

# Japan/China Symposium on Logistics

- To Realise The Evolution from Inter-modal “Transportation” to Global “Logistics” in Optimising China-related SCM -

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# Introduction

## Aims of the Presentation

Give a panoramic view on a symposium concerning China-related logistics which will be held this fall, organised by JIFFA and supported by Japan's MLIT.

Present expected implications of the symposium to APEC ITF discussions

## Symposium's Relative Information

Date: November 2004

Place: Tokyo (Japan)

Meeting Schedule: Workshop(1<sup>st</sup> day), Symposium (2<sup>nd</sup> day)

Workshop's Participants and Symposium's Panelists:

Shippers, Forwarders, Relative authorities, other experts from the two countries

Symposium's Audience: JIFFA's members and the public

# 1. Needs and Objectives

## Needs of The Symposium

- Importance China occupies in global and regional trade
- Importance of realising optimal SCM in China-related logistics
- Importance of inter-modal transportation for China-related SCM

## Objectives of The Symposium

- Advance discussions on major challenges to establish China-related strategic logistics
- Contribute to the development of inter-modal transportation and of SCM in China-related logistics
- Reinforce Japan-China cooperation based on the participation of experts from the two countries

## 2. Main Arguments

### Essential Questions Related to Optimising SCM (in general)

Ex. What interests has to be realised in SCM?

Are these interests universal or differentiated depending on markets?

How to integrate non-computerised parts in computerised SCM?

What role strategic alliances would play in structuring SCM?

What new challenges SCM must tackle with and how?

### Questions Concerning Optimising China-related SCM

Ex. What are current situations of SCM in China-related logistics?

What factors influence SCM structuring in China?

What are major challenges for China-related SCM?

How to tackle with these challenges ?

### 3. Expected Implications for APEC ITF

The discussions on SCM supporting logistics are not limited to China-related services, but are essentially applicable to those concerning other countries.

The results obtained from the Symposium will support APEC ITF in enhancing the discussions on logistics services using inter-modal transportation.

Japan's MLIT has a strong interest, which JIFFA supports, in grading up the discussions developed in the Symposium to APEC ITF level by making a project proposal in the near future.

## Conclusion

- 1: Japan/China Symposium on Logistics, organised by JIFFA and supported by Japan's MLIT, will largely contribute to China-related logistics, including those using inter-modal transportation.
- 2: The symposium's arguments will give considerable implications for APEC ITF discussions. Together with Japan's MLIT, JIFFA will report the results of the symposium to APEC ITF, in order to contribute to the ITF discussions.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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