

Japanese business community Calls on All WTO Members to Save the WTO Doha Round
-- Nippon Keidanren urges Final Agreement During 2006 --

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< Major Areas Covered by the New Round >

Now Is the Time to Make the Necessary Political Decisions

The current situation --Deadlocked negotiations in Agriculture and NAMA
It is time to stop demanding unreasonable concessions, to find common ground.

Postponement would seriously impact global economy *Reap benefits from the agreements reached by July*

【 Key Areas of DDA negotiations --Nippon Keidanren's Position 】

● **Agriculture**

- Existing agreements would bring substantial benefits
 Member having higher levels of domestic support will make greater reductions,
 Member having higher levels of tariffs will make deeper cuts,
 Elimination of export subsidies and disciplines on all export measures with equivalent effect will be completed by the end of 2013.

- Members favoring improved market access must pursue realistic, acceptable solutions.
- Steady progress in domestic reform measures can lead to trade liberalization.

● **NAMA**

- **Coefficients for the simple Swiss formula:**
 Developed countries -5 to 10, Developing countries -15 (resulting in lowering of applied tariff)
- **Sectoral Elimination/harmonization must be continued;**
 Developed countries and major developing countries should join, to achieve a critical mass.
- **NTBs; identification and classification work should be further discussed.**

● **Trade in Services**

- **Negotiations should be continued for a high level of liberalization of services** (IT-related / Telecommunication, Financial, Maritime, Transport, Distribution, Energy, Audiovisual, Construction).
- **Smooth, unhindered trans-national movement of natural persons**

• **e-commerce**

● **Trade facilitation**

- **First draft texts should be submitted before the end of July**, the text should include that; Publication of trade rules, fees and penalties before enforcement, trade rules be implemented fairly and uniformly for all countries, the use of international standards.

● **Antidumping measures**

- **First draft texts should be submitted before the end of July**, the text should include that; an antidumping measure should not be permanent, to mitigate the excessive effect of Antidumping Measures, a quick end to unjustifiable investigations

● **Development**

- **Developed countries should provide developing countries with technical assistance including ODA** to gain understanding for global liberalization and DDA negotiations.

<Challenges After Completion of the DDA >

Continuation of global liberalization

stability and growth in the global economy

Toward maintenance and strengthening of the WTO system

● **The role of business communities**

- Business communities of developed countries should establish stronger ties with developing countries so that all can work together to develop joint approaches calling for trade liberalization.
- Business groups worldwide should promote dialogue with consumers, farmers' groups and other parties in their respective countries.

● **Reform of the WTO to facilitate the negotiation process**

- The following issues should be considered;
- making consensus approach in WTO negotiation less severe
- ensuring that negotiation discussions are based on objective data and analyses
- strengthening the support given developing countries during negotiations

Erosion of confidence in the global WTO system

Incentives to promote multilateral trade liberalization will be lost