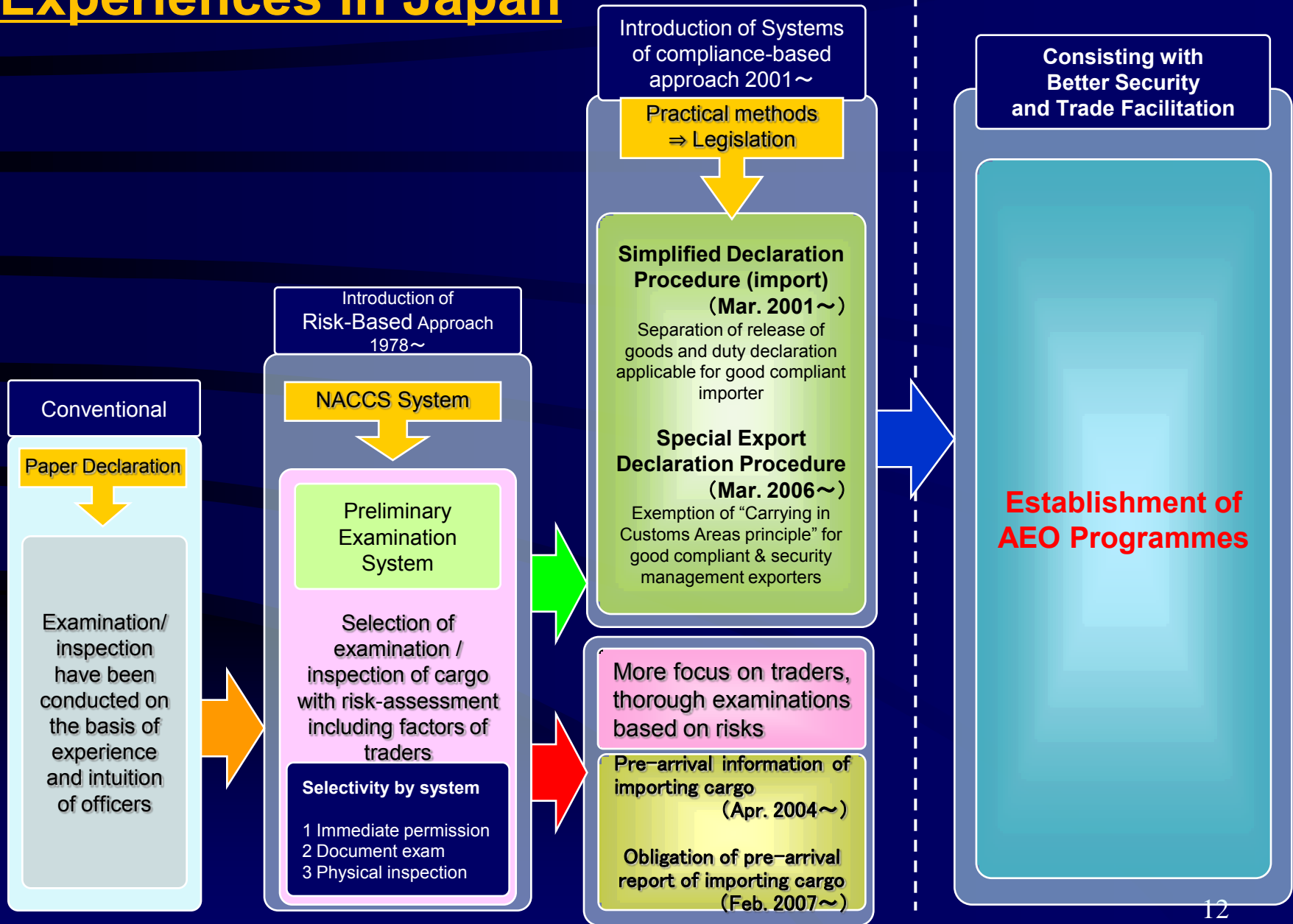


Third Step



Approval by the Legislative Assembly
(e.g. Diet, Congress, Parliament)

Experiences in Japan



Amendment of Customs Laws in Japan towards Accession

◆ SEPARATE DECLARATIONS FOR RELEASE AND FOR DUTY PAYMENT

■ RKC GA3.32 (Transitional Standard)

“For authorized persons ... release of the goods on the provision of the minimum information necessary to identify the goods and permit the subsequent completion of the final Goods declaration.”

SIMPLIFIED DECLARATION PROCEDURE

HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN JAPAN SINCE 1 MARCH 2001

Outline of Simplified Declaration Procedure

APPROVAL OF
IMPORTER
AND DESIGNATION
OF GOODS

ENTRY INTO PORT

DECLARATION FOR
RELEASE OF GOODS

PERMISSION



PROCEDURES AT THE TIME OF RELEASE OF GOODS

- Declaration items reduced
- Paperless procedure (in principal)
- Omission of examination and inspection for Customs duty payment (in principal)

RELEASE
OF GOODS

DECLARATION
FOR CUSTOMS
DUTY PAYMENT

CUSTOMS DUTY
PAYMENT

- All declarations for duty payment during a month can be lodged in a lump by the last day of the following month
- Paperless procedure
- Customs duty payment deadline can be extended for two months from the last day of the month following import



Customs Technical Assistance Frameworks

WCO Scheme

Contribution to Customs Cooperation Fund CCF/Japan Programme

Seminar/Workshop/Mission

HRD Programme

CTB Scheme

Sharing Japan Customs Experience

Bilateral Program

Seminar/Workshop/Mission

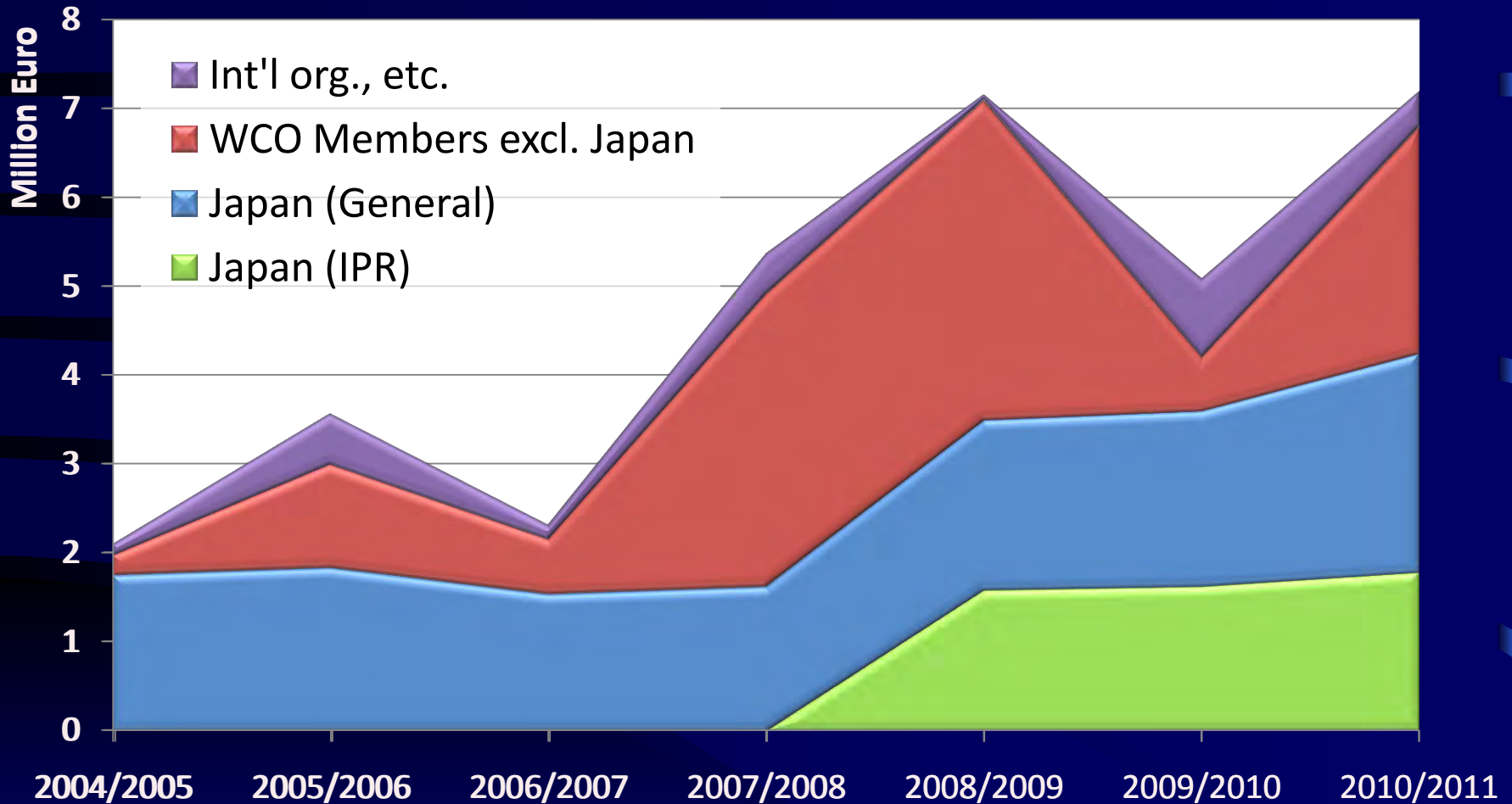
JICA Scheme

Japan International Cooperation Agency

Technical Assistance

Grand Aid

Voluntary Contributions to CCF



2008/2009~2010/2011

Total:19,507,807 euro Japan:11,070,071euro (56.7%)

Contribution by Japan Customs to promote the accession of RKC

- Active Participation in the discussions to promote the accession and implementation at the WCO RKC Management Committee
- Technical Assistance to non-Contracting Parties through Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF) Japan
 - 7 Regional Seminars including European Regional Seminar in Uzbekistan in 2004
 - 3 National Seminars

Thank you for your attention.

