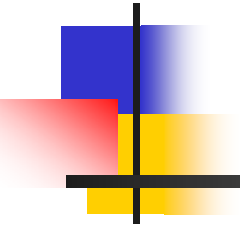


Japan's Outreach Efforts



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Background

- Some Asian countries have not established a legal framework for export control, others have not begun discussion inside the government.
- Export control is sometimes regarded as an additional cost or counter to free trade.



Background

However, effective export control enhances credibility of commitment to non-proliferation, and export control authorities are more comfortable permitting exports to countries with effective export control systems, facilitates the transfer of technology and sound economic development



Japan's Activities

1) Asian Export Control Seminar

Held annually since 1993 with participants representing policy sections, private companies, research institutes among others.

2) Training Course for the Procedure of Export Control

Hosted by Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) annually since 1999 for on-the-ground officials in administrative sections of trade control Asian countries



Japan's Activities

3) Export Control Seminar

Held in Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam July / August 2004, to exchange views and experiences, and to be held in other ASEAN countries.

4) Industrial Outreach Seminar

Japan and China co-hosted the seminar for companies in China in March 2004 to promote understanding of export control



Lessons from the Activities

- Diversity in Asia regarding export control systems
- Some countries apparently passive towards stringent export controls, Others are not passive, but yet to establish legal framework
- Nuanced approach to diversity: need to tailor outreach efforts based on degree of export controls.



Further Steps

- Step 1: Share views on the importance of export control; effective export control improves international reputation and facilitates sound economic development
- Bilateral and multilateral talks facilitate the sharing of views



Further Steps

- Step 2: Establish a legal framework for export control; consistency with international WMD export control regimes and catch-all control among others.
- Step 3: Improve implementation of legal framework through effective licensing and enforcement systems with sufficient infrastructure and trained personnel
- Organize seminars and send experts help as supplementary tools



Further Steps

- Sharing experiences of outreach activities enhances our capability for outreach, and information exchanges facilitates effective outreach through avoidance of overlaps.
- There are various experiences of tackle to introduce stringent export controls. Providing these experiences will be useful for others to establish export controls.