

Request Points of 2021's Proposal

< Overall Concept >

“Securing Non-Discriminatory Status (especially the improvement of predictability and transparency)”

< 3 essential factors of the proposal >

1. Opening up to the international community

To adapt the globalization of the economy, we propose opening up further the restriction against entry of foreign investment in the manufacturing and service industry and further adoption of global standards.

2. Application and procedures of administrative regulations

To construct a constitutional and service type government, we propose simplifying, expediting administrative procedures and abolishing permits, licenses and certifications significantly. At the same time, we propose the unification of system application and interpretation and securing a sufficient preparation period for system change.

3. Fair competition

To construct a market system where orderly competition exists, we propose reviewing various systems that are obstructing fair competition, fair treatment to domestic companies and foreign companies and further reform of the intellectual property right system.

< This year's Key Areas >

1. “Issues related to COVID-19 pandemic”

We propose early clarification and rationalization of fast-track operation procedures, early resumption of direct flights to Japan and increase of reopened routes, prompt issuance of invitation letters required for visa acquisition, improvement of centralized quarantine environment and shortening of centralized quarantine period, and the abolition of additional quarantine measures in each city after the end of centralized quarantine.

2. “Issues related to cross-border management of goods,

technology and data”

“Regulations on Unreliable Entity List”, “Export Control Law”, “Rules on Counteracting Unjustified Extra-Territorial Application of Foreign Legislation and Other Measures”, “Measures for the Security Review of Foreign Investment”, and other laws and regulations came into effect from 2020 to 2021. Since the definitions of concepts and scope of application of these laws and regulations are ambiguous, it has led to a decrease in business predictability. We propose clarification of definitions, scope of application, and criteria for application. We also propose that it not be applied arbitrarily to Japanese companies. Furthermore, regarding data-related laws and regulations such as the Cyber Security Act, in addition to incorporating the opinions of related parties, including foreign-affiliated companies, we propose the establishment of a system and consideration in terms of operation so as not to discriminate against foreign products in the process of enactment.