

Japan Securities Depository Center, Inc.

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The Japan Securities Depository Center, Inc. (JASDEC), is the sole central securities depository in Japan, designated under the Law Concerning Central Securities Depository and Book-Entry Transfer of Stock Certificates and Other Securities (CSD Law). JASDEC provides depository and book-entry transfer services for publicly traded securities, in accordance with the CSD Law.

In June 2002, JASDEC assumed all businesses previously undertaken by the Japan Securities Depository Center — its predecessor organization, which was established in December 1984 under the CSD Law as a not-for-profit foundation — and began operations as a stock company.

JASDEC aims to contribute to the formation of a Japanese financial market that is highly competitive on an international basis. Toward this end, the Company will utilize its status as a stock company to make its operations more transparent and strengthen its financial position, while working to improve the safety, efficiency and convenience of securities settlement systems.

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Established

DECEMBER 6, 1984

The Japan Securities Depository Center established as a not-for-profit foundation in line with the November 1984 enforcement of the CSD Law.

OCTOBER 9, 1991

Commenced business as Japan's only central securities depository for stock certificates.

New corporate structure

JANUARY 4, 2002

The Japan Securities Depository Center, Inc., incorporated as a stock company.

JUNE 17, 2002

Assumed all the businesses of the Japan Securities Depository Center, in accordance with the CSD Law.

JUNE 6, 2003

Established JASDEC DVP Clearing Corporation (JDCC) to undertake clearing services related to the DVP settlement system for non-exchange transaction deliveries (NETD).

AT A GLANCE

SHARES IN CUSTODY

228 billion shares

The number of shares in custody reached 228.2 billion as of the end of March 2004.

SHARES TRANSFERRED BY BOOK ENTRY

754 billion shares

Of the 754.7 billion shares transferred by book entry, non-exchange trade transfers accounted for 442.7 billion shares, or 58.7% of the total.

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE ISSUING COMPANIES

3,665 companies

We handle the stock certificates of all publicly traded companies in Japan.

CUSTODY RATIO

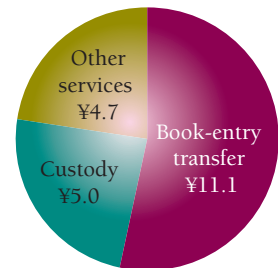
64%

Shares in custody represents 64.1% of the entire domestic stock market. Our custody ratio for convertible bonds reached 96.2% as of the end of March 2004.

REVENUES BY OPERATION

Year ended March 31, 2004

Billions of yen



Note: Refund of fees amounted to ¥3.7 billion for the year ended March 31, 2004.

Further Expansion

NOVEMBER 26, 2001

Began handling convertible bonds.

MARCH 31, 2003

Began handling commercial paper in dematerialized form, in accordance with the Law Concerning Book-Entry Transfer of Corporate Bonds, etc.

AUGUST 20, 2003

Signed a memorandum of understanding with The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) of the United States.

MAY 17, 2004

Commenced DVP settlement services for NETD.

Our Mission

In view of our duty to serve the public, our mission is to provide a highly secure, efficient and convenient securities clearing and settlement infrastructure, which in turn contributes to further development of the securities market. Toward this end, we place a special focus on reducing settlement risks, promoting straight-through processing (STP), and encouraging greater use of depository services for further immobilization of securities amid progress in the dematerialization of securities certificates.