

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

JASDEC engages year-round in international activities to guide the rational development of a global settlement infrastructure. Research on overseas trends and information sharing are key elements of a leadership role.



JASDEC regards research on overseas trends and timely, accurate information exchange with overseas institutions as essential to its ongoing efforts to deal with the many issues that affect securities market infrastructures, such as the globalization of financial and capital markets and the global tightening of regulations. We actively participate in international forums such as regular CSD meetings and seminars. We also play a key role in administration for the Asia-Pacific Central Securities Depository Group (ACG)

and the World Forum of CSDs (WFC). Through these activities, we aim to contribute to the development of securities market infrastructures in Japan and worldwide while also raising the profile of JASDEC.

We are actively developing relationships with organizations with which we have signed memorandums of understanding (MOUs), and we provide various forms of assistance in response to requests from CSDs of emerging nations.

Mutual cooperation with overseas institutions

Asia-Pacific Central Securities Depository Group

The ACG was established in November 1997 as a forum for information exchange and mutual cooperation among CSDs in the Asia-Pacific region. In December 2010, an Executive Committee was established at the 14th general meeting to plan and organize activities from medium- to long-term perspectives. JASDEC was elected to the Executive Committee member as convener of the Exchange of Information Task Force, Korea Securities Depository as convener of the New Business Initiative Task Force, National Securities Depository Limited as convener of the Technical Task Force and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited as convener of the Legal Task Force. Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited, Singapore Exchange Limited, and Vietnam Securities Depository were also elected through a general vote. JASDEC Chairman Takeuchi became the first ACG Executive Committee Chairman.

JASDEC is committed to demonstrating leadership in ACG activities as Secretariat and is making efforts to further invigorate ACG.

World Forum of CSDs

The WFC was created in April 2011 at the 11th Conference of CSDs (CSD11), after agreement was reached among leaders of the world's five regional CSD associations. The WFC continues the collaborative activities undertaken by regional associations under the CSD Contact Group during the previous four years. Its function is to strengthen the influence of CSDs and disseminate their shared views as a forum of information exchange and debate on issues that affect all CSDs. The WFC is administered by a 10-member board made up of chairs and vice-chairs from each regional association, and JASDEC participates as an ACG representative. Mr. Mohamed Abdel Salam of Misr for Central Clearing, Depository & Registry (MCDR), Egypt, representing AMEDA (Africa and Middle East Depositories Association) was elected as the Forum's first Chair, with Chairman Takeuchi of JASDEC as the first Vice-Chair.

MOUs on information exchange and mutual cooperation with overseas CSDs, etc.

As one element of our efforts to build collaborative relationships with clearing and settlement infrastructures around the world, JASDEC has been following a policy of signing MOUs on the exchange of information and mutual cooperation with overseas CSDs, etc. As of the end of March 2013, JASDEC had signed MOUs with a total of 17 institutions. We are strengthening our cooperative relationships with our MOU partners through active initiatives, including regular exchanges of information, cross-training programs involving trainee exchanges and support for CSDs of emerging nations.

ABMF (ASEAN+3 Bond Market Forum)

The ABMI (Asian Bond Markets Initiative), under the Meeting of the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the ASEAN+3 group, comprises four Task Forces (charged with 1: promoting the issuance of local-currency-denominated bonds, 2: facilitating the demand for local-currency-denominated bonds, 3: improving the regulatory framework and 4: improving the related infrastructure of the bond markets). The ABMF (ASEAN+3 Bond Market Forum) was established under Task Force 3 (improvement of regulatory framework), and two sub-forums were held. Sub-Forum 1 sought to identify regulatory barriers relating to bond transactions in general, while Sub-Forum 2 was concerned primarily with identifying cross-border settlement operations. The results of these deliberations were compiled into a Phase 1 final report, which was published in April 2012. Also publication of a final report for Phase 2 is planned for the end of 2013.

JASDEC has participated in the ABMF as the Japanese representative and is actively participating in Sub-Forum 2 as the co-vice-chair.

Major International Activities in Fiscal 2012

April 24

MOU with CCDC of China

JASDEC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd. (CCDC), a Chinese CSD, with the aim of developing cooperative relations via information exchange and mutual cooperation.



May 29–31

14th ACG Cross-Training Seminar

At the 14th ACG Cross-Training Seminar for Asia-Pacific Central Securities Depository Group (ACG) in Mumbai, India, JASDEC as convener of the Exchange of Information Task Force assisted the host, Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), and ran the Exchange of Information Task Force session and General sessions. In these sessions, JASDEC presented on such topics as the settlement processes and account structure in the Japanese market, application of laws in cross-border securities transactions, approaches for the advancement of JASDEC systems, and mitigating the risk of stock lending settlement.



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2nd WFC Board Meeting

As secretariat of the World Forum of CSDs (WFC), JASDEC planned and managed its second meeting held in Zurich, Switzerland. JASDEC's Chairman Takeuchi served as Vice-Chair. Attendees discussed issues including a project to study unified and efficient response to regulatory authorities information disclosure requests to CSD.

September 19

Second Trilateral Meeting for Information Exchange with China's SD&C and Korea's KSD

JASDEC planned and managed the second trilateral meeting under the MOU with SD&C (China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited) and KSD (Korea Securities Depository), held in Bali, Indonesia. The companies exchanged information on business plans and recent major projects, and JASDEC introduced the enhancement of its corporate action information distribution service, its handling of J-Sukuk (Islamic bonds) that utilize special purpose trust beneficiary rights and other topics.



September 20–21

16th ACG General Meeting

JASDEC served as Secretariat for the 16th ACG General Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia, hosted by PT Kustodian Sentral Efek Indonesia (KSEI), an Indonesian CSD, and Kliring Penjaminan Efek Indonesia (KPEI), an Indonesian CCP. Resolutions were adopted regarding Iran and Nepal's CSDs becoming ACG members and the ACG's and WFC's comments on CPSS-IOSCO Report on the Recovery and Resolution of Financial Market Infrastructures.



October 28–29

3rd WFC Board Meeting/Sibos 2012

The third WFC meeting was held in Osaka, Japan. JASDEC served as Secretariat and was responsible for planning and organizing. JASDEC's Chairman Takeuchi served as Vice-Chair. Attendees discussed the CPSS-IOSCO Principles for Financial Market Infrastructures and WFC's future management structure, etc. JASDEC also participated in Sibos 2012 in Osaka, where Chairman Takeuchi lectured on Asia-Pacific initiatives affecting securities market infrastructures.



November 1

MOU with Depozitarul Central of Romania

JASDEC signed a MOU with Depozitarul Central (DC), Romania's CSD, with the aim of developing the cooperative relations via information exchange and mutual cooperation.



November 14–18,
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December 2

Trainee Exchange with KSD

JASDEC and KSD held the 2nd trainee exchange program under their MOU on information exchange and mutual cooperation. Both institutions accepted trainees, who were mostly young employees. The program enabled better reciprocal understanding by providing the trainees with a general overview of the activities of each institution and better networking among employees.

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December 4–5

Information Exchange Conference with VSD of Vietnam

JASDEC and Vietnam Securities Depository (VSD), Vietnam's CSD, held an information exchange conference in Danang, Vietnam under their MOU on information exchange and mutual cooperation. At the conference, both institutions made presentations on their business strategies and recently introduced services, and JASDEC explained the ETF settlement system and ISIN numbering procedure in the bond settlement system.



January 31

MOU with TAKASBANK of Turkey

JASDEC signed MOU with ISE Settlement and Custody Bank Inc. (TAKASBANK), Turkey's fund settlement bank, with the aim of developing cooperative relations via information exchange and mutual cooperation.



February 1

MOU with MKK of Turkey

JASDEC signed MOU with Merkezi Kayit Kurulusu A.S. (MKK), Turkey's CSD, with the aim of developing cooperative relations via information exchange and mutual cooperation.

