

Movement of Natural Persons Perspective from Japanese Business

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Keidanren's Proposal on Movement of Natural Persons

- ◆ WTO Service Negotiations started in 2000
- ◆ *Keidanren* submitted proposal in June 2002
*“Proposal concerning the Movement of
Natural Persons”*
- ◆ Based on answers on questionnaire from
Japanese companies
- ◆ *Keidanren* requested governments to
liberalize movement of natural persons

Problems Japanese Companies Face

- ◆ Japanese legal system hinders smooth movement of natural persons
 - ◆ Intra-company transfer restricted
 - ◆ Minimum 1-year experience request
 - ◆ Not permitted for training purpose
 - ◆ Restrictions on foreign trainees on work time, etc
 - ◆ Dispatch business by foreign agents restricted
 - ◆ Foreign workers in medical area restricted
- ◆ Visa issuance for Asians by Japanese Gov-t :
slow, not transparent

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◆ Free movement of five elements for production

1. Goods
2. Service
3. Money
4. Information
5. Natural persons

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(Requests on the Movement of Natural Persons)

- (1) Further liberalize movement of high-skilled labor, intra-company transfer, for training purpose, contract-based persons**
 - ❖ **Further develop APEC Business Travel Card type ideas**
- (2) Improve Visa issuance system for students and tourists**
- (3) Mutual Recognition of qualifications for lawyers, accountant, doctors, technicians, architects, care-takers**



Thank you!

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