

CHAPTER 17
TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION

Article 126
Co-operation in the Field of
Trade and Investment Promotion

The Parties shall co-operate in promoting trade and investment activities by private enterprises of the Parties, recognising that efforts of the Parties to facilitate exchange and collaboration between private enterprises of the Parties will act as a catalyst to promote trade and investment in Japan, Singapore and Asia.

Article 127
Review and Recommendation
under Chapter 17

1. The Parties recognise that certain co-operation between parties, one or both of whom are entities in their respective territories other than the governments of the Parties, could contribute to trade and investment promotion between the Parties. Such co-operation shall be specified in the Implementing Agreement.

2. The Parties shall review the co-operation set forth in paragraph 1 above and, where appropriate, recommend ways or areas of further co-operation between the parties to such co-operation.

Article 128
Joint Committee
on Trade and Investment Promotion

1. For the purposes of effective implementation of this Chapter, a Joint Committee on Trade and Investment Promotion (hereinafter referred to in this Article as "the Committee") shall be established. The functions of the Committee shall be:

- (a) exchanging views and information on trade and investment promotion;
- (b) reviewing and discussing issues concerning the effective implementation of this Chapter;
- (c) identifying and recommending ways of further co-operation between the Parties; and
- (d) discussing other issues relating to co-operation in trade and investment promotion.

2. The composition of the Committee shall be specified in the Implementing Agreement.

CHAPTER 18 SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

Article 129 Co-operation in the Field of Small and Medium Enterprises

The Parties, recognising the fundamental role of small and medium enterprises (hereinafter referred to in this Chapter as "SMEs") in maintaining the dynamism of their respective national economies, shall co-operate in promoting close co-operation between SMEs of the Parties.

Article 130 Review and Recommendation under Chapter 18

1. The Parties recognise that certain co-operation between parties, one or both of whom are entities in their respective territories other than the governments of the Parties, could contribute to close co-operation between SMEs of the Parties. Such co-operation shall be specified in the Implementing Agreement.

2. The Parties shall review the co-operation set forth in paragraph 1 above and, where appropriate, recommend ways or areas of further co-operation between the parties to such co-operation.

Article 131 Facilitation of SMEs Investment

The Parties, recognising the geographical position of Singapore in Southeast Asia, shall co-operate in facilitating investments of Japanese SMEs in Singapore, with a view to enabling SMEs of both Parties to co-operate in their businesses, especially in Southeast Asia. The Parties shall likewise co-operate to facilitate investments of Singapore SMEs in Japan.

Article 132 Joint Committee on SMEs

1. For the purposes of effective implementation of this Chapter, a Joint Committee on SMEs (hereinafter referred to in this Article as "the Committee") shall be established. The functions of the Committee shall be: